

## District Referee Administrator Report

July 11, 2007

### 1. USSF-Referee New Logo

USSF Soccer has unveiled a new referee logo to better identify the organization's successful referee program, one of the largest in the world with more than 144,000 members. The sharp new logo features the U.S. Soccer crest incorporated into a design that maintains the look and feel of the traditional referee logo. The new logo was approved by U.S. Soccer's Board of Directors as a means of more closely identifying the referee program with U.S. Soccer.

The new referee crest bears the words "U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program" in gold, forming a border around a gold leaf design and the traditional U.S. National Team crest.

Referees will begin to see the new logo on U.S. Soccer Referee publications, products and official OSI apparel beginning in the Fall of 2007. Official 2008 badges will bare the updated logo. Older versions of the logo will still be recognized and referees may continue to display the older version of the logo indefinitely.

### 2. Referee Compensation Increase for All Cup Competition

The CYSA BOD recommended an increase in referee compensation for all cup competition (Founders', Association and State Cups) beginning with in the 07/08 season

Compensation is as follows:

- Preliminary games for all ages will be paid \$25 per referee per match.
- Single elimination games (Rd. of 16, Quarters, Semis and Finals) will be paid at \$30 for "youngsters" (U11-U13) and \$35 for "olders" (U14-U19) per referee per match.

Beginning with the single elimination games, 4<sup>th</sup> officials will be required on all games.

### 3. D7 USSF Registration 2007

The latest listing from USSF has 547 referees registered in D7 for the 2007 season. We should receive 1 final listing sometime this summer. This latest listing shows a decrease by 86 in the number of referees from the 2006 listing.

All persons taking entry level clinics this summer will be registered for 2008.

Persons currently registered for 2007 should begin to reregister for 2008 this fall. Again the registration should be done online (see cnra.net). Re-registrations are not to be attempted until the 2008 registration forms are available online.

4. Referee Pay D7 Playing Programs

Referee pay will remain the same for the D7 Playing Programs with the exception being for referee grades 7, State 6 and State 5 will receive an increase of \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 respectfully per match.

This increase is an incentive for referees to upgrade, thereby becoming better and more informed referees.

5. Jeremy Fagundes Selected for Nationals

Jeremy Fagundes was one of 12 referees selected to represent Region IV at the Youth Nationals. Over 230 regional referees competed for this selection. Jeremy was the only referee selected from CYSA-N.

Congratulations to Jeremy! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that the only referee selected from CYSA-N is from D7.

6. D7 In-Service Referee Training

The D7 Referee Program will again offer in-service referee training this summer. One clinic date has been confirmed...Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Visalia from 6:30-9:30 PM. The site will be at the church fields. We are still trying for a 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic site for the Fresno/Clovis area. If one is found, it will be included on the D7 website as well as in a mailing to be sent go to all referees who officiated in the D7 Playing Program in 2006.

New this year, is that the clinic will not be mandatory and should the referee choose not to attend, the referee will not be penalized \$5 per game as has been in the past. This change in policy does not alleviate the responsibility for a referee not to **KNOW** and **FOLLOW** the rules.

No penalties will be assigned to the referees. It is hoped they will continue to meet the standards set. Should referees fail to meet the standards, penalties regarding pay may be re-implemented in future years?

## Memorandum

To: National Referees  
National Assessors  
National Instructors  
State Referee Administrators  
State Directors of Instruction  
State Directors of Assessment  
State Directors of Coaching

Cc: Referee Committee  
State Presidents

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Date: June 22, 2007

Subject: Quick Kick

In the accompanying video clip of the June 16, 2007 MLS game between Columbus and New England, Columbus player #6, Marcos Gonzalez, is fouled in the 13th minute of the game and chooses to take a “quick kick.” New England player, #27, Wells Thompson, is only 2 yards off the ball when the quick kick is taken. Thompson raises his leg to the ball and blocks the kick. The ball goes off his foot directly to teammate, #7, Adam Cristman, who breaks to goal and scores.

Referees are advised in the most current edition of Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game, under Law 13 in Section 13.3, of the following:

“An attacking team which chooses to take a free kick with an opponent closer than the minimum distance may not thereafter claim infringement of the distance requirement, even when the ball is kicked to the infringing opponent, who thereby is able to control the ball without moving toward it. In such a case, the referee cannot caution the opponent who has not remained at the required distance from the ball.”

The key phrase to remember when viewing the attached clip is, **“able to control the ball without moving toward it.”**

It is the consensus of the U.S. Soccer technical staff, that in this particular clip, New England’s Wells Thompson did move toward the ball by thrusting his leg forward to block the kick. The free kick should have been retaken and set up as a ceremonial free kick with the required distance from the ball attained.



# MEMORANDUM 2007

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The 121<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) took place in Manchester, England on 03 March 2007. The amendments to the Laws of the Game made at the meeting and the various instructions and directives are listed below.

## 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

### Law 1 – The Field of Play IFAB Decision 4

#### Present Text

There shall be no advertising of any kind within the technical area or within one metre from the touchline and outside the field of play on the ground. Further, no advertising shall be allowed in the area between the goal line and the goal nets.

#### New Text

There should be no advertising of any kind on the ground within the technical area or within one meter from the touchline. Further, no advertising shall be allowed in the area between the goal line and the goal nets.

USSF Advice to Referees: The change is likely to affect only matches played at the highest competitive level where advertising is more commonly seen. One practical effect of the change is to allow advertising to be displayed on the shelters or canopies which may be used to cover the team benches.

### Law 4 – The Players Equipment

#### Basic Equipment

#### Present Text

- a jersey or shirt
- shorts – if thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main color as the shorts.

#### New Text

- a jersey or shirt – if undergarments are worn, the color of the

sleeve should be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt.

- shorts – if undershorts are worn, they are of the same main color as the shorts.

USSF Advice to Referees: The general purpose of this change is to ensure that the visible color of any portion of a garment worn underneath the jersey or shorts is consistent with the main color of the jersey or shorts. Accordingly, the referee need not be concerned about the color or any portion of an undergarment which cannot be seen.

## Law 4 – The Players Equipment

### Basic Equipment IFAB Decision 1

#### Present Text

- Players must not reveal undershirts that contain slogans or a advertising.
- A player removing his jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be sanctioned by the competition organizer.
- Jerseys must have sleeves.

#### New Text

- Players must not reveal undershirts that contain slogans or advertising. The basic compulsory equipment must not contain any political, religious or personal statements.
- A player removing his jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be sanctioned by the competition organizer. The team of a player whose basic compulsory equipment contains political, religious or personal slogans or statements will be sanctioned by the competition organizer or by FIFA.
- Jerseys must have sleeves.

USSF Advice to Referees: The focus of this change is on the commercial, political, religious or personal statement itself, not the method by which it is displayed. This includes wearing such statements directly on any part of the player uniform (normal manufacturer's names and logos are excepted) or revealing such statements by removing any part of the uniform (whether the statement being revealed is on an undergarment or directly on the player's skin). Referees are reminded that, although they do not have responsibility for sanctioning players who violate this restriction under ordinary circumstances, they must still include details of any violations in their match report and they continue to have the authority to sanction

players if what is displayed involves abusive, insulting, or offensive language or images. **Referees should consult prior memoranda and guidelines on the issue of jersey sleeves.**

## The Fourth Official

### Present Text

- The fourth official may be appointed under the competition rules and officiates if any of the three match officials is unable to continue. He assists the referee at all times.

### New Text

- The fourth official may be appointed under the competition rules and officiates if any of the three match officials is unable to continue, unless a reserve assistant referee is appointed. He assists the referee at all times.
- A reserve assistant referee may be also be appointed under competition rules. His only duty shall be to replace an assistant referee who is unable to continue or to replace the fourth official, as required.

USSF Advice to Referees: A competition authority may provide a more specific order of priority for a fourth official in a situation where an official is unable to continue (including the appointment of a reserve assistant referee). In the absence of such provisions, the fourth official may substitute for any of the three match officials.

## Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials

### Celebration of a Goal

### New Text

A player must be cautioned when:

- he covers his head or face with a mask or other similar item  
USSF Advice to Referees: This change in the Law is intended only to extend the existing provision that a player who removes the jersey or uses the jersey to cover the head as part of a goal celebration has committed misconduct and is to be cautioned.

These amendments to the Laws of the Game take effect as from July 1, 2007, and the additional instruction are introduced with immediate effect.