



Report of Hon., Grading Secretary - Season 2016-17

The full grading committee reviewed all 75 active referees at the end of season full meeting in April and regraded eight individuals as well as awarding grades to four probationers who have completed their 10 games. The end of season Full Grading Committee recognise the hard work and efforts of all our referees but sadly cannot regrade all!

The current spread of our Referee grades are as follows (includes some inactive):

Level	RFU	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Jnr	Prob	Pres	UG	U16	<u>Total</u>
Nos	5	-	8	8	9	12	12	3	5	-	2	1	10	-	-	75

Overall this has been a mild winter allowing most fixtures to be held as scheduled, and due to the fine work of our SADO Geoff Blackburn and his team, most active refs have been watched.

Also, all Refs who requested an additional assessment were catered for.

The Grading Committee is most grateful to all Assessors, Advisers, Coaches, Mentors and other Members of the Society (listed in SADO report) for their commitment and time in assessing the Referees and their valuable contribution.

The criteria for regrading is published on the LSRUR website.

We are blessed with more refs than games on a lot of weeks, and this, combined with only two level six teams, make climbing through the grades more difficult than ever.

This in turn makes the task of the grading committee, more difficult than ever too.

This situation is a mixed blessing, as it does mean we are able to offer a level of competence to all levels, rarely seen in other societies.

Do bear with me though, if that expected regarding has not come!

Peter Bower Hon Grading Sec.
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