

QRL - Referees' Coaching & Development Updates

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Seminar
essentials

Water bottle



Hat & Sunscreen



International Rule Book



Modified Games Rule Book



National Safe Play Code



Enthusiasm



Notepad & Pen



Joggers



From the
RDO's Desk

Welcome to the first edition of the QRL Referees' Coaching and Development Updates.

This publication will be produced monthly by David, Richard and myself.

Content of this publication will be valuable information to keep all involved in refereeing in Queensland abreast of current matters.

It is at this point I invite QRL Referee Match Official Coaches to contribute any article, ask a question on law or share a development, recruitment and retention initiative that worked for their Association.

Please forward all contributions to via e-mail to John Topp.

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Paul Oliver

BITS & PIECES

He who throws mud loses ground!

The Referees' Academy Manager and Referee Development Officers have reviewed the drills Associations currently use for testing the fitness of match officials.



The word 'testing' has been replaced by 'evaluation'. Hence from 2008 match officials will complete **fitness evaluations** either with their Association or the Academy.

The following evaluations need to be completed and recorded on all Carnival nominations when submitted:

1. 10-50 metre sprint
2. Agility Evaluation
3. Modified Shuttle Run

Full explanations and protocol of the evaluation drills will be:

- ♦ Forwarded to Associations early in January 2008
- ♦ Available on the QRL website by clicking on the downloads menu (left hand navigation pane QRL home page) then scroll down to the Referees' section January 2008

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

Northern Division Referees' Seminar James Cook University, Townsville.	18 - 20 January
Central Division Referees' Seminar Emerald Agricultural College, Emerald.	1 - 3 February
South East Division Referees' Seminar Griffith University, Nathan Campus, Brisbane.	1 - 3 February
South West Division Referees' Seminar Southern University, Toowoomba.	8 - 10 February

The Benefits of Professional Development.

2008 will be a huge year for Rugby League in Australia with many opportunities being afforded to match officials at all levels of competence. To ensure match officials are up to speed with current methods, the QRL Referees' Board is conducting a series of Professional Development Seminars statewide using the latest training DVD developed by David, Eddie, Richard and Paul to assist referees reach their true potential. It is essential that Association members attend these two day Seminars to enhance their credibility in decision making.

A visit to the QRL website readily outlines the busy program in 2008 and identifies the platforms available to referees through statewide Carnivals.

Memos over 2008 will contain many articles on professional development whether it be on the GIVENS of Law and Fitness or on issues such as Communication, Advantage Play and Conflict Resolution. Such current resources, used wisely, are a valuable adjunct to Laws of the Game and will assist in preparing pro-active and astute match officials for the future.



At last week's QRL Board Meeting the QRL announced that Tony Maksoud had been appointed Chairman of the QRL Referees' Board. Having officiated in the ARL National Competition and Queensland Cup, Tony brings a wealth of refereeing knowledge to the Board's table along with practical experience in strategic planning. Congratulations to Tony and all other elected Board Members.

Level 2 - 2008

Coach of Match Official Course

Date: 7, 8 & 9 March

Venue: Brisbane

Letter of Intent Form available:

QRL website, click on downloads menu (left hand navigation pane QRL home page) then scroll down to the Referees' section. Forms to John Topp prior to 11/2/2008.

To whom and how will the QRL Referees' Coaching & Development Update Newsletter be distributed?



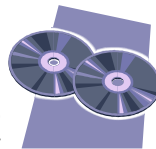
- ⇒ By e-mail to all QRL Referee Board Members
- ⇒ By e-mail to Association secretaries for distribution to all Members
- ⇒ By e-mail to all QRL registered Match Official Coaches
- ⇒ Available in the Referees section on the QRL website www.qrl.com.au

2008 - Professional Development DVD

After many hours reviewing tapes and discs from games in 2008, the DVD which will be used at Professional Development Seminars in 2008 is now complete.

All QRL Referee Board Members were issued with the DVD at last weekend's Board meeting. Presenters will be mailed their DVD before Friday 14/12/2007.

Thanks to the attendees from the 2007 Level 2 Coach of Match Officials - Townsville Course who assisted with production.



Topp's Talk

An overhaul/update of the Referees' Association Handbook is complete.

Associations will be issued with an electronic copy prior to the 2008 Professional Development Seminars.

I will be attending the Professional Development Seminars to meet with Association secretaries.

Agenda items for these meetings include:

- Changes to Affiliation/Registration process for 2008
- Explanation of the updated Referees' Association handbook
- Question and answer

Topp

Academy Update

On Saturday 20 October, 62 match officials were invited to attend a briefing and fitness assessment at O'Grady Park, home of the Brisbane Referees. Match officials from outside the south east corner were flown in and accommodated overnight. The main purpose of the briefing and fitness assessment was to evaluate the level of each persons strength and conditioning. Programs were then completed specifically for the needs of the individual.