

## **Match Official Development**

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#### **Introduction:**

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Match Official Development Send Out for the 2015-16 season, with these send outs we provide you with information, which is for you to action, distribute or circulate to all referee's for the benefit of the whole game. **Seize these opportunities.** 

RWC 2015, where did those 6 weeks go?



We had some awesome days out and about in the Fan Zones, from Exeter to Newcastle and all points in between. As I reflect on our part in the tournament, I am reminded time and again about the good people we have met and the unique opportunity we had to turn them into great 'rugby' people, by being part of and staying in our fantastic game. Not only as referee's, but returning and new players, together with those vital volunteers who make things happen both on and off the field.

We soon learnt from our initial experience at Brighton that we had underestimated the enthusiasm and take up we would get for KYBO! Our target had been 1000 signups; we smashed that with the final figures in excess of 2000 signups.

But, ultimately this could not have been possible without the drive and passion from all our volunteers who made the events work so well. This coupled with the brilliant support from Local Delivery Team's around the country, local referees and QBE Coaches who between them controlled the crowds, sorted the queues and recorded so many details. Whilst not forgetting the players and students who supported our on field activation, getting people to have a go at refing.

As part of the **RWC 2015 legacy**, we are developing strategies to transition those signups into active referees and to look at continuing the growth and retention of 16-24 year olds in the game, more of that later.

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# Monday 23rd November 2015 - Update No. 2/15-16 **For Action** like us on facebook. The best news is that the World Cup helped ignite such positive interest in refereeing (& coaching). We now have over 2,000 Followers on 'Twitter' and over 1,000 Likes on 'Facebook'. 1.1 These channels are a great ways introduce you to the videos we publish and make you aware of new events and activities going on around the country. They are also here to support and develop your organisations, so 'follow and like' our pages to promote what you are doing locally, including events, recruiting or meetings. For action by - Society Training Officers/Recruitment Officers, Website Administrators and all members **Communities of Practice** Help shape rugby for 16-24's. Attend RFU communities of practice to tell us how. Book here: http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/courses/search/ What do What Why do should we they need and want? provide? **1.2** Over the next few weeks the RFU is running **Communities of Practice** sessions across the country to help shape the game for 16 - 24s. You can find up and coming dates and locations on 'Twitter' and 'Facebook'. Your thoughts and opinions are really important and so we look forward to seeing some of you at these.

For action by - Society Training Officers, Recruitment Officers and all members

1.3	World Rugby Clarifications in Law  To view all 7 clarifications issued this year go to; <a href="http://laws.worldrugby.org/?domain=10&amp;year=2015">http://laws.worldrugby.org/?domain=10&amp;year=2015</a>
	Should you have any questions in relation to law clarifications or application, please contact our dedicated e-mail service: <a href="mailto:Laws@RFU.com">Laws@RFU.com</a>
	For action by - Society Training Officers to factor into training events and publication to all members
2	For Distribution
2.1	Rugby Safe  The RFU has created an overarching programme to ensure that player safety is at the heart of the game which builds on the don't be a Headcase education programme.  High quality officiating, coaching, medical support and appropriate player behaviour in line with the core values all contribute to reducing the risk of injury occurring. <a href="https://www.englandrugby.com/RugbySafe">www.englandrugby.com/RugbySafe</a> The Union's Player Welfare Manager Rachel Brown said: "RugbySafe aims to increase awareness of the RFU's work to make rugby as safe as possible and to highlight the responsibilities of match officials, clubs, coaches, players and others in helping to ensure this."  She added: "Player safety has been an important part of our work in the development of player, coach and match official education for many years, with the findings from injury surveillance and other player safety research informing training courses' content. This will now be recognised with the RugbySafe stamp of approval."  For Society Training Officers to factor into training events
2.2	Promotional Clips  We have a growing library of videos about how to get started in refereeing as well as some useful insights from those who've been on a course.  How to get started as a referee https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLz3WzYi2nLwxvFtGOR6TEJO77tCdlSGfD  Come and get involved – referee course insights https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLz3WzYi2nLwynYkRwCVXiHpqJVEvzy3RV  For distribution to Recruitment Officers, Website Administrators
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