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To all Bay of Plenty Clubs,

I am writing to advise that for all sevens and tens tournaments from 1 January 2017 and beyond, there will be a reimbursement of reasonable expenses fee imposed upon all clubs for the provision of match officials for any club arranged sevens and tens tournaments.

This fee has come about as a result of factors placing an ever increasing strain on our already stretched match official resources. Within the growth in sevens and tens tournaments now extending the length of our rugby season from March – August to now January - November it has become increasingly difficult to find adequate match official resources to offer their time to attend your tournaments. Add to this the fact that sevens and tens are free flowing games played usually in fine and often hot conditions our aging volunteer workforce is literally being flogged.

If your tournament offers prize money then we suggest you take into account the amount on offer and use this as a guide to dictate the level of match official service you provide at your tournament. To give example prize money of less than 5K will have registered assistant referees for all play off matches and in goal assistants for finals.

Reasonable Expenses Fee Structure:

Note: Clubs are no longer required to provide food or refreshments to the referees as the payment will now cover this.

1-4 games per day: \$50.00 per match official

5 games or more per day: \$100.00 per match official

There will be a daily limit of 6 games refereed per day placed on match officials and 8 games per day for assistant referees.

Referee requests for tournaments must be received at least one month before the tournament via the Bay of Plenty Referee Request online form [CLICK HERE](#). A copy of the final version of the draw along with your competition rules is to be received by the union no later than seven (7) days before the commencement of the tournament to enable appropriately qualified match officials to be appointed to the games. This also enables **THE BEST REFEREE** be appointed to the final. Once the draw has been received, and the appointment of match officials has been completed, an invoice can be prepared and forwarded to you for payment.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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