

New crop of referees secure Test appointments Iveco Series and Investec Tri Nations officials confirmed

Following Bryce Lawrence's appointment to control the opening Test between South Africa and the British & Irish Lions, a number of other New Zealand officials have secured appointments to Test fixtures in 2009.

In addition to the first Lions Test, Lawrence has also been named as Assistant Referee for the second Test in South Africa and as Television Match Official for the third Test. He will also control a Tri-Nations match between Australia and South Africa in Perth in August.

Vinnie Munro joins Lawrence in all three Lions Tests as an Assistant Referee.

Chris Pollock and Keith Brown will both referee a Rugby World Cup qualifier each in June as well as officiate games at the IRB Junior World Championship in Japan in the same month.

"I am incredibly proud of the achievements, not only of the referees themselves, but the coaches and selectors who have supported them in this process," said New Zealand Rugby Union High Performance Referee Manager Lyndon Bray.

"It is an important step in a referee's career to be involved at the IRB level and we are especially thrilled to have three of our referees officiating Test matches in 2009."

Lawrence was also named on the IRB High Performance International Referees Panel for international fixtures up to 19 September 2009. The panel was selected by the IRB Match Official Selection Committee after a review of match official performances over the past six months.

Munro was appointed to the IRB Assistant Referee and Television Match Official Panel for 2009-10 and Pollock and Brown to the IRB Referee Development Panel.

New Zealand appointments to 2009 Test matches and RWC qualifiers include:

13 June: Australia v Italy, Canberra – Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referee)

11 June: RWC Qualifier, Samoa – Keith Brown (Referee), Chris Pollock (Assistant Referee)

18 June: RWC Qualifier, TBC – Chris Pollock (Referee), Keith Brown (Assistant Referee)

20 June: South Africa v Lions (1st Test) – Bryce Lawrence (Referee), Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referee)

27 June: South Africa v Lions (2nd Test) – Bryce Lawrence and Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referees)

4 July: South Africa v Lions (3rd Test) – Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referee) and Bryce Lawrence (TMO)

29 August: Australia v South Africa, Perth – Bryce Lawrence (Referee), Chris Pollock and Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referees), Keith Brown (TMO)

5 September: Australia v South Africa, Brisbane – Bryce Lawrence and Vinnie Munro (Assistant Referees), Chris Pollock (TMO)

Officials announced for Iveco Series and Investec Tri Nations matches

The following match officials have been appointed to All Blacks Tests up until the end of the Investec Tri-Nations.

Date	Match	Venue	Referee	AR1	AR2	TMO
13 June	NZ v France	Dunedin	G. Clancy	S. Dickinson	TBC	G. Ayoub
20 June	NZ v France	Wellington	M. Jonker	G. Clancy	N. Pearce	G. Ayoub
27 June	NZ v Italy	Christchurch	G. Clancy	J. Leckie	I. Smith	G. Ayoub
18 July	NZ v Australia	Auckland	M. Lawrence	C Joubert	C. Wessels	S. Veidsman
25 July	NZ v South Africa	Bloemfontein	A. Rolland	N. Owens	T. Hayes	G. Hughes
1 August	NZ v South Africa	Durban	N. Owens	A. Rolland	T.Hayes	G. Hughes
22 August	NZ v Australia	Sydney	J. Kaplan	M. Lawrence	C. Wessels	J. Meuwesen
12 September	NZ v South Africa	Hamilton	N. Owens	W. Barnes	S. Dickinson	G. Ayoub
19 September	NZ v Australia	Wellington	C. Joubert	J. Kaplan	W. Barnes	S. Veidsman

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