

June 4 & 18, 2002 RASO Meeting & RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Aug 6 @ 7:00pm @ ISC

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Aug 6 Special Guest Speaker: Ricardo Salazar, National & MLS Referee

Attendance

- **June 4**

15 members - G.Hundt, G.Kardell, D.Mitchell, K.Valentine, B.Wallace, M.O'Brien, S.Hoover, D.Barrett, B.Millward, M.Pederson, S.Johnson, P.DeLaTorre, R.Scott, J.Sousa, M.McIntosh

- **June 18**

16 members - R.Scott, D.Brandt, H.Winne, G.Hundt, D.Mitchell, B. Millward, G.Kardell, C.Wowk, T.Keating, K.Valentine, M.McIntosh, M.Love, J&N Balestrieri, P.DeLaTorre, S.Johnson

Educational

- Tactical thinking for Referees
- 2002 USSF Rules Memorandum
- USSF Offside Video

Treasurer Report – \$3,980.00, \$100 approved for submission to the IHSA Officials Conference Social

Secretary Report – see items below

IHSA Items

- IHSA 3 year clinic: Sat Aug 10 from 9am – 1pm @ Rockton Hononegah PAC
- IHSA Rules Interpretation meeting: Sat Aug 10 @ 2:00pm @ Rockton Hononegah PAC.
 - This is a mandatory meeting, so please mark this on your calendar.
- New IHSA patch should be worn on the left pocket. Do not need to wear the Sportsmanship patch.
- If player is given a soft red, referee must fill out a report, and player does serve a one game suspension.
- Ron has most of the Fall schedule put together, so you can call him for assignments.
- Ron Scott, Chic Wowk, Harold Winne, Gerry Hundt, and Dave Brandt represented RASO at the 3rd Annual IHSA Officials Conference in Peoria July 12-13.
- The RASO / IHSA Top 15 list has been submitted to Beth Sauser
- *Congratulations to the following 15 RASO / IHSA members!* (in alphabetical order)
 - Dave Brandt, Ben Buum, Jeff Clausen, Gerry Hundt, Steve Johnson, Mike Love, Mark Marko, Bob Millward, Dan Mitchell, Sam Nachampassack, Ron Scott, John Sousa, Ken Valentine, Harold Winne, Chic Wowk

2003 USSF Registration Package

- You should have received a USSF package in the mail, with your 2003 USSF Registration Form. ***If you have attended an entry or refresher clinic within the past 12 months, send the registration form and money in right away.*** If not, turn the form and money in at the next USSF clinic.

Aug 24 RASO / Fire Outing

- We will be attending the Fire game @ NIU on Sat Aug 24. Game time is 7:30pm.
- Carpool will be leaving from ISC. RASO members, family, and friends are invited.
- Ticket cost in **ONLY \$6.00** for RASO members on a first come – first served basis for the first 20 paid reservations. Non-RASO member ticket cost is \$12.00
- Please send check made out to RASO to:
Bill Osborne C/O Acument Securities, 4921 East State St, Rockford, IL 61108
- Please send check to Bill by Aug 1st
- If you are interested in meeting with the Fire game MLS referees, please contact Matt O'Brien @ 624-7866. This is quite an opportunity for younger referees !!!

Tournaments

- NISL Seeding Tournament is Aug 10-11 and Aug 17-18
- Auburn HS tourney Aug 31 – Sept 1
- Challenge Cup Sept 7-8

Odds-n-Ends Business

- USSF has stated the following regarding the new jersey rule:

Law 4: "The Players' Equipment" (Jersey Sleeves)

As of July 1, 2002, The Laws of the Game have been amended to include a statement that "Jerseys must have sleeves" (Law 4, International FA Board Decision 1). Several questions have been raised regarding the practical effects of this change in the Law (caused by the appearance in international play of a national team wearing a sleeveless uniform shirt.) In response to the confusion about the intent of the rule change, we have prepared some common sense guidelines for referees to follow.

Intent of the Rule Change

The requirement that "jerseys must have sleeves" is intended to deter player efforts to alter their jersey in any way.

Guidelines for Enforcing this Rule

1. The sleeve must be recognizable as a genuine extension of the armhole of the uniform shirt being worn and able to perform the function of a sleeve commonly accepted in everyday wear.
2. Players may not alter their uniform by cutting off the sleeve or shortening it significantly.
3. Referees are asked to call player attention to these requirements if uniforms are altered, just as they would if shirts were not tucked in or socks not pulled up.
4. Details regarding jerseys which have no sleeves or shortened sleeves should be included in the referee's match report submitted to the competition authority. However, since this is not a safety issue, a team or an individual player must not be prevented from playing solely for this reason.

Finally, as a member of FIFA, we are obliged to follow their rule changes, however, we ask that you use common sense and good judgement on the application of this rule change.