



## GOLDEN GATE SPORTS REFEREE ASSOCIATION

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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Golden Gate Sports Referee Association announced the implementation of a new insurance program to protect its members from accidents, injuries, and ever increasing assaults, while officiating sports events.

GGSRA is a San Francisco Bay Area not-for-profit referee leadership development and support organization providing services to Northern California leagues with emphasis on interscholastic activities and developmental programs.

“Our officials are exposed to too many incidents and accidents and have no viable protection if some physical harm comes to them. And, while we –as a referee community- are protected with liability insurance which is mandated by and for the protection of leagues and clubs, there is no sustainable program available to referees if they are physically harmed or injured. “Why? Because they’re independent contractors!” Said Michael Faryabi, GGSRA President.

As a result, GGSRA Board approved the purchase of group hazard insurance with an annual fee of \$16 per member with medical expense and death benefit. These benefits include reasonable and customary charges for treatment, services and supplies provided or prescribed by a licensed physician.

This service is available to all other non-member referees as well. Interested officials, instructors, assignors and/or assessor should contact Michael Faryabi at [michael@faryabi.com](mailto:michael@faryabi.com) for more information.