



Club Ref NW

Newsletter for Club Referee Coordinators

Month: February 2010

Delivering the programmes of the Rugby Football Foundation and the Rugby Football Union

Forthcoming Events

ELRA Courses

Tues 16th & Wed 17th

Feb
Eccles RFC
10am-4pm
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Sun 7th Mar Sun 14th

Mar
Wilmslow RUFC
10am-4pm
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Other ELRA courses are being planned in the following areas or Clubs:

Blackburn
Bury
Winnington Park
Cockermouth

Please keep an eye on the National Course calendar which can be accessed at:

www.rfu.com/TakingPart/Referee/Courses/AccessingAnELRACourse

North West Newsletter

This newsletter is being sent to all Club Referee Coordinators in the North West of England or those who are in the process of identifying someone at their Club to undertake this role. At the end of the newsletter is a list of Clubs and their identified Coordinators. If any details are incorrect please contact me on 07739 300438 or email at paulrenton@rfu.com

Regards,
Paul Renton, NW Referee Development Manager

CRefC Guidelines

All CRefCs should, by now, have received guidelines about the role. There is also a poster which is available so that you can enter your own contact details and place it on your Club's notice board.



If you've not received either of these documents, please contact Paul Renton.

You should also have received a polo shirt – again if not contact Paul



RFU Club Referee Developers

Across the region the RFU has increased the development team that delivers refereeing support to clubs and schools. They are spread across the area so as to ensure that the provision of support is available to all. There are presently 5 Club Referee Developers in place:

Manchester Society Area – Dave Guerin 07743 785774 david.guerin@talk21

Manchester Society Area – Geoff Cove 07949 140305 g.cove@ntlworld.com

Liverpool Society Area – David Matthews 07787 548635 david-helen@talk21.com

Liverpool Society Area – Ian Tempest 07854 045770 tempest_ian@yahoo.co.uk

Cumbria – Tim White 07770 901220 (M) Tim.White@mmcesl.co.uk

All Club Referee Developers are RFU trained and have experience in working with referees involved with U7 to adults. Their initial role will focus on the delivery of RFU CRDA modules to club referees within their area.

Referee Training Days/Evenings

In an attempt to provide further training opportunities for club referees and so that others can access information and updates, training days/evenings can be arranged. A number of CRDA modules and other topics will be available and delegates can choose which sessions they would like to attend. The modules will be delivered by the CRefDs and should be both informative and enjoyable. A practical element may be included in some sessions.

For further information on these sessions or to book a place session for your own club, contact your CRefD.

Club Referee Coordinators

Part of achieving the RFU aim to support clubs, and in particular club referees, the role of Club Referee Coordinators (CRefCs) has been established. There are 38 Referee Societies in England, comprising in the region of 2700 referees. Society Referees are appointed to matches based on their ability and potential and are able to access a wide range of training and development opportunities through their Societies. However, there are many thousands of referees who are not Society members, but who referee at their clubs, some week in week out, others less frequently. They might be parents whose children are playing mini or youth rugby, coaches of junior teams or club members who referee their clubs' 3rd or 4th XV's on a Saturday afternoon. It is these so-called "club referees" that the Club Referee Coordinator will help support.

Key Components on the role:

- To act as a point of contact for the Rugby Football Union (RFU)
- To publicise and promote RFU awards, courses and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- To establish and maintain accurate membership information on RugbyFirst
- To promote good practice and the core values of the game
- To influence the establishment of a club referee section

It is not expected that all CRefCs will be able to carry out all the duties or in fact that they are needed for all clubs, but if we can get all clubs to have someone that will pass on information on courses, law updates and be able to identify those in the club that are officiating it will help all involved.

Young Officials Award

With the support of the Youth Sport Trust the RFU has developed this award with the aim of giving 14-19 yrs olds an opportunity to develop their officiating skills for Rugby Union. It is not designed to replace the ELRA Course but is a supplement to it.

Course Content: The course will enable delegates to:

- Describe the positive attitudes a referee should have.
- Display an effective knowledge of law.
- Describe how a referee should prepare for a game.
- Communicate effectively.
- Referee the kick-off, ruck, maul, tackle and lineout.

Course Structure: A six hour course which may either be split into two 3 hour sections or one six hour session. The course contains elements of theory and practical.

To complete the course, delegates are required to take part in 10 hours of voluntary practice officiating. (which may include touch judging)

A number of tutors have been trained across the region to be able to deliver this product and should you have any interest please get in touch with Will Halford (willhalford@rfu.com) so that a course can be arranged or to direct you to an existing session.



Using RugbyFirst

In the 'General Guidelines' for CRefCs four important roles are emphasized, the third key role being to establish and maintain accurate membership information using RugbyFirst

RugbyFirst can be used to help you with the administration of this and other roles. A second set of guidelines has therefore been created to explain how this can be achieved. These can be obtained by contacting Paul Renton.

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WEB LINKS

www.rfu.com
<http://www.rfu.com/TakingPart>

<http://clubs.rfu.com/clubs/portals/webmasters/>

<http://clubs.rfu.com/CLUBS/portals/CumbriaRURefereesSociety/>
<http://refereerugby.co.uk/>
<http://www.madrefs.co.uk/>

- Rugby Football union's Main Website
- RFU Community Rugby website – Access to all club, schools, refereeing and coaching advise, support, resources and information

- RugbyFirst link

- Cumbria Referees' Society
- Liverpool & District Referees' Society
- Manchester & District Referees Society

Aldwinians	Michael Marrow
Altrincham Kersal	Dominic Leach
Anselmians	Terry Clarke
Ashton-on-Mersey	Geoff Cove
Ashton-under-Lyne	Andy McMillan
Aspull	John Hampson
Birkenhead Park	Joe McGowan
Blackburn	Barry Hadwin
Bolton	Shaun Crimmins
Bowdon	Myles Kitchener
Broughton Park	David Pilkington
Burnage	Thomas Thistleton
Burnley	Bob Clayfield
Bury	Jim Johnson
Castletown	Joe Phelan
Chester	Dave Bundy
Clitheroe	Bob Wilkinson
Cockermouth	Nick Wilson
Congleton	Russell Williams
Creighton	Ian Langley
Crewe & Nantwich	Gwyn Evans
Didsbury Toc H	Geoff Gill
Douglas	Joe Phelan
Eagle	Craig Lee Harper
Eccles	Don Edmundson
Egremont	Stuart McNee
Ellesmere Port	Daniel Weigh
Fleetwood	Andy Thompson
Fylde	Alan Townsend
Heaton Moor	John Jeskins
Keswick	Dave Etherden
Kirkby Lonsdale	Garry Holmes
Knutsford	Steve Mooney
Knutsford	Greg Sawyer
Leigh	Tommy Hughes
Leigh	Stephen Crompton
Liverpool Collegiate	Gary Ackerley
Lymm	Ian MacKenzie
Macclesfield	Phil Cole
Manchester	Andy Beasley
Marple	Neil Hawkley
MMU	Tom Beard
Mosley Hill	Andrew Mcgrory
Netherhall	Keith Edmundson
New Brighton	Ian Tempest
Northwich	Trevor Rawlings
Old Bedians	Dave Campbell
Omrskirk	Geraint Davies
Orrell	Graham Winstanley

Parkonians	Peter Evans
Penrith	Derek Furness
Ramsey	Joe Phelan
Rochdale	Paul Mooney
Rochdale	John Pickersgill
Rossendale	Greg King
Ruskin Park	Kevin Toole
Sale F.C.	Michael Boyle
Sandbach	Frank Boughey
Sedgley Park	Christopher Nealon
Southern Nomads	Joe Phelan
Southport	Kevin Monaghan
Stockport	Stephen Snoddy
Trafford MV	Chris Higgins
Vagabonds	Joe Phelan
Warrington	Dave Broadbent
Waterloo	Keith Wilson
West Park St Helens	Paul Kennedy
Western Vikings	Joe Phelan
Widnes	Martin Kerr
Wigan	Mike Singer
Wigton	Adrian Hyde
Wilmslow	Simon Muckle
Windermere	Nigel Rimmer
Winnington Park	Neil Marrs
Wirral	Brendan Bailey
Wirral	Brian Bell

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