



# Law Five



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News and Updates for Region 55 Referees

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## Referee Field Training Clinics This Fall!

Want to be a better referee? Region 55 will be holding special Referee Field Training clinics this Fall. This training program is designed for new Regional level referees, returning Regional level referees who have been refereeing for 1 or 2 years, or for any Regional level referee who wants formalized field training that is unavailable in the Regional referee class.

The clinic will provide training in the following areas.

1) Approximately 1 hour of instruction on the referee team, diagonal system of control, referee positioning and signaling, and assistant referee positioning and signaling.

2) At least four, 3-person referee teams will be assembled and each team will referee 1/4 of a scrimmage game (about 12 minutes). You should come to this clinic in your referee uniform so you can participate in the scrimmage game.

3) Referee teams will be de-briefed by referee instructors after the game. We will tell you what you did right and what areas you need to improve in.

During the scrimmage game, a referee instructor will be on the field with the referee in training, and a referee instructor will be with each of the assistant referees.

This is a great opportunity to learn field techniques from certified referee instructors and veteran referees.

### Clinic dates are listed below.

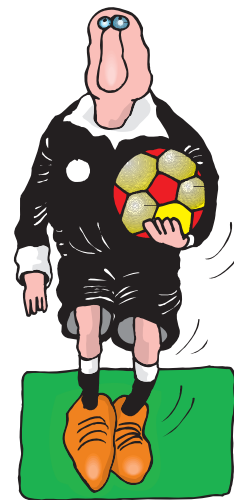
These referee clinics have limited space available and are available on a first come, first serve basis only. To reserve a spot, send an email with the date of the clinic you want to attend to Referee Administrators Klaus Schlechner or Peter Furman, or Referee Instructor Rick Sedivy. Emails are listed in the Region 55 Contact Information in the box at lower left. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now!

**All Field Training is at Sun View School.**

**Thursday, August 30th.  
Starts at 5:00 PM.**

**Thursday, September 6th.  
Starts at 5:00 PM.**

**Thursday, September 20th.  
Starts at 5:00 PM.**



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## You Make the Call

1. You are an AR in this match. The ball has left the field over the touchline and immediately rolls back onto the field. The referee does not see your flag and allows play to continue. The ball then rolls out of play over the goal line last touched by an attacker. The best way to handle this situation is:

a. Lower your flag, allow play to restart with a goal kick.

b. Stand at attention with the flag straight up until acknowledged by the referee. Play will restart with a throw-in.

c. Allow the AR on the other side of the field to mirror your signal to get the referees attention. Play will restart with a throw-in.

2. A careless foul occurs in the middle of the field. A player standing between the referee and the play obstructs the referee's view. The referee does not whistle for the foul. The lead AR concludes that the referee would likely have stopped play for the infringement if it had been seen. The AR should:

a. Raise the flag vertically, and after making eye contact, give a waggle to indicate the foul.

b. Raise the flag vertically and stand at attention.

c. Raise and lower the flag repeatedly until the referee makes eye contact.

## Summary of 2007 Law Changes

The 2007 revisions to the Laws of the Game and decisions of the IFAB become mandatory on July 1st. Additional Instructions are effective immediately. A summary of the 2007 changes follows. Comments are from Bill Mason, FIFA Law Interpreter for AYSO.

### Law 1 - The Field of Play:

Decision 4: There should be no advertising of any kind on the ground within the technical area or within one metre from the touchline and outside the field of play on the ground. Further, no advertising shall be allowed in the area between the goal line and the goal nets.

**Law 4 - The Players' Equipment:** The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following **separate** items. 1) A jersey or shirt. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve should be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt. 2) Shorts. If thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main color as the shorts. 3) Stockings. 4) Shinguards. 5) Footwear.

*Comment: This is not a license to inspect undergarments, but applies to any visible part of the undergarment.*

Decision 1:

Players must not reveal undershirts that contain slogans or advertising. The basic compulsory equipment must not contain any political, religious or personal statements. A player removing his jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be sanctioned by the competition

organizer. The team of a player whose basic compulsory equipment contains political, religious or personal slogans or statements will be sanctioned by the competition organizer or by FIFA. Jerseys must have sleeves.

*Comment: Details of violation of the above must be included in the referee's game report. The uniform manufacturer's name and logo are not considered advertising (see AYSO Rules & Regs for requirements).*

*If the slogan/statement includes offensive, insulting and/or abusive language (or gestures), the referee must send off and show the red card to the offender.*

*Consistent with U.S. Soccer's position, AYSO referees must not prohibit players from participating because they are wearing sleeveless jerseys.*

### Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials

Celebration of a goal (3rd paragraph):

A player must be cautioned when, 1) In the opinion of the referee, he makes gestures which are provocative, derisory or inflammatory, 2) He climbs on to a perimeter fence to celebrate a goal being scored, 3) He removes his shirt over his head or covers his head with his shirt, 4) He covers his head or face with a mask or other similar item to celebrate a goal.

Leaving the field to celebrate a goal is not a cautionable offense in itself but it is essential that players return to the field as soon as possible.

### Referee Classes

The following referee classes are available for AYSO referees.

#### Regional Referee Classes

The Fall 2007 Regional Referee Classes for Region 55 are set. Dates, times and location are listed on the Region 55 web site.

#### Referee Field Training

Region 55 will be conducting Referee Field Training Classes this Fall. Dates, times and location are listed on the Region 55 web site.

#### Referee Upgrade Classes (Area L)

Intermediate and Advanced 2-day classes in Lake Forest July 21 and 22nd. For more information, go to the Area 11L website at [www.ayso11L.org](http://www.ayso11L.org).

#### Referee Upgrade Class (Area K)

Intermediate 2-day class in Los Alamitos (Rossmoor) August 4th and 5th. For more information, go to the Referee Classes page on the Area 11K website at [www.ayso11K.org](http://www.ayso11K.org).

## You Make the Call - Answers

1. Both b & c are correct. 2. A is correct.

1: In this scenario, the Assistant Referee clearly sees that the ball has completely crossed over the touchline, then immediately rolls back onto the field of play with the players continuing to play the ball. The referee is unaware that the ball went into touch, does not see the AR's signal, and allows play to continue.

Guide to Procedures (Throw-in, Assistant Referee's End of Touch Line) states that if the ball passes out of play and immediately returns to the field, the AR signals with a vertical flag until acknowledged by the referee. The AR should maintain the signal until acknowledged by the referee in accordance with pregame instructions.

2: Guide to Procedures (Fouls Not Seen by the Referee) states that if the AR determines that the infringement was not or could not be seen by the referee, and that if the referee would have likely stopped play for the infringement if it had been seen, then the AR signals with the flag vertically raised in the hand appropriate for the restart direction and, after making eye contact with the referee, gives the flag a slight wave.