

PWSRA WEEKLY REFEREE BROADCAST MESSAGE -- 01/29/2010

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TEST YOURSELF

On a 50-50 ball, A7 beat B1 to the ball just inside the penalty area. A7 tapped the ball smartly towards the open goal. The referee, always in a hurry to get things done quickly, signals goal one second before the ball actually crosses the goal line, between the posts and under the cross bar. What is the restart?

- a. Kickoff
- b. Dropped Ball
- c. Goal kick
- d. Corner kick

ANSWER AT END

ACTION NECESSARY -- END OF YEAR MAINTENANCE

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On **February 8** I will be deleting all data from 2009. All referees should keep their game records to provide game counts for annual re-certification, annual maintenance or upgrades.

UPCOMING EVENT -- PRE-SEASON KICKOFF MEETING

Wednesday March 31, 2010
Location: Ferlazzo Building Auditorium
New Referees: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
ALL Referees: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

CANCELED CLASS -- AGAIN

Our New-8 class that was scheduled to begin on Monday February 1 was canceled due to low enrollment. PWSRA will not be scheduling another New-8 this session. For friends and family: Complete list of classes are always on the State web site (<http://www.vadcsoccerref.com/>). Closest are a new class in Stafford and one at Buckhall VFD near Manassas.

The Manassas class is highly recommended as it is taught by National Instructor, **Dan Heldman**. More info at <http://www.pwsra.org/training/207819.html>

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TEST YOURSELF ANSWER -- Anyone can pose a questions and ask whether it's goal or no goal. But the referee must know what to do next in either situation. Answer: b. - Dropped ball. Once the referee signaled, the ball was out of play. No goal. And find a new assignor.

10.2 SIGNALING A GOAL

Law 10 defines the only method by which a goal can be scored. Referees should signal a goal only when it is absolutely clear that the ball has wholly crossed the goal line, beneath the crossbar and between the goal posts. If a referee signals a goal before the ball has wholly crossed the goal line, the goal is not valid. The game must then be restarted with a dropped ball.

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PWSRA WEEKLY REFEREE BROADCAST MESSAGE -- 01/22/2010

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TEST YOURSELF

With 30 seconds remaining to play in the match, Team B, who is losing 2-1, requests a substitution. The referee should:

- a. Grant the request
- b. Not "hear" the request (some may refer to this as ignoring it)
- c. Inform the team there is not enough time remaining

Answer this situation based on the information above. However, how would your answer be different if (1) the game was tied, (2) Team B was winning 2-1, or the competition rules call for a "running clock" as is often the case in tournaments?

ANSWER AT END

NEW REF COURSE

PWSRA has scheduled a New-8 referee course next month at the McCoart Building. Dates/times are:

February 1, 3, 8, 10, 12. Each session is from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Spread the word to family and friends. It is on the State Referee website for enrollment. If this is canceled due to low enrollment it will not be rescheduled.

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FORM 1099-MISC

PWSRA referees have been paid by different entities throughout the year. If you earned \$600 or more from PWSI (rec games), PWSI will send a Form 1099 by the end of the month and report that income to IRS.

If you earned \$600 from ODSL they are responsible for issuing a 1099.

PWSRA paid referees directly only for the WAGS Tournament and Quantico games. Only two of our referees met the threshold for a 1099 from PWSRA and will receive a Form 1099. And they have been notified.

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On February 1, I will be deleting all data from 2009. All referees should keep their game records to provide game counts for annual re-certification, annual maintenance or upgrades.

Also on February 1, I will be removing all referees who have not checked the box READY to be assigned. In my world, and that is who you are communicating with on Arbiter, one can block dates and still be ready. That's how I am with some of my groups. Checking the box Ready to be Assigned simply lets me know you have a pulse. It does not commit you to work a minimum number of matches.

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TEST YOURSELF ANSWER -- a. Grant the request. Referees control the time so we should never be declaring there isn't enough time. Just add time for the time lost.

3.6 ALLOWING SUBSTITUTIONS AND ADDING TIME

Except for situations described in 3.5, referees may not ignore or deny permission for a legal substitution that is properly requested. Although Law 3 requires that the referee be "informed before any proposed substitution is made," this does not mean that the referee can deny permission for any reason other than to ensure that the substitution conforms to

the Law. Even if it seems that the purpose is to waste time, the referee cannot deny the request, but should exercise the power granted in Law 7 to add time lost through "any other cause."

If the game was tied or if Team B was winning one would still grant the request but exercise the provisions of Law 7 to add time. However, make sure the substitute is standing at the halfway line ready to enter. Any request from a team to substitute yet no substitutes are ready to enter can be refused with a polite reminder by the referee or A.R. (or the 4th official) that they will be allowed to enter at the next opportunity -- if ready. See ATR 3.5.

Running clock = ugly. In regular play referees control the time so requests by the winning coach to sub simply to waste time can be dealt with by adding time. In a tournament it's more difficult. If the referee sees a pattern of time wasting through the substitution process, the experienced i.e., "old" ref can probably simply not hear the request. For our younger refs who can't blame a lack of hearing, you will have to find your own mechanism to deal with it. (This, of course, is not official USSF advice).

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TEST YOURSELF

True/False: A throw-in can be properly executed from a kneeling position so long as both feet are touching the ground, the player is facing the field, and the ball is delivered from behind and over the head.

ANSWER AT END

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ADVANCED REFEREE CLINIC -- AND IT'S FREE

Sunday, January 24, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg

Speaker/Moderator: **Kermit Quisenberry**, current FIFA Assistant Referee and Assistant Referee in the MLS

THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND! If you cannot attend the VYSA Convention but would like to hear some of the referee presentations and meet Kermit Quisenberry, please attend this clinic in Fredericksburg.

Kermit has worked many World Cup Qualifying matches in his career in addition to being an active AR in the MLS. At this clinic, Kermit will discuss such topics as dealing with coaches and spectators, proper positioning, and game management. This is a great opportunity to hear first-hand how referees at higher levels handle some of the same situations that all referees will encounter at some point in their officiating careers. It will also be a way to get additional training and instruction on referee topics from a well-known soccer official at no cost to you.

Please register for this event by accessing your profile in the youthleaguesusa system at <https://www.youthleaguesusa.com/mdcva/2009/Profile.html> and adding your name to the roster for the 'Advanced Clinic' on January 24 in Fredericksburg.

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TEST YOURSELF ANSWER -- False. While you no longer will find kneeling addressed in the *Laws of the Game* it is addressed twice in *Advice to Referees*:

15.4 ILLEGAL OR IMPROPERLY TAKEN THROW-IN

...A throw-in may not be performed from a kneeling position under any circumstances.

19.7 "NATURAL POSITIONS" DURING RESTARTS AND DYNAMIC PLAY

...Players are not allowed to take throw-ins while kneeling or sitting down. Squatting is a form of sitting and is therefore not allowed, but players are permitted to take "flip" or "acrobatic" throw-ins, provided the procedures outlined in Law 15 are followed.

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PWSRA WEEKLY REFEREE BROADCAST MESSAGE -- 01/08/2010

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TEST YOURSELF

At the taking of a penalty kick by A4, a teammate of the kicker, A7, entered the penalty area before the ball was kicked. The ball went into the goal. The referee ordered the kick to be retaken. Who may take the re-kick?

- a. Only A4
- b. Any player from Team A other than A7
- c. Any player from Team A

ANSWER AT END

NEW FEBRUARY REFEREE COURSE

Due to low enrollment, we had to cancel the New-8 course that was to begin tonight. We have scheduled a replacement clinic for February 1, 3, 8, 10, and 12 from 5:30p - 9:30p. Tell your friends. More info: <http://www.pwsra.org/training/218591.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Virginia Youth Soccer Association is holding its annual Convention Saturday January 23, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. Throughout the day the following referee sessions will be available:

Dealing with Coaches and Administrators - **Kermit Quisenberry**

Proper Positioning- Kermit Quisenberry

"Hey Ref!" "Yes, How May I Help You?"- **Mark Turner*** or *Demystifying the Myths of the Game* - **Dan Heldman***

Game Management - Kermit Quisenberry

*Pick one -- they're held at the same time

This is a great opportunity to learn more about officiating and is a day of celebration as our own **Stephanie Myrick** will be honored at the luncheon as the 2009 Young Female Referee of the Year. Also PWSI Technical Director of Coaching, **Ken Krieger**, will be inducted into the VYSA Hall of Fame and **Aaron Brunner** will be honored as Boy's Competitive Coach of the Year.

Registration is at <http://www.vysa.com>.

2009 ANNUAL HEAD REFEREE MESSAGE

ADMINISTRATION

During 2009 PWSRA held three meetings and one check distribution night. A total of 193 referees attended these meetings. Presenters at our meetings included National Assessor, **Klaus Staefe**; State Director of Instruction, **Paul Mungra**; Instructor **Harvey Finberg**, the 2009 VYSA and Region I Young Female Referee of the Year, Stephanie Myrick; as well as members of PWSRA and PWSI Staff.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the year there were 156 active referees with PWSRA.

TRAINING

PWSRA conducted three new referee courses in January, February, and March, training 28 new Grade 9 referees and 37 new Grade 8 referees. Our training program is recognized as a leader in northern Virginia. Refs comes from miles around to certify with us. Seventeen of these 65 or 26% were local and joined PWSRA.

We offered three recertification classes August, October, and November. We recertified 83 referees in these three classes. In these three classes we made space available for more than 300 referees to attend.

OUTREACH TO COACHES

John Andre, representing PWSRA made two presentations on the *Myths of the Game* to travel soccer teams. This was in response to our standing offer to come discuss this video, or other videos, to teams and parents who want to learn more about the Laws.

REFEREE COVERAGE

We had 100% coverage for all games in the spring season. In the fall season we missed 100% due to two no-shows and one slot unassigned. For both seasons we had referees at all 1,257 PWSI games covering 2,408 of the 2,411 positions or 99.9%.

The fall season was particularly challenging due to 166 games being rescheduled to due Mother Nature.

WAGS TOURNAMENT

For three days in October, we assigned all and supplied most of the referees to the WAGS Tournament.

QUANTICO YOUTH SOCCER

For the fall season, PWSRA supplied referees to the youth soccer program at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico.

AWARDS

Stephanie Myrick was selected as the 2009 VYSA and Region I Young Female Referee of the year.

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Most of the facts listed above speak for themselves. You all make our association great!

I have not used this section previously as a personal section but this year changes things. I was forced to focus on important things in life and to prioritize. Refereeing and its associated activities, instructing and assigning, no longer held an important place in my life. Throughout the year I thought about walking away many times. Cancer will do that to you.

Focusing on my health became my number one priority. I was lucky, I suppose, in that I had slow growth cancer caught early so that I had time to research and make the treatment decision that was best for me. A few people, mostly those whose lives have been touched by cancer, approached me and offered support.

Refereeing requires one be focused for 90 minutes. Few times since my diagnosis did I ever go 90 minutes without thinking about cancer. Because of that I refereed few games. While I was OK during the run of play it was at those stoppages was when the realization that I had cancer would creep into my mind. It was hard to shake and turn my attention back to -- *a game*.

While I could have walked away this summer or fall, I also realized that a number of you helped form my support family. And I enjoyed your successes. I especially enjoyed seeing new refs working their first games, experienced refs passing their upgrade requirements, and sharing in Stephanie's excitement at winning two top referee awards. When I needed a distraction from life, I could find one at the fields watching our great refs.

For 2010 we need the club's help in addressing pay for our top games. We have fallen way behind travel and other club's pay. It is increasingly hard to retain top refs for these games. Some of our great refs ended up refereeing the same team 2-3 times during the season even as I try to limit them to one. We have plenty of young officials but have a difficult time retaining our top officials. While we had a number of good refs work for us for WAGS, none would accept my offer to go to Tyrrell on Saturdays because of the low pay.

But these refereeing issues are still taking a backseat to health issues as I recover. This was evident this year as I didn't always produce a weekly message simply because it was hard to focus. And still is. But I am recovering and expect a full recovery. And I especially look forward to working with each of you this coming year.

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From *Advice to Referees*:

14.5 RETAKING THE PENALTY KICK

If a penalty kick is ordered retaken, it is not necessary for the same player to perform the restart.

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