



CDSRA Newsletter

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UPCOMING ART CLASSES

Tuesday February 19th 2008: The February ART class will be focused on how to get you mentally and physically prepared for the fitness test. The ART class will not involve any physical activity, however we will have a professional fitness trainer that one of our members is using to prepare themselves for fitness tests. Programs and plans for running, training, and nutrition will be discussed at this ART class to maximize your training time between February and the fitness tests. Drew Fischer will also be presenting about the different types of fitness tests that we as referees should all be able to run.

Tuesday March 18th 2008 (Optimist): Cameron Blair and Matt Elgie who will showcase the highlights of their time at the National Symposium that they attended in Toronto last year at the March ART class. There will be some video presented during the class and discussions regarding Joe Guest and some of the things he is doing to help refereeing grow in Canada. Before this ART class there will be a special general meeting to go over some final details that need to be prepared before the April 1st AGM.

Tuesday April 8th 2008 (Rose Kohn): On April 8th we will have the popular CDSRA outdoor refresher. We are hosting it early in April as a way to get as many people refreshed as early as possible for Kathy so that she can get our availabilities early.

AGM AND CDSRA ELECTIONS

Also coming up in April is the Annual General Meeting. It will be held on **April 1st at 7:00pm** at the **Rose Kohn Arena** meeting room. At this AGM among other things we will be having our annual elections of the members of the executive committee. This year there are three positions on the executive committee that will need to be elected for. The position of President is due up for election (Steve Papp), the position of Treasurer is up for election (Dereck Illingworth), as is the position of elected director (Doug Kipta). If you or anyone that you know are interested in running for any of the elected positions on the executive that are up for re-elections this year please contact any of the members of the executive as soon as possible so that we can help prepare you for the elections in April.

CDSRA Prep Class

In the past few years the CDSRA has run a prep class of sorts to help best prepare referees who will be going through the upgrade process. The class was designed specifically to help people do a better job of passing the exam. This year the course will be undertaking an evolution of sorts. There will be a new instructor, Richard Sansregret (National Instructor) and the focus of the course will be not just on passing the exam but what to do as a referee after you have passed the exam to ensure that you will be upgraded successfully. Instead of calling it a Prep Class we will be calling it the **CDSRA Upgrade Seminar**. This event will be offered on Saturday March 8 at the University of Calgary. There will be a cost of \$20 to take the course. Everyone is welcome to take the course; you do not have to be a current upgrade candidate.

Our Mission Statement:

"Providing an Environment in which a Referee can Develop to His or Her Full Potential"

ASK THE REFEREE:



Question:

On the NW soccer centre fields I have seen corners taken from both the round spot close in to the goal and also from where two lines meet with a small dashed arc further away from the goal. Please confirm where the corners should be taken from.

The Ref's Response:

Both are locations for a corner kick. The 'Round Spot' is the location for the "Boarded" game, and where the end line and side line meet is the location for the "Boardless" game. This is the case for both the NW soccer center or the East soccer center.

Question

During a GU14 CMSA game the referee counted down 5 seconds for a free kick and when it was still not taken then awarded the kick to the other side. I thought this was supposed to be a blue card for a delay of game, a two minute penalty, and the kick is retained by the penalized team. Are there special rules for CMSA. Can you please clarify?

The Ref's Response:

By Rule number 8, ASA Indoor Rules of Soccer, your understanding is correct:

On any start or restart, the team entitled to the kick has five (5) seconds to play the ball.

In the event of taking more than five (5) seconds, the kicker is penalized by a two (2) minute minor misconduct penalty for delaying the restart. However, that team remains entitled to the restart

The ref may have had this confused with the Laws of the Outdoor Game (if a Keeper delays the restart by more than 6 seconds, an indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team).

Question:

How far across the goal line does the ball have to go (indoor soccer) in order to be counted as a goal?

The Ref's Response

The "Rules of Indoor" and the 'Laws of Outdoor' state the same explanation:

RULE 10 – The Method of Scoring

Goal Scored

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Rules of Indoor Soccer has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

It is not a case of '...how far'. If 100% of the ball has crossed the back side of the goal line, it is a goal. The major difference in the Indoor game is that there is no AR in line of sight with the goal line. Therefore it falls on the Ref to judge "Did 100% of the ball cross the line?". If the Ref has any doubt, then the Ref should signal NO GOAL.

Question:

Following an attack an attacking player runs across the goal line and is off the field. The goalie has possession of the ball in his hands, and unaware there is an attacker off the field behind him, drops the ball at his feet. The attacker runs back onto the field, collects the ball and kicks it into the goal. Is this a goal or should the goal be disallowed and the player cautioned for USB, either entering the field without the ref's permission or leaving the field to gain a tactical advantage. An example of this is on youtube and the attacker is celebrating. However it does not show the restart so the ref's decision is not known.

The Ref's Response:

This one is actually pretty famous. That clip made the youtube rounds a couple of times. The answer is: Goal, restart with kickoff. The attacker left the field of play as a normal part of play. This is analogous to running off the field to get around a defender. There is no problem with doing it. Also, if you have left the field in this manner you are implicitly judged to have permission to re-enter the field. There is definitely nothing unsporting about it. The goalkeeper should know better.

Question:

I have just finished the indoor conversion course ... I understand, I have to shadow/sit-in on two games before I can ref and I must have a for the referee to fill out. Where can I get the form and once I have completed the sit-in sessions, who do I contact in regards to scheduling?

(01/22/2008) The Ref's Response:

Forms for shadowing are supposed to be in the referee rooms at either soccer centre. If not, you can write down the game

details on a piece of paper along with your name and have the referee sign it when you are finished sitting in for both games. Leave it in the ref room with the gamesheets.

To be scheduled you must submit an availability form through the referee manager by the 10th of every month if you want to be assigned games for the following month.

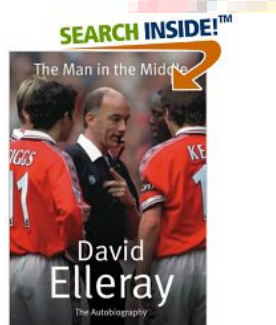
Question:

I've seen a couple of instances where the individual players wear a different colour socks on each leg. As a referee I find this very distracting and I'm sure the opposition does also. Is there anything in the rules to say both socks must be the same colour. As a ref am I within my rights to ask the players to change their socks. The last time I saw this the players had one red and one white sock. At the very least they could switch socks so that each player had either both white or both red; perhaps a compromise to at least let the game go ahead.

The Ref's Response:

I can see nothing in the Rules and/or Laws of the game that would prohibit a team from doing this. The only item is that the Jersey, Shorts, and Socks should be distinctive from the opposing team, Referee, and the Assistant Referee. The uniform must be same for all players, with the exception of the Keeper.

CDSRA LIBRARY PROGRAM:



"The Man in the Middle" by David Elleray



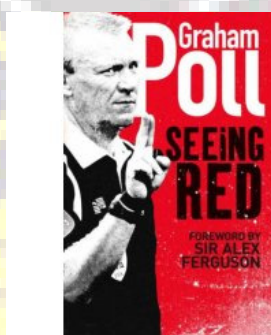
"The Rules of the Game" by Pierluigi Collina



"Who's the B**d in the Black?" by Jeff Winter**



"For the Good of the Game" by Evans and Bellion



"Seeing Red" by Graham Poll

Each month at the CDSRA ART class, these books are being lent on a first-come, first-serve basis. The books are due back the following ART class and donations to the CDSRA Library Program are welcome. Contact Josh Smith (see below) to reserve a book for reading.

Also welcome is the donation or lending of books to the program -- if you've got some refereeing books you've already read, why not donate or lend the to the program so other Calgary referees can learn from them as well? Let Josh Smith know via e-mail (jcsnth@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping the program in any way.