



BOP Rugby Referees Newsletter

April 2009

Well we're into it.

The season has started without too much drama or controversy as teams settle into their local rounds.

Appointments to date show that some relatively inexperienced Refs have been given games at Premier and Div 1 level. This is good to see. Take these as opportunities....

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Referee Coordinator

It's probably old news but good news that I confirm the appointment of John Kendal to the position of Referee Development Coordinator.

JK comes to us from Rotorua Boys High School where he was Director of Maori Achievement.

Prior to this he was REO for the Wellington Rugby Union from 2003 to 2006.

John did his senior reffing in the Wairarapa and although he thought he had hung up his whistle in favour of school coaching last year still answered the call on a number of occasions.

We are lucky to have secured John's services which commence formally on 14 April.

Training and Development

At last count we have 12 Referee Coaches.

Coaches are there to help Referees achieve and improve. Coaching is all about positive reinforcement and feedback. Some of our coaches have been assigned individuals to work with and others will be assigned Refs to view on a weekly basis. It is intended that every Ref will be sighted and reported on as early as possible in the season. All reports will be entered into the RIIMS (Referee Information system) and emailed to you as these are completed.

The coaches group is headed by Tony Dunlop. Actually I don't see too many in the group who are full of political correctness so if you get a few terse words or constructive criticism about your performance occasionally, accept these in the interest of your self improvement.

If you particularly want to be seen and reported on contact Tony on 021 933 879.

Conversely if you are happy doing your appointments without coaching contact let Tony know also.

Roles and Responsibilities. Coaches and Selectors

Coaching is all about improving Referee performance and satisfaction. Selection involves selecting Referees for the various panels and doing the match appointments. The coaching group may recommend that a particular Ref should be tried at a higher (or lower) level and the Selectors will try to accommodate this.

John Donnelly is the Head Selector and he is assisted by Alan Wellington

Both may also offer you coaching advice in the course of their contacts with Refs.

John and Alan work closely with Tony and the coaching group and of course Morag who is responsible for completing the draw and circulating appointments each week.

Referee Academy

There is a proposal which has been accepted by the union about creating a high performance unit for selected BOP Referees.

The main objective is to select an elite group of referees who have the potential to gain higher honours over and after a period of 2-3 years.

It is intended that Refs on the programme will have access to BOPRU High Performance Trainers and Nutritionists and follow a similar regime to the players.

If you see yourself in this programme you will need to closely consider the commitment required, your standard of fitness, law and availability.

More to come on this as JK moves into his role

Baywide Meetings

This coming Monday 6 April at Paengaroa

6.00pm to 7.00pm Outdoor fitness work with Nick Briant

7.15pm to 7.30pm RAG Update

7.30pm to 8.15pm Lineouts-allowing the contest. Errol Brain

8.15pm to 9.00pm Referee discussion groups with Coaches and Selectors

Other Baywide meeting dates

May 4

June 1

July 6

Congratulations.....to Nick Briant who has been appointed to referee at the World 1st XV tournament coming up in Japan.

Dare I throw in a newsletter joke????

Two cannibals are eating a clown

One says to the other; "Does this taste funny to you?"

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