

THE GAME CARD

December, 2004

In an attempt to keep the referees who are assigned games in the Harold S. Young/Don Hawkins Playing Leagues informed, D7 is issuing a newsletter, which is included with the monthly checks. Referees are encouraged to read the newsletter and apply the information, as it will make the job of administrators, assignors and referees, hopefully easier.

This will be the final edition for this playing season. It is my intention to continue, "The Game Card" next playing season.

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1. CYSA Equipment Show and AGM...The CYSA Equipment Show and AGM will be held in Fresno on January 29 and 30, 2005. The site will be the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. On Saturday, January 29th, there will be several clinics for referees, and all will be geared for referees who referee youth games. Robert Evans (Former USSF National and FIFA Referee as well as Past National Director of Referee Instruction and the 1st American to be appointed a FIFA Referee Instructor) and Kari Seitz (Current USSF National Referee and FIFA Referee) will be the primary instructors. Kari represented the USSF in the past 2 Women's World Cups and in the last Olympics officiating the game for 3rd place for the Woman's Olympic Games.

I encourage all soccer referees to attend the clinics (there is no charge to attend any of the clinics.)

2. CYSA-N District 7 Website...I informed you in last month's copy of "The Game Card", CYSA-N District 7 now has it own website (www.cysadistrict7.org.) It is hoped that you keep up with any and all new information regarding refereeing soccer by periodically reviewing this website as well as other referee websites (www.cnra.net and www.ussoccer.com.) I will continue to update the website as USSF or FIFA issues new information.

Information regarding both new Entry Level Referee Clinics as well as Referee In-service Clinics will be added as they are scheduled. Five hours of In-service clinic time is required for renewal of grades 7, 6 and 5 and is recommended for those interested in upgrading from 8 or becoming more knowledgeable referees.

3. CYSA-N Youth Referee of the Year...Every year, each district names a Male

and/or Female Youth Referee of the Year. From this group, the CYSA-N Male and/or Female Youth Referee of the Year is selected. Beginning this year, the CYSA-N Youth Referee(s) of the Year will receive a \$1500 college scholarship from California North Soccer Association.

I encourage all youth referees to compete for the District Youth Referee of the Year, and if selected they will automatically be competing for this scholarship.

4. Assessments for Upgrades and Maintenance (Referee Grades 7, 6 and 5)...Beginning March 1, 2005, CNRA is suggesting all assessment fees for upgrading or maintenance of referee grades to cost \$50. I would suggest all referees who are upgrading to Referee Grades 7, 6 or 5 or maintaining Grades 6 and 5 to get their assessments before that date. Current fees for Grade 7 (\$30), Grade 6 (\$35) and Grade 5 (\$40).
5. Referee Assault/Abuse...There has been a marked increase in CYSA-N of referee abuse/assault. This includes potential cases of referee assault/abuse in D7. But for some reason, referees in D7 are hesitant in following proper procedures in filing a complaint. It is hoped that next year, referees will not be hesitant in filing abuse/assault complaints. Referees are held accountable for their actions when Referee Evaluation Reports or formal complaints are filed, coaches/fans, too, must be held accountable.
6. Game Situation Quiz...You are refereeing an under 10 game which seems to be going along very well with a minimum number of fouls, none of which are hard or controversial. In the 2nd half, player #8 of the blue team is fouled rather hard by #6 of the white team because both are moving hard to the ball. There is a gasp from the fans of both teams, but one parent in particular from the blue team becomes very vocal and insistent about sending the offending player off (“red card that little so and so”) because just calling the foul should not be enough. You have observed that, though #8 initially seemed hurt and stunned, he got up and even shook hands with #6, who had immediately apologized and helped #8 to his feet. You feel the free kick and nothing more is warranted. The fan/parent continues to loudly and offensively call for further action on your part and, further begins to question your abilities as a referee. This happens commonly every Saturday/Sunday. What would you do? What are your powers and duties in this situation?

Send your responses by e-mail to Hharla@juno.com or fax your response to 559-485-0984. Responses are to be typed and should include your name and age. We will try to test your knowledge and problem solving thought processes in the future and look forward to your replies.