

# Summer 2024 to season start Newsletter



## New law variations and Leicestershire pitch requirement changes

### Changes to laws

The training officer is aware of the new law changes that will be active as we enter the new season. To remain consistent, as in previous years, we will be hosting the August and September meetings to be focused on these changes. We ask that all active referees mentors, coaches and performance reviewers attend the minimum of one session to ensure consistent application of these new law changes.

There will be a follow up zoom if required.

### Pitch marking - requirements for new season

Its long been a discussion topic with the LRU but the society has given notice to all our clubs that for player, spectator safety pitches are required to be roped off or barriered. Softly enforcing the playing enclosure that has always been in law. With the rise in match official abuse the decision has gone down well with the clubs and we hope it makes a difference for the games you referee. George will also cover this in training sessions. Please please do not be forced into refereeing on a pitch where spectators are

too close to the pitch. For some levels this is mandatory regardless, but we have asked this is applied to all levels of the game. This message may not be applied if you go out of county.



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## LSRUR Annual Dinner





The photographs are all on the society website under the events section. Thanks to the dinner committee and the generosity of the folks in attendance via the raffle and auctions we managed to generate enough money for a donation to MND. Given the slim margins this is a fantastic achievement!

### LSRUR Awards - Whistlers Trophy



Voted for by you our society members, Market Harborough were this years winners. Its great to see this trophy is being contested by the clubs and another new winner 2 years in a row!



### LSRUR Awards - Ken Foster Trophy



Whilst there were a number of worthy winners of this award it was decided that Chris should win this year. His approach to sundays has been impeccable and the feedback from clubs has been amazing. Not just on him refereeing but also his stewardship of the sunday role, covering a huge number of fixtures and building great relationships with the club secretaries and you our membership.

### LSRUR Awards - Contributions to the Society

A little secret kept from the chairman, resulted in him being awarded the special award for contributions to the society. Its difficult to write a short note of all that Mark does for the society but we wanted to ensure his contribution wasn't forgotten.



LSRUR Awards - Referee of the Year



This year awarded to Luke Thompson, after notable names like Eleanor Wilkinson, Pete Conor and Many more.

## Teams of Three and four!



Far too many photos to post in the newsletter but plenty on our social media channels showing our teams of three and four during the later part of the season. County competitions, Varsity, Mens and

Womens county representative games. Take a look at our social media (via the website promotions section, or instagram / facebook to see more)

## Presidents Lunch EARLY WARNING

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On behalf of the president it is my pleasure to invite you, your family and significant others to the presidents lunch to be held at longfliggle. The menu Nd choice form is above

## International Tickets

Its that time again - the society has access to purchase an allocation of international tickets for the upcoming autumn internationals.

If you would like to purchase any please contact John Hill. He will be happy to discuss the fixtures, pricing and payment details.

## Dates for your Diary



- Please keep an eye on your e-mails for some social events around fitness, cycling, and other events that will be coming up over the closed season. There will be the opportunity to practice your bronco hopefully North & South like last season. Mark for north and Andrew for south.
- First Members meeting back



- 19th Aug Vipers RUFC 6:45 for 7:00 Start (earlier for the Late aug Bank Holiday)
  - Bronco Fitness Test to run 6:30 onwards
  - Regular first meeting back
- Summer rough introduction to refereeing for clubs and future referees.
  - 4th Aug (Ven
- Presidents Lunch
  - 3rd November Longcliffe Golf Club