

THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DORSET AND WILTS SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES

September 2007

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly Training Meetings will be held as follows:
DORSET at the Langton Arms on Mondays at 1930 hrs:

October 1: Effective Communication. A DVD of Tony Spreadbury refereeing the Dorset & Wilts Cup Final 2006.

November 5: Offside.

February 4: Ruck / Maul.

March 3: TBD.

WILTSHIRE at Devizes RFC on Thursdays at 1930 hrs:

October 4: Effective Communication. A DVD of Tony Spreadbury refereeing the Dorset & Wilts Cup Final 2006.

November 8: Offside.

Wiltshire meetings have been poorly attended. Your committee will be reviewing future options depending upon attendance this autumn.

Joint Meetings will be held:

December at a time and place to be decided.

January 14 at 1930 at Salisbury RFC. Andy Melrose and Steve Harland will talk to us.

LAW POSERS.

1. Red 10 is tackled by Blue in Blue half. Red is driven back in the tackle towards Red goal line, he goes to ground, a ruck forms and the ball does not emerge. You whistle for a scrum. Who throws in?
2. Stationary Red 10 is tackled in possession by Blue in Red half. He and the tackler go to ground, a ruck forms and the ball does not emerge. You whistle for a scrum. Who throws in?
3. Red kick directly into touch from their 22m area, and the line of touch is on Blue 10m line. Blue 15 retrieves the ball, throws the ball to Blue 11, who then takes a quick throw in. What do you do?

REFEREES' and REFEREE COACHES' COURSES CONTINUOUS REFEREE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The CRDA is intended by the RFU to be a continuous Award, to be spread over a couple of years. It is not a prerequisite for promotion. The Award is modular, some items being supported by

DVD clips. Some modules may be done at home, by distance learning. There is a comprehensive Workbook. Each module has an online assessment moderated by RFU. The Award is not a target to be completed at earliest opportunity, and is primarily directed at lateral development and 2-year+ referees. Both referees and advisers will benefit. Modules of the Award will also be used as a basis for Training Evenings.

The modules are:

Law and Principles of Refereeing Class + DVD

Match Preparation and PRDP Distance

Understanding the Game Class + DVD

Communication and Management Class + DVD

Scrum Class + DVD

Lineout Distance Learning

Maul Class

Tackle / Ruck Class + DVD

Advantage Class + DVD

Practical Refereeing Practical

In order to cater for those who are unable to attend Training Meetings, and who wish to take the Award, I have allocated Sundays 18 and 25

November at Devizes RFC, to cover 4 modules. I would expect candidates to cover only 2 modules.

As members requested at the EGM, I have repeated modules on the second day, but reversed the

sequence, so that those who referee on a Sunday morning can do an afternoon slot and vice versa.

The programme will be:

18Nov, morning (1000):

Law and Principles of Refereeing

Understanding the Game

Afternoon (1330):

Scrum

Tackle / Ruck

25 Nov, morning (1000):

Scrum

Tackle / Ruck

Afternoon (1330):

Law and Principles of Refereeing

Understanding the Game

Would those who wish to take the Award please complete the form attached to the end of the

Whistling Bustard. Even if you are unable to attend

the above sessions, you may still work for the Award by Distance Learning, and attending the relevant Training Meetings.

TOUCH JUDGE: Will be run if needed.

SOCIETY REFEREE COACH/ADVISER COURSES: Stephen Dowse will arrange courses if necessary.

SHIRTS

I have a stock of Society:

Polo Shirts: All sizes, cost £15.00.

Track Suits: All sizes, cost £20.00.

Red Shirts: All sizes, free.

Yellow Shirts: L only, free.

Blue Shirts: S only, free.

After much deliberation, the final decision, as subsequently modified, is that all current referees, including those undergoing ELRA3, will get a free shirt.

I will bring stocks to Training Meetings.

Bill Byham has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1. Blue.

2. Blue.

3. Disallow the quick throw in; Blue throw in to formed lineout on Blue 10m line.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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CONTINUOUS REFEREE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

NAME:

I wish to take the Continuous Referee Development Award.

I wish to attend one of the following sessions (please indicate which):

Sunday 18 November, Morning. Law and Principles of Refereeing
Understanding the Game

Sunday 18 November, Afternoon. Scrum
Tackle / Ruck

Sunday 25 November, Morning. . Scrum
Tackle / Ruck

Sunday 25 November, Afternoon. Law and Principles of Refereeing
Understanding the Game