

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

January 2020

The next members' meeting will take place on Monday 27 January 2020 starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will focus on the Scrum and will be presented by.... **RFU Championship Assistant Referee – GREG GARNER!**

Please dig out your name badges you were provided with and wear them to the meeting.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 27 January 20- Members meeting at **Vipers RFC**

Friday 24 April 20- Annual Dinner at Welford Road. Shane Williams will be the speaker. Tickets will be £37.50 for non-members, £35 for members and £350 for a table of 10.

Note from your Chairman

After a quiet festive period, we are back into full swing, with plenty of appointments once again being taken, on mid-week days and Sundays, as well as Saturdays. The Appointments Secretaries continue to work hard matching referees to appropriate fixtures.

Congratulations to all eleven referees, who were awarded a raise in grade at the mid-season grading meeting; I think this is a record for this meeting! It is a real testimony to the work of Geoff and his assessors, as we had reports on virtually every referee, to refer to. All eleven will receive an appointment at their new grade, accompanied by an assessment, during February. Good luck and well done.

As ever, if you want to be watched again, please do contact Geoff and he will try and accommodate you.

The RFRU (Rugby Football refereeing Union) have made the decision that all referees in England, who referee at U18 level and below, must have a valid DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. I am the nominated Safeguarding Officer for LSRUR and part of my duties will be to ensure referees who do these games, have an up to date DBS check.

I am now registered to submit the applications for DBS checks and will shortly be contacting referees to begin this process. It will take quite a while as there are so many of us, but our aim is to get all referees who take U18 games, DBS checked by the start of next season.

As I mentioned last month, we are in the process of setting up an online shop for our refereeing kit and a bespoke range of leisure wear. Your Committee looked at 6 companies, but have finally settled on Olorun; your Secretary and myself had a very positive meeting with the Olorun rep and we are really looking forward to forging a close relationship with them, moving forward. The shop will be up and running in time for next season and we aim to have 'sizing sets' for the new kit, at the April members meeting and the AGM. Watch this space !!

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Monday – don't forget it's at Vipers!

Mark

Mark Elliott

Chairman

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees Training Night at Central Fire Station – Tuesday 21st January 2020.

A training night focussing on Assistant Refereeing was held at Central Fire Station, on Tuesday 21st January. 12 Society members enjoyed an interactive session, led by Tom Brucciani and many good learning points were raised and absorbed.

We also enjoyed a quick beer in the Horse afterwards, where the informal learning and chat continued.



	<u>Referee Grades 2019</u>			
Name		Grade		
			No28 - Dec 2019	
Simon	Hincks	6D	Duncan Wilson (C)	
Tom	Brucciani	6		
Jenny	Burrows	6		*
Andrew	Forsythe	6	Mark Elliott ©	*
Nick	Houghton	6		
Ross	Martin	6		
Louis	Massarella	6		
Jonathan	Bird	7		
Peter	Bower	7		
David	Cox	7		
Tony	Gardiner	7		
Rob	Knapp	7		
Paul	MacMillan	7		
Ross	Murray	7	R. Davies ©	*
Paul	Tilley	7		
Luke	Thompson	8D	Mark Elliott ©	
Duncan	Chandler	8		
Dan	Everitt	8		
Keith	Fisher	8		
Richard	Henson	8		
Charlie	Jefferson	8		
Andy	Miller	8	Peter Connor (M)	
Angus	Nickols	8	R. Davies ©	*
William	Richards	8	T Brucciani©	*
John	Ryan	8		
David	Wakefield	8		*
Paul	Clayton	9D	Josh Burgess(M)	
Alanna	McLean	9D	Kerrel Wills (C)	
Eleanor	Wilkinson	9D	Kerrel Wills (M)	*
Andrew	Asher	9		*
Nick	Bartlett	9		
Ray	Bates	9		
Rob	Haines	9		
Chris	Haywood	9		
Martin	Prince	9		

Daniel	Slavin	9	G Richardson(M)	*
Name		Grade		
Nigel	Smith	9		-
Alan	Steane	9		-
Colin	Storry	9		-
Andrew	Torrens	9	Dave Edkins (M)	*
Vernon	Turner	9	A Forsythe(M)	*
Ian	Wells	9	N.Houghton (C)	*
Julian	Wise	9		-
John	Carr	10		-
Rob	Carr	10		-
Tim	Clamp	10		-
Tom	Curtis	10		-
Stuart	Dingley	10	Simon Hincks(M)	-
Eueth	Forester	10		-
Peter	Harris	10		-
David	Henderson	10	N.Houghton (M)	-
Ivan	Hutchins	10		-
Chris	Jackson	10	A Forsythe(M)	-
Jaswinder Singh	Nagra	10		-
Edwin	Silkstone	10		-
Harry	Webb-Jenkins	Junior		-
Mick	Birchall	Pres		-
Roger	Cairns	Pres		-
Rhys	Davies	Pres		-
Mark	Elliott	Pres		-
David	Flick	Pres		-
Guy	Gasper	Pres		-
Myles	Halley	Pres		-
John	Hill	Pres		-
Jeffrey	Knight	Pres		-
Dave	Williams	Pres		*
Martin	Williams	Pres		-
Kerrel	Wills	Pres		-
Tom	Fraser	Prob		-
Matthew	Groves	Prob		-
Philip	Jones	Prob		-
Jamie	Kirkhouse	Prob		-
Josh	Burgess	RFU		-
Peter	Connor	RFU	Steve Gammage (C)	-

Stephen	Gammage	RFU		
Greg	Garner	RFU		
Jon	Petzing	RFU		
George	Richardson	RFU		
Elliott	Coombes	Y		
79 Total	1	Y	Inactive	
	6	RFU		
	5		Junior & Prob	
			Mentor (M)	
			Coach ©	

Sundays

Due to the bad weather before Christmas, most of the Cup games were postponed to January and then delayed again due to frozen pitches.

Traditionally the Cup and Bowl games have been played on different Sundays and as a consequence of the fixture backlog combined with the 'structured season' for Junior rugby, the LRU have decided to play both Cup and Bowl games on the same Sunday.

This means there are 3 consecutive busy Sundays coming up - 26th January, 2nd & 9th February. If you do not have a game on the Saturday, can I suggest you consider a game on the Sunday instead (morning or afternoon) ?

Looking a little further ahead, the Oakham School 7s (1st March) and Uppingham School 7s (8th March) are looming on the horizon and I am looking for referees for both dates please. This is a great opportunity to test your skills (and fitness) refereeing some of the elite public schools 7s teams.

The format for Oakham will be somewhat different this year as the Society will only be providing referees for the U18s, with the Army looking after the U16s.

As ever, I can be contacted on my mobile – 07896 202382 – or by email sunday@lsrur.co.uk. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Members meeting on 27th Jan as I am on exchange in Gran Canaria. **

Many thanks for your continued support.

Duncan Chandler

Sunday Appointments

** Before Hon Exchange Secretary has apoplexy; I mean exchanging an empty glass for a full one !!