

SUNDAY

Due to the excellent groundwork over the previous 3 years by my predecessor, Rob Knapp, Sunday appointments have increased significantly this season with close to 350 games being covered. On most Sundays in the mid-teens with 3 occasions over 20 referees being appointed and the high point being Sunday 26th February 2017 with 26 appointments.

There are too many members to thank individually for their support every over the season but a big thank-you to everyone who gave up their Sunday mornings/afternoons and in some instances, refereed 2 games on the same day to provide complete coverage.

Special mention should be made of the 4 Junior referees who have really progressed having covered close to 20 games each, including AR duties for the Junior Cup/Plate finals and National Cup games. It should not be overlooked, the efforts of various members who have 'watched' them to provide feedback to aid their development.

The feedback from clubs, coaches and parents has been generally positive and supportive of referees giving up their time on a Sunday to help progress Junior rugby in Leicestershire.

As we come to the end of the season and the start of the new season is only a few months away, I look forward to your continued support as I really do encourage anyone who did not referee on a Sunday this season, to give it a try as there are some very competitive games available.

The structure for Cup games next season has already been decided and in the early stages, there are again a large number of fixtures on the same day which will test our resources but as we proved this season, it can be achieved.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who contributed, in many different ways, to a very successful and enjoyable season.

Duncan Chandler
Hon. Sunday Appointment Secretary