

QRL - Referees' Coaching & Development Updates

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**Principles -
Goal Setting**

From the RDOs' Desk

Well as one of Australia's most colorful sports commentators says 'it is all happening'.



Richard has been in Chinchilla attending the Queensland State Primary Schools under 12 Championships and also to Maroochydore for the Vic Jensen under 11 State Primary Schools Championships. Dave has been to Rockhampton at the Confraternity Shield and Cairns for the QRL State under 13 and under 14 trials. I have been to Wynnum at the National Secondary Schools under 15 Championships and Cairns for the QRL State under 13 and under 14 trials. All this in the last month hence the lateness of the July edition.

As all would be aware the QRL Referees' Board and the QRL Referee development team insist that all match officials live in when selected to attend a Carnival. This ensures all are living and breathing rugby league and most importantly match officials attending Carnivals are receiving quality coaching / feedback.

In this busy time this would not be possible without the support of the QRL Referees' Board and some of our volunteer Coach of Match Officials.

This year the Development team has called on the assistance of Paul Beasant, Damien Breen, Lloyd Evans, Peter McPhee, Michael Inman, Bob Morton, Scott Harvey and Dennis Swenson. Dave, Richard and I thank all for their time and quality support at this very busy time of the year.

Congratulations to Brandon Burgess (Sunshine Coast) and Nick Herraclides (Mackay) who have been selected to attend the National Primary Schools Championships. The Championships will be held in Darwin from 10th - 16th of August. Brandon and Nick both attended the u/12 Queensland Primary Schools Championships in Chinchilla late last month.

The University World Cup and the Quad Series finals were played on Saturday 19/7/2008. Daniel Gigliotti (Brisbane) was appointed to referee the University World Cup final played between traditional rivals Australia and England. Adam Neale refereed the Quad Series Final played between the NSW Country Rugby League and the Sydney Jim Beam Cup side. Well done Daniel and Adam.

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

Performance	✓		
Challenging	✓	Ed.	
Realistic	✓		
Specific	✓		
Short term	✓	Qld Outback v NSW Outback - Winton	July 26
Long term	✓	Nominations for the 'Barry Gomersal' award close	July 31
Individual	✓	Olympic Games commence - Beijing	August 8
Achievable	✓	Australian Primary Schools National Championships -	August 10 - 16

QRL- Referee Association
Registrations as at June 28,
2008.

Association	2007	2008	Association	2007	2008
Brisbane	404	388	Mackay	51	34
Bundaberg	32	26	Northern Districts	9	10
Cairns	61	67	Rockhampton	24	23
Central Highlands	74	70	Roma	52	51
Fraser Coast	19	23	South Burnett	20	21
Gladstone	26	23	Sunshine Coast	93	132
Gold Coast	92	90	Toowoomba	112	89
Ipswich	72	59	Townsville	63	75



Body Piercing and Head Beads

The QRL Board of Directors, at its meeting on 19 May 2008, clarified the League's position on the wearing of body piercings and head beads which is becoming more prevalent among players. These matters were brought to the attention of the QRL Board through the Education and Development Advisory Committee in response to concerns regarding player safety.

The Board decided that in the interest of player safety, all visible body jewellery must be removed and non-visible body jewellery must be taped. The Board further decided that players with beads in their hair must wear headgear which covers them.



WIZ'S WISDOM

Rugby League at the end of the day is a fairly simple game. Both teams get six *opportunities* to promote the ball towards their opponents' in goal in an attempt to score more points than their opponent. The team with more opportunities with the ball usually wins the game.

Therefore as referees we should never try to over complicate the game, just referee what is in front of us.

In the Queensland Cup and Toyota National Youth Competition there is *opportunity* to referee games which are broadcast live on TV. These games are great to display the ability that you have. When you first get appointed to a TV it is easy to get caught up in the emotion and perhaps some stress of asking the 'what if' questions as the game approaches as you think about all the cameras watching your every move and commentators discussing every decision. However you should just approach it as another game. It is therefore important not to vary what you have been doing both in your preparation and the match itself.

You would have got the *opportunity* from your past performances so just referee as though it is another game. Because at the end of the day there is still 26 players on the field, the field is the same size and the laws are exactly the same. Don't concern yourself with things you cannot control this will only distract you from your game.

The things that you can control include:

- ⇒ Knowledge of the game (laws)
- ⇒ Fitness
- ⇒ Ability to read the game (application of laws to the game)
- ⇒ Movement around the field
- ⇒ Communication

Get these right and you will start getting *opportunities*. The *opportunities* may not start right away however if you keep knocking at the door someone will eventually answer it.

Enjoy your footy.

wiz

Coaches Corner



On tackle 3 it is noticed that the ball has burst.

1. Scrum, LHF to the team last in possession.
2. Scrum, LHF to the attacking team.

Reference - page, 8.

Red is awarded a penalty and elects to kick for goal. A Red player returning from temporary suspension indicates he will take the kick.

1. Disallow the player to take the kick.
2. Allow the player to take the kick.

Reference - page, 9.

On tackle 4 Red places the ball against the base of the goal post in the field of play.

1. Award the try.
2. No try, play-the-ball, tackle 4.

Reference - page,12.

Red is awarded a penalty 10 metres out from the Blue goal line in front of the Blue goal posts. Red decides to take the ball back 15 metres to take the kick at goal.

1. Allow the kick to be taken at the 15 metre point.
2. Make the player take the kick on the 10 metre line.

Reference - page,14.

Red is awarded a penalty and the half time siren sounds. The kick enters touch on the full.

1. Half time
2. Allow the free kick to be taken.

Reference - page,16.

2008 QRL Outback Carnival

Cloncurry (June 7 - 8)

The 2008 QRL Outback Carnival was held in the serene surrounds of the far west township of Cloncurry over the Queen's Birthday long weekend on 7/8 June. Never has the small community seen the likes of the refereeing talent that was about to arrive on their door step.

The seven officials that took part in this carnival, David Isaacs (QRL), Bill Lansbury (Mackay), Kevin Powers (Cloncurry), Hewatt (Boomer) Kennedy (Roma), Lindsay Luck (Mt Isa), Damian Breen (Cloncurry) and Greg Watt (Cairns).

The trip started with the officials and teams arriving into the town on Friday afternoon and the match officials were accommodated in the very nice venue of the Gidgee Inn.

Saturday morning saw the arrival to the motel of Boomer, Bill and Kev and the rest of the morning was at our leisure as the first game didn't kick off until 4.30pm that afternoon.

A great lunch was had and we were now prepared for the rigours of the evening ahead. Four games were played through the afternoon/night and all officials had good games. That night was pretty quite as we all knew what was coming on Sunday.

Sunday morning and we are all mentally preparing for the gruelling slog that we had ahead of us today. Eight games were on the schedule for the day and only the good planning of our leader for the weekend David Isaacs and the help from some club officials saw the day go ahead without any issues.

Big efforts over the weekend were put in with all of the match officials having to either run lines or blow the whistle on average of five games. Teams and club officials all went home happy and at the end of the last game no one was more pleased than the match officials to hear the full time siren.

The A Grade Carnival winners were Central Queensland, while Mid West took home the Under 19 trophy.

The Leichhardt Hotel was the venue of choice to re-load all of the carbs that had been burnt throughout the Carnival and at the wee hours of the Monday morning an end was called to the 2008 Outback Carnival.

Greg Watt

IMPORTANT NEWS FORM THE QRL REFEREES' BOARD

At the QRL Referees' Board meeting held in Townsville on 21 June, the Board clarified its position on the following:-

- Match Officials' Jerseys
- 2009 Referees' Professional Development Conferences.

The Board decided to remain with the **current Green and Black Stripe jersey** as the only option for all QRL Referees' Associations in Season 2009.

The Board confirmed the broad format and reimbursement fees for members to attend the 2009 Referee Conferences.

Reimbursement

- (1) one day conferences (up to \$30)
- (2) two day live in conferences (\$70)

Dates & Venues

- Northern (2) day – 24/25 January – JCU Townsville
- Central (2) day – 31 January/1 February – Tannum Sands, Gladstone
- South West (2) day – 7/8 February – Southern Qld University - Toowoomba
- Wide Bay (1) day – Dates & Venues to be confirmed
- SEQ (1) day – Saturday 28 February - Broncos Leagues Club

The Board also agreed to reimburse Executive Members of Referees Associations \$70 to attend the (2) day 2009 QRL Administration Conferences to be held in SEQ & Northern.

QRL Referees' Academy:- As most would be aware the Academy squad meet each Monday night for a review of games and to discuss issues from the previous weekend's round of matches. Outcomes are recorded from these review nights and distributed to match officials who officiate in the QRL elite competitions.



As I read, the problems experienced in the elite competitions are no different to what are experienced at grassroots level.

The following are the notes from the Referees' Academy Review session held at Crushers Leagues Club on Monday 23 June 2008. (after completion of round 14)

- Vocab has improved, but there is a need to keep working hard to continue to refine and further develop this area.
- Once 'time out' is called at a scrum, referees must show urgency to get the scrum packed. We must not allow teams to rush up to get 'time out' and then break up and waste time/delay before packing scrum again.
- Refer to KI's for double movement
- Refer to KI's for 'offside' pass
- If referees rule 'time off', they must rule 'time back on'
- All match officials must be at the ground at least 1 HOUR BEFORE kick off for QWC & FOGS games and 1½ HOURS BEFORE kick off for NYC games
- Interchange players must hand the interchange card to the interchange official before entering the field of play. Any player who throws an interchange card at (or to) the interchange official will be called back and if he doesn't come back the referee is to be notified immediately. Match officials are to write any of these cases on the Match Report and let Eddie know.

LOOPERS: Defenders not retiring the 10 meters and simply linking in as the defensive line moves forward.
