

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees. Appointment and Re-Appointment Secretaries report Season 2017-18.

Another busy season has come to an end, with almost all of the matches notified to us being allocated a referee. We have covered a total of 1515 games.

These can be broken down as follows:-

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| Saturday | 923 | 1 st XV-417, 2 nd XV- 267, 3 rd XV- 50, Colts-117, Schools-32, Others-32, Vets-32. |
| Sunday | 337 | |
| Midweek | 255 | |

We have provided a Team of 3 to 42 games and have covered a total of 44 ladies games. There is still a swing away from the number of Saturday games, to more games on a Sunday. This is a reflection of the reduction in the number of senior teams being put out by Clubs on a Saturday afternoon and the increase in Junior or Age Grade Rugby (AGR) on a Sunday morning.

We have had a big increase in the number of games cancelled this season. There has been a total of 401, which is 26% of all matches originally notified to us. This has not been helped by the particularly poor weather at the start of the year, but is mainly due to 2nd, 3rd & 4th XV teams failing to get sufficient numbers of players.

Unfortunately, these cancellations predominantly affect referees at lower levels and I can only thank those of you regularly affected by cancelled fixtures, for your patience and perseverance. We do actively try and limit the number of referees affected by this, by moving them around the following month, but not always successfully.

The appointments system, continues to evolve and serve us well. Referees can now go in and input their own availability, which we both encourage you to do.

We must emphasise the need to keep us and/or the system updated with your availability; remember being on standby means that you are available for a game. The latest we did a re-appointment this season was at 1:00pm, for a 3:00pm kick off. If you get to the point where you have made other plans for the Saturday, please let us know that you are no longer available; it really does save us a considerable amount of work.

As always, we are both very approachable so, if you have any concerns regarding your fixtures, please do speak to us. We cannot address an issue if we are not told about it. Enjoy the summer period and we both look forward to seeing you at the first members meeting in August.

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