



CDSRA Newsletter

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Thanks goes to all that have contributed for this month's issue. If you have anything that you would like to see in the CDSRA newsletter, please email me at smartshannon87@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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Hi everyone,

Happy 2009! At this month's A.R.T. meeting we will be watching a CUSA Major League game (Dinos vs. Cyclones) at CSC East. It will kick-off at 8PM on Tuesday January 20th 2009. Come out that night to assess the game, discuss man-management and learn from the game.

The CSC Bubble is not expected to be repaired (due to the insurance processes) until mid- to late-February. All games (CUSA, CWSA, CMSA, Co-ed) will be re-scheduled until March 1st. Thanks to everyone for stepping up and covering the 7AM and the 11:15PM kick-offs.

The CDSRA is still looking for individuals to fill the positions of **secretary** for the Executive Committee. The Committee meets the first Thursday of every month. For more information on these positions (and to apply!) you can contact the president, Layne Greenway, at laynegreenway@hotmail.com or the vice president, Terry Day, at tnlday@shaw.ca

Have Facebook? Remember to join the CDSRA Facebook group where we discuss current news articles, games, YouTube clips and much more. Search for 'CDSRA' and you should find our group: 'CDSRA (Calgary District Soccer Referees Association)', then continue to request to join the group.

2008 Executive Committee

President: Layne Greenway

Past-President: Steve Papp

Vice President: Terry Day

Secretary: --

Treasurer: Pat Thalheimer (til 2009 AGM)

Elected Director: Josh Smith

Appointed Directors: Charles Vanderwindt, Shannon Smart

For contact information for the members of the executive committee, please visit our website at: <http://www.cdsra.com> under 'About the Association' and 'Executives & Directors'

Hitmen Game:

The CDSRA has one last Hitmen game to sell 50/50 tickets at for the year. The game, against the Vancouver Giants, will take place on Friday January 16th 2009. It's expected to be a big crowd, so if you are free that night - please let Terry Day know (tniday@shaw.ca) and join in on the fundraising. Plus you get to watch a free game of great hockey!



Canadian Soccer Referees' Association AGM, February 2009

On *February 20th and 21st* the CDSRA will be hosting the AGM for the Canadian Soccer Referees' Association. Michelle Pye, FIFA Referee, will be presenting on Saturday morning and all CDSRA members are welcome to join. More information to follow in the February 2009 Newsletter (or e-mail Josh at jcsmith@gmail.com).

Please remember to block Saturday February 21st 2009 on Arbiter if you would like to come to the AGM and listen to Michelle's presentation.

Ask the Referee:

(December 29th) *Question 9:* in indoor if the main ref gives a player a blue card ,can the ref in the box change it and give the player another color card instead (yellow or red)

Response: This response refers to Rule 6 [ASA Rules to Indoor Soccer 2007-08 Season](#) "The Assistant Referee will signal using a whistle to stop play, but the referee is the final judge of any action to be taken." The term "Assistant Referee" (aka AR) refers to the Ref in the box and the term "Ref" refers to the Ref in the middle. To paraphrase this, the AR can not show a card. However the two Refs work as a team. If the AR sees and/or hears something and he/she suspects the Ref did not see and/or hear it, the AR can call the Ref over to the half circle in front of the box to discuss. The Ref then will decide if further action is required. From my own experience, 99 time out of a 100 the Ref will take action recommended by the AR, because they are a TEAM assigned to control the game within the Rules.

(Nov 25th) *Question 8:* Can a player that is shown a Red Card in a Co-Ed game still play in the CUSA or CWSA league? The Co-Ed league has their own player card, so if it is kept and handed into the Co-Ed league, the player still has their CUSA or CWSA player card.

Response: No, a player shown a Red Card and dismissed from all ASA Sanctioned Games. Even if the player is waiting for there day in front of the league disappline, they are not allowed to play. However because the player has two cards, it is next to imposible for the Ref to inforce this, unless the Ref has prior knowledge. But the leagues share this information and that player would then have to face both disappline committees. If the Ref has knowledge that a player has been dismissed, but the player insists they can play, let him/her and note it on the game sheet.

(Nov 24th) *Question 7:* If you hit another player in to the boards and the ref gives you a yellow card. You make your way to the box and say he tripped is that a red card?

Response: No, however I suspect if the player was dismissed, it was for receiving a second yellow in the same match for disent. If the player simply comments to the Ref or AR that the player tripped, that can be overlooked. If the player argues with the Ref and/or AR in a very public manner, that is disent. If this is the case, the Ref should first show a Yellow card, then follow it with a Red Card shown to the player. The other possibility is the Ref , upon further going through the actions of the player in his/her mind and/or discussing it with the AR, changed his/her decision, which is permitted provided play has not restarted. Either action should be noted on the game sheet (ie. The AR will write either DIS or BD beside the players Name, and possibly write a short explanation in the comment section).

(Nov 10th) *Question 6:* Is shirt holding and pulling allowed? Should referee's and their assistant's not call this, even at premier level since it should be deemed a hold under Law 12? It appears this foul tends to get "allowed" at higher levels of play and I fail to see why this is not called more often, since it is clearly not a proper tackle or positional fight for the ball and typically is a reach forward from the "grabber" who is behind and is using the hold to gain an advantage. These shirt pulls do impede progress. Some clubs appear to coach this technique to take advantage of referee's not calling this often or consistently.

Response: Yes, this is a foul under Law/Rule 12. However there is another dynamic at play here described in Law/Rule 5 stating that a "The Referee...allows play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalises the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time". These are commonly refered as a Trifling Offence. The players at a level that are very strong on the ball are more capable of (and therefore more willing to) play through the shirt pull. They would rather keep play going unless they seriously suffer from the pull. Additionally, there is an expectation at the higher levels that the foul tolerance be higher to keep play moving. Essentially, if these are not called it is because the referee judges it to be a trifling offence. The higher the level, the more fouls become trifling.