

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

January 2018

Next members' meeting will be MONDAY 29 January at Belgrave RFC, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please remember the name-badge you were issued with at previous meetings. Paul MacMillan will be delivering a session on use of sanctions, more details below.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 29 January 2018- Members' Meeting at Belgrave RFC.

Friday 20 April 2018- Annual Dinner at Welford Road. See below for more details.

Did you know...?

You can now see your appointments, dates you have made yourself unavailable for and reports that have been ratified by the grading committee by checking the website?

Josh Burgess

Fixtures

Date	Type	Home	Away	Position
27th Jan 2018	League	Hinckley	Derby	Referee
28th Jan 2018	Representative	Leicestershire R.U.	Warwickshire	Referee
4th Feb 2018	Representative	Leicestershire R.U.	Staffordshire	Touch Judge 2
4th Feb 2018	Representative	Leicestershire R.U.	Staffordshire	Referee
17th Feb 2018	League	Dinnington	Alnwick	Referee

Reports

[Josh Burgess 28-10-17](#)

Cryoffs

Add new cryoff

From	To
24th Feb 2018	25th Feb 2018

Go to <http://www.lsrur.co.uk/reflogin>

Hover (with your mouse), over Fixtures, then Fixture List, then click on Referee Cryoffs and you will have a screen similar to the above.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/rugby-union/42150682> Hinckley RFC demolition of the opposition's scrum- and their own posts!

ANNUAL DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Dinner will take place at Leicester Tigers' Stadium on the evening of 20 April 2018.

The menu will be published in due course but for the mean time the speaker will be former Ireland international and British and Irish Lion Paul Wallace and the comedian will be Paul Boardman.



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SOS Kit Aid

The meeting on Monday 29 January WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE this season to contribute to Kit Aid. I will be collecting rugby kit for the charity 'SOS Kit Aid.' This is a charity which collects pre-loved/used/unwanted rugby kit and delivers it to young players in the UK and around the world, who are unable to provide their own kit, to allow them to participate in this wonderful sport of ours.

You can read about the charity here <http://www.soskitaid.com/>

So, if you have a cupboard full of old shirts/shorts/socks that you no longer wear, dig them out and bring them along to the next members meeting. Your other half will; be delighted at the space you will create !!

I have been in contact with Gary Welsh, who is the East Midlands representative for the charity and I will be meeting up with him after the meeting, to deliver the kit.

Mark Elliott

Chairman

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees.

Training

Happy New Year to all members!

No doubt you will have made noble resolutions to become a better you in 2018 and I am pleased to offer you a chance to make good. This month's training session at our Members meeting is a CMOD course (Continuous Match Official Development) run by the RFU and delivered by our very own Paul Macmillan. The topic is the Use of Sanctions (red & yellow cards) and it will offer good guidance on when such sanctions are appropriate, necessary or even mandatory and how they can help you manage the game for the benefit of all. It will also touch on protocols to follow once a red card has been issued to ensure the disciplinary process functions effectively and fairly.

Please note that as a CMOD course, you need to register your attendance via the RFU course finder page (easily found via Google) using your RFU ID. Instructions on how to do this are on the LSRUR website under "Recruitment & Training" – Scroll down to "RFU courses"

It is my intention to run a further interim training session on Game Management at the Central Fire Station. This will be a mid week evening and should take place in the next 3 weeks. Details to follow via email.

February's Members Meeting training will be on Materiality.

Rather than helping you pick out curtains, this will offer pointers on how to recognise when you need to sanction and to what degree. It is a subjective topic, affected by context, skill level and many other "soft" factors so I will front up and confess that there will be no magic bullet offered. Instead I hope to help members to learn how to choose an appropriate course of action when choosing how to manage their games. Should stimulate some debate!

Please do try to attend as much of the training as you can. Us old dogs may not be able to learn new tricks, but we certainly need regular reminding of the old ones!

Tom Brucciani

LSRUR Training Officer

SIMPLIFIED LAW BOOK

You may have heard that World Rugby has mandated the adoption of a new, simplified law book from Jan 1st 2018. Although there are no new laws or changes to old ones, the terminology and structure of the law book has been much revised resulting in a shorter, clearer version. (No excuses not to make it your bedtime reading now!). You can access the new Law Book on the LSRUR website under "Recruitment & Training". Scroll down to "Laws of the Game". Link: [here](#)

The main difference has been a renumbering of the laws and the reduction in the number of examples of foul play by combining specific offenses into one paragraph. A cheat sheet showing the main changes is below the Law book entry on the website. Link: [here](#)

REFEREE PROTOCOLS – A REMINDER

It has been mentioned recently that some of our members have arrived at their appointed games dressed rather casually. Please remember that LSRUR expects that referees on Society appointments dress smartly according to the Protocols laid out by the Committee (see website [here](#) and copy below)

Some advice to referees regarding behaviour on match days

It is self-evident that, as match officials, we referees bear a responsibility to act in a becoming manner when on duty.

Just as we expect players, coaches and spectators to observe certain standards of behaviour, so we should be scrupulous in ensuring our own conduct sets the correct tone and example to those around us.

While all of us will already have a good idea of what such standards are, it does no harm to put basic examples down in print. This is meant solely as a guide and should not be construed as criticism of current members or their behaviour.

Communications

- Members should observe basic courtesies in dealing with those who need to contact them regarding match. Ensure your contact details are up to date, respond to messages promptly and, if necessary, initiate contact with the home club to confirm all details of the match in good time.*
- If your circumstances change and you cannot referee a game, please tell the Re-Appointments Sec. as soon as you can and try to inform the Fixtures Secretary of your general availability at the start of each month.*

Dress

- When refereeing a league or cup match, LSRUR expects members to dress smartly. This means shirt and Society tie off the pitch and clean society kit on the pitch. Ideally you should dress in a similar way for all games to which you are officially appointed.*

At the club

- Arrive in good time – ideally at least an hour before kickoff.*
- On arrival, introduce yourself so that they know the referee has arrived.*
- Meet the home and visiting captains and agree a suitable time for checks and briefings with them.*
- Respect privacy of all changing rooms – DO NOT ENTER unless invited to do so (knock & ask if necessary, but never simply walk in).*

U18's/Matches involving members of the opposite sex

- *We strongly advise that when refereeing these matches, you conduct all checks and briefings on the pitch and avoid entering the changing rooms altogether.*
- *Pay particular care when moving through the changing room areas to avoid placing you or any one else in a potentially embarrassing situation.*
- *Walk with circumspection, especially post match when players may be showering.*

Post Match

- *Ensure all match cards are completed and returned promptly if appropriate*
- *Represent LSRUR positively after the game – if you can, take time to talk to both*

teams, captains and coaches. Make yourself available for conversation in the bar. After all they have just given you a free beer.

Sundays:

As a result of the bad weather before Christmas, combined with no games on a couple of other Sundays due to the festive period, many County Cup games were postponed leading to a fixture backlog in January, which has put additional pressure on our limited refereeing resources.

Hopefully, this weekend (28th January) will see the backlog cleared but will then be quickly followed by the next rounds of both the Cup and Plate for all age groups on 4th & 25th February. Please let me know if you are available on either (or both) of these dates – morning and/or afternoon – as in addition, there are Ladies/Girls League and National Cup games plus the usual friendlies.

As if this was not enough and as mentioned in previous newsletters, there are two Public School 7s tournaments for U16 and U18 age groups on 25th February at Uppingham and 4th March at Oakham where some of the best 7s teams in the country will be competing. If you are interested in either (or both), then please let me know – even if you can only help out for the early rounds in the morning – you would be most welcome.

Thank-you to everyone who has helped out over the past few weeks in some pretty unpleasant weather – it is really appreciated.

Finally, can I please repeat my request from last month for anyone who is available on a Sunday to 'watch' one of the probationary referees to aid their development – this is more of a coaching report rather than a formal assessment.

As ever, I can be contacted by e-mail to sunday@lsrur.co.uk or to my mobile 07896 202382.

Duncan Chandler
Sunday Appointments

Referee Grades 2018				
Name		Grade		
			No22 Jan 2018	
Tom	Brucciani	6		
Nick	Houghton	6		
Louis	Massarella	6		
Simon	Walker	6		
Jonathan	Bird	7		
Peter	Bower	7		
Jenny	Burrows	7		
David	Cox	7		***
Tony	Gardiner	7		
Simon	Hincks	7		
Rob	Knapp	7		
Paul	MacMillan	7		
Paul	Tilley	7		
Duncan	Chandler	8		
Dan	Everitt	8		
Keith	Fisher	8	Peter Bower (M)	***
Andrew	Forsythe	8	N Houghton (M)	
Richard	Henson	8		
Charlie	Jefferson	8		
Andy	Miller	8	Dave Edkins (M)	
John	Ryan	8		
Nick	Bartlett	9		
Ray	Bates	9		
Paul	Clayton	9		
Rob	Haines	9		
Chris	Haywood	9	Mark Elliott (M)	
Gavin	Hill	9		
Ross	Murray	9	T Gardiner (M)	***
Martin	Prince	9		
Nigel	Smith	9		
Alan	Steane	9		
Colin	Storry	9		
Julian	Wise	9		

Owen	Baines	10		***
John	Carr	10		
Tim	Clamp	10	L Massarella (M)	
Karl	Craig-West	10		
Stuart	Dingley	10		
Myles	Halley	10		
Ivan	Hutchins	10		***
Chris	Jackson	10		
George	Jones	10		
Edwin	Silkstone	10		
Andrew	Torrens	10	Dave Edkins (M)	***
Vernon	Turner	10	Kerrel Wills (M)	
Spencer	Lambert	11	John Hill	***
Alanna	McLean	11		***
Jaswinder Sin	Nagra	11		
Peter	Harris	12		
David	Henderson	12		
Alistair	Kesby	12		
Barry	Morris	12		
Josh	Burgess	6 DF	Simon Walker ©	
Peter	Connor	6 DF	T Brucciani ©	
Elliott	Coombes	6 DF	Mark Elliott ©	
Sam	Flatt	Junior	D Chandler (M)	
Tom	Pope	Junior		
Eleanor	Wilkinson	Junior		***
Mick	Birchall	Pres		
Rhys	Davies	Pres		***
Mark	Elliott	Pres		

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David	Flick	Pres		
Guy	Gaspar	Pres		
John	Hill	Pres		
Mark	Hunt	Pres		
Jeffrey	Knight	Pres		
Ian	Pollock	Pres		***
Martin	Williams	Pres		
Kerrel	Wills	Pres		
Duncan	Wilson	Pres		
Daniel	Slavin	Prob		***
Stephen	Gammage	RFU		
Greg	Garner	RFU		
Jon	Petzing	RFU		
Wayne	Spencer	RFU		
Tim	Hayter	Y		***
Dave	Williams	Y		***
75 Total		Y	Innactive	
			M = Mentor	
			C = Coach	



George Richardson refereed his first Level 4 Match in November, congratulations on the appointment and best of luck for more going forwards! Sarah Hunter on the charge for Loughborough Lightning!