

# THE GAME CARD

September 2005

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In an attempt to keep the referees who are assigned games in the Harold S. Young/Don Hawkins Playing Leagues informed, D7 will begin issuing a newsletter. The newsletter will be included in 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.

The items selected for this edition come from observations made in September of the 2005/2006 season:

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1. **Referees Need to Review the Playing Program Rules**---The PP rules were handed out and discussed at this year's mandatory referee in-service clinics. Please review the rules as there are referees failing to correctly know and apply these rules. If a referee did not attend one of the clinics, copies of the PP rules may be obtained at the District 7 Office.
2. **Cautions**---When a player is cautioned (shown a yellow card), that player must leave the field; a substitute may be made for that player. The cautioned player may re-enter the match at his team's next opportunity for a substitution. No substitution is allowed for an ejected (red carded) player. (THIS SUBSTITUTION RULE APPLIES ONLY TO CAUTIONS ISSUED IN THE HSY/DH PLAYING PROGRAMS. IN ALL OTHER COMPETITION, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR THE CAUTIONED PLAYER TO LEAVE THE FIELD.)
3. **Cell Phones and Jewelry**---Referees are to respect the game. Therefore, they should not have cell phones or pagers on their person when officiating games. The rules that apply to players also apply to referees regarding jewelry. Jewelry, other than wedding bands should not be worn by referees.
4. **Substitutions**---Referees/ARs must control substitutions. Substitutes should enter the field at or near where the touchline intersects with the halfway line. Referees/ARs should not allow players to enter the field until the player that is being substituted leaves the field. DON'T CREATE PROBLEMS FOR YOURSELF. Think of the problem you will have should you have 12 or more players on the field for one team, and have to send off (red card a player who is leaving the field while being substituted) a player because as he leaves the field he commits an offensive act by word or gesture.
5. **Physical Contact with Players**---All referees who officiate CYSA games are to be advised that FIFA, USSF & CYSA "Laws of the Game" don't authorize the Referee to engage in physical contact with a player; nor does civil or criminal law permit unauthorized physical contact between civilians with rigorous application of the law applied to offenses against minors. **OTHERWARDS DO NOT TOUCH ANY PLAYER FOR ANY REASON, EVEN TO OFFER COMFORT FOR AN INJURY OR TO SEPARATE PLAYER(S) FROM A FIGHT.**

6. **Suspension, Termination and Abandonment of Matches**---Referees are reminded to use correct terminology when writing on game cards, send off reports and/or incident reports. If a game is not held because 1 team does not have at least 7 players, dangerous weather or field conditions etc., the game is considered abandoned. A match that is suspended is delayed for a short period of time. Examples: A match that is suspended briefly because of weather conditions; for a coach or parent who has been asked by the referee to leave the field. For that period of time, the game is considered suspended. Termination of a match is considered anytime the game is not completed for that age-group.
7. **D7 Warning Card**---Referees are reminded to carry and use the D7 warning card when officiating games. The "cards" are to be given to vocal parents and/or coaches who consistently make negative comments to the referees. Too many referees are leaving them in their referee bags instead of carrying them on their person when officiating.
8. **Assessments for Upgrades**---Referees are reminded to schedule matches for referee upgrades as soon as possible. You need to work closely with both the assignor and the District Director of Assessments. For Referee Grade 7, assessments can be on any 90 minute match (for male referees, the match must be on a boys game, for female referees, the match may be on a female game). For Referee State 6, the match must be on an U19B Competitive League or higher.

If referees are having difficulty in having the assignors meet their requests, please contact the District Referee Administrator (Mick Walker, 299-5411) or the District Director of Assessment (Hunter Arakawa, 269-2925).

9. **Referee Fun Run and Written Exam**---The Referee Fun Run and Written Exam will be given on the following 2 dates **ONLY**. There will be no makeups. Referees interested in upgrading to Referee Grade 7 or lower, and/or maintaining Referee Grade 7 or lower must pass the fun run and written exam on one of the following dates:

**Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 6:30 PM at Clovis East High School Track.** Written test will follow at the D7 office.

**Sunday, October 16, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Roosevelt High School Track in Fresno.** Written test will follow at the D7 Office.

Again, these are the only scheduled dates for the fitness test and written test this year. Failure on your part to attend will result in upgrade or maintenance delays. You will also have to travel out of the District for any further testing.

10. **Player's Dress for Religious Reasons**---At some point, games on which you officiate may have female players that dress differently from other players because of their personal religious requirements. Referees are to use **GOOD SENSE** when dealing with this situation. Law 4 as well as USSF interpretations state that as long as the religious clothing does not pose a danger to her or other players, the clothing may be allowed. (Examples may include hijabs or abaya's (scarves or veils) that are required for persons of the Muslim faith, or clothing that covers one's legs as required by some religious denomination or sects. All should remember the final call rests with the referee.