

QRL - Referees' Coaching & Development Updates

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**Goal Setting
Benefits**

Improves preparation	✓	David this month is off to Thursday Island to conduct a Level 1 Course. The course will commence on Saturday 16/8/2008 and conclude on Sunday 17/8/2008. The hierarchy of the Thursday Island RL identified that referees were required for the competition on the Island and contacted QRL Coaching and Development Officer Peter Naducci who in turn put them in contact with Dave. At present 13 people will attend the course.	
Training is challenging	✓		
Increases motivation	✓		
Increases pride	✓		
Increases satisfaction	✓	Queensland Wizard Cup semi finals commence	August 23
Increases self confidence	✓	Olympics - closing ceremony	August 24
Improves performance	✓	NRL Semi Finals commence	September 12
Provides direction	✓	Queensland Wizard Cup Grand Final - Venue TBA	September 13

From the RDOs' Desk

This last month has seen Richard and I travel to the extremities of our areas and in August, David will travel to the most northern part of his area, Thursday Island.



Richards's travels in July took him to the Central West region of the QRL Central Division running Modified Games and Level 1 Referee Courses. Richard started the week with a course in Blackall then on to Longreach and up to Winton. The course in Winton concluded with a day of junior rugby league which gave Richard the opportunity to complete some on field assessments of course participants. The day of junior league was followed by the Qld Outback u/19 v Comets Development Squad and Qld Outback v NSW Outback games on Saturday 26/7/2008. In total 25 people attended the Courses.

Congratulations to the following match officials who were appointed to control the Outback games in Winton:

Qld Outback u/19 v Comets Development Squad

Referee: Aaron Geddes Touch Judges: Peter Mutton & Tony McDowall

Qld Outback v NSW Outback

Referee: Joe Hauff Touch Judges: Peter Mutton & Tony McDowall

On the 25th & 26th July Quilpie was my chosen venue for a Modified Games Referee Course. In all 5 people from the Quilpie JRL Club and 2 from the Charleville JRL Club attended. The course concluded with a round robin day with teams traveling to Quilpie from Cunnamulla, Charleville and Tambo/Augathalla. At these games I was able to complete on field assessment of all match officials who attended the course. On Sunday 27 July I drove back to Mitchell and completed some feed back for match officials from the Roma and District RLRA.

Ed.

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

QRL Referee Association
Registrations as at August
12, 2008.

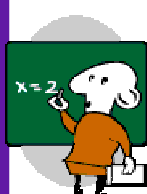
Association	2007	2008	Association	2007	2008
Brisbane	404	399	Mackay	51	34
Bundaberg	32	26	Northern Districts	9	10
Cairns	61	91	Rockhampton	24	23
Central Highlands	74	76	Roma	52	63
Fraser Coast	19	29	South Burnett	20	21
Gladstone	26	31	Sunshine Coast	93	162
Gold Coast	92	92	Toowoomba	112	111
Ipswich	72	72	Townsville	63	75



Courses:- Coaching of Match Officials.

Following are the links on the QRL website where forms can be downloaded for suitably qualified people to attend a CMO Course. Nominees must be a Level 2 Referee and have the endorsement of their association. So courses can be planned for 2009 please download relevant nomination form and forward to John Topp, PO Box 434, Stones Corner 4134 prior to the 10/9/2008.

Level 1 Course Nomination: http://www.qrl.com.au/pdf/letter_of_intent_1.pdf
 Level 2 Course Nomination: http://www.qrl.com.au/pdf/letter_of_intent_2.pdf



WIZ'S WISDOM

We are entering the business end of the season and this means making sure we are getting in the best position to make decisions to ensure that the decisions made are correct. The Queensland Cup has up to 8 teams that can still make the finals and therefore there are some very important games to be played.

After getting a rest (lighter training sessions) for a few weeks we are back into some heavy training. This involves the famous 1.2km shuttle runs x 2 or the back breaking 12 days of Christmas. While doing the training is very difficult it is a great feeling to get through these sessions knowing you have given your all. By training hard it will help you get through your game better and help you make better quality decisions. On Tuesday 22/7/2008 we had the famous fitness test. Whilst over the past few years these sessions have changed in their format it is always good to test your limits to see the improvements as the season progresses.

From a personal point of view I have never been fitter and with solid results posted on 22/7/2008 I am looking forward to a very strong finish this year. It is also good to know that the training we are doing with the squad in Queensland is quality. I had the experience of going to Sydney to referee and train with the NRL first grade referees' squad. It was a great feeling to come home knowing that I could compete with the first grade referees. This has given me a lot of confidence and increased my determination to make it to first grade.

Good Luck with your games leading up to finals and leave no stone unturned.
 Enjoy your footy.

WIZ

Inspect Equipment

4. (d) Referees should inspect players' equipment before the start of the game or delegate this duty to the Touch Judges. This does not relieve the player of the responsibility of ensuring that nothing of an offending nature is worn, e.g. rings, rigid shoulder pads, projecting eyelets or nails on football boots or dangerous studs. Page 10, Notes - International Laws of the Game.

http://www.arlra.org.au/pdf-files/International_Laws_2008.pdf

Habits of mind to enhance learning:



CREATIVE THINKING

- ⇒ Persevere - try again
- ⇒ Set standards - evaluate
- ⇒ Push limits of knowledge & abilities - explore
- ⇒ Find new ways of viewing things - innovate

CRITICAL THINKING

- ⇒ Seek accuracy - check it
- ⇒ Be clear & seek clarity - clear it up
- ⇒ Become open minded - options
- ⇒ Restrain impulsivity - patience
- ⇒ Take a stand when you need to - belief
- ⇒ Be sensitive to others

SELF REGULATED THINKING

- ⇒ Monitor thinking - think aloud
- ⇒ Identify & use resources - seek assistance
- ⇒ Respond to feedback - accept advice
- ⇒ Plan appropriately - organize
- ⇒ Evaluate your actions - rethink

CULTURE:

There have been many hours consumed by all, discussing and improving the Culture within Referee Associations. The CULTURE of a Referees' Association impacts on the recruitment and retention of active and non active match officials.

In the Oxford dictionary culture means:-

Improvement by (mental or physical) training; intellectual development; particular for, stage, or type of intellectual development or civilization.

Is **PRIDE** part of the culture of the Association of which you are a member?

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Scrum

If a scrum has been set and fed before time expires play shall continue until a player in possession is tackled or the ball goes out of play.

Page 16, Notes International Laws of the Game

http://www.arlra.org.au/pdf-files/International_Laws_2008.pdf



Under 13 & Under 14 State Carnival - Cairns 7th to 11th July
By Greg Mills - CMO Victorian Rugby League Referees'

The amount of talent within your junior playing ranks was enough to for me to enjoy my rugby league, but what really impressed me was the skill and quality of the officials that were invited to officiate at the carnival.

As a coach in Victoria, I was amazed and thankful for the experience that was offered to me. I learnt quite a bit from my participation, and one thing that disappointed me was how much the facilities and educational tools are taken for granted. We struggle for this type of information, technology and assistance in Victoria.

The most important thing I learnt was, commitment and how important it is.

I thought I was committed to our game and Match Officials here in Victoria, but after working with Paul Oliver, Damien Breen and David Isaacs, I realize that I still have a lot to learn. The hours of support, training, education and coaching these guys do is absolutely unbelievable and their professionalism is something for all to learn. From the team walk at 7am to the matches officiated, then to the debriefs that finished late in the night, these gents were switched on to all the needs of the Match Officials and each other for the week. The different styles of coaching was very good to observe. Especially when they had to find positives in a Match Official's game when there was very few. I learnt a great deal from these incidences, and with luck can include them in my coaching style.

As for the match officials, they bonded as a group which included a Victorian referee (Matt Hicks) and like most teenagers had their fun, but when it came to game day most put their heart and soul into the task at hand.

The group of referees at the carnival are a very talented group of young men. Most took on what was stated to them, and the result showed on the field. My recommendation to those guys would be to listen and learn.

You have all the facilities, opportunities and coaching staff available to you, so use these tools to help you develop.

Again thanks for the opportunity.
Greg Mills

Under 13 & Under 14 State Carnival - Cairns 7 to 11 July
From Matt Hicks - Visiting Victorian Rugby League Referee

I was excited when I received an email from John Topp inviting me to go to Cairns for their U/13 & U/14 State Competition. When I got to Cairns it was a great experience and more full on, compared to the U/12 National Primary Schools competition, with team walks morning and afternoon and also pool sessions conducted by Breeny.

The competition/carnival was great for me personally to gain more experience because down in Victoria we don't get these opportunities as such. I'm glad that the Queensland referees were so accepting of me and being in Cairns to participate in refereeing with them.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Matt Hicks
Victorian Referees' Association.

CORNER POST: Touch Judges should at all times ensure that corner posts are correctly positioned.
Page 3, Note 2, International Laws of the Game.

http://www.arlra.org.au/pdf-files/International_Laws_2008.pdf

The following are the notes from the Referees' Academy Review session held at Crushers Leagues Club on Monday 4 August 2008.

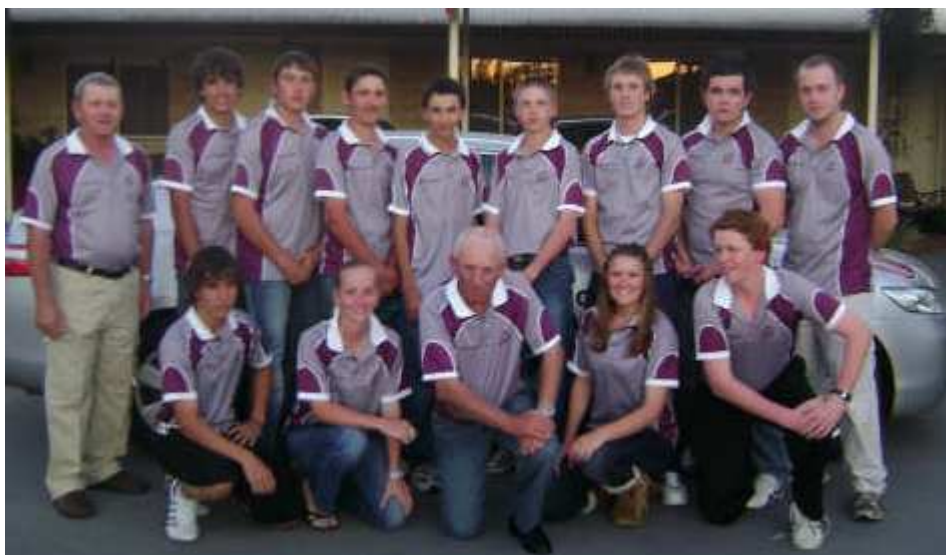


- ◆ Match Officials must listen, give respect and take the feedback provided by all referee coaches (CMO's). This includes when Academy members are officiating in Local Association games.
- ◆ Refer to ARL Law of the Game Section 14 Offside page 36 - 2 'Out of play' & Notes 3 - 'Out of play' as opposed to 'offside', 'Downtown'
- ◆ If an out of play player is obstructed, then it will be a penalty - refer ARL Laws of the Game Section 15 Player's Misconduct page 40 Notes 1(j) 'Obstructing' - offside player
- after knock on

Charge down:

- ◆ If a ball is charged down, any player from the kicking team who is in front of the kicker and is within a 10 metre radius of where it is charged down is offside and should not get involved in play.
- ◆ Referees must review the law in relation to advantage - tactical or territorial, whether in the referees opinion a player has run a distance and gained an advantage. Refer ARL Laws of the Game Section 16 page 43 Notes 8 'apply advantage'.
- ◆ When a defender is attempting to affect a tackle, if their hand/arm makes contact with the ball and the ball comes loose then the tackler is deemed to have played at the ball.

Chinchilla - Under 12 Queensland State Primary Schools Championships.



Pictured are the match officials who officiated at the u/12 Queensland State Primary Schools Championships held in Chinchilla from 26/6/2008 to 2/7/2008.

Nick Heraclides from Mackay refereed the final. Nick and fellow attendee Brandon Burgess (Sunshine Coast) will officiate at the National Under 12 Primary Schools Championships in Darwin from the 10/8 to 16/8/2008.

Standing L - R

Paul Beasant, Brandon Burgess, Mick Madden, Anthony Turbill,
Mark Staib, Rhyss Harwood, Jarrod Cole, Taylor Worth, Brett Loader.

Front L - R

Nick Heraclides, Belinda Sleeman, Richard Johnston, Rachel Fuller,
Riley Coulsen.



CONFRATERNITY CARNIVAL 2008

REFEREES



Back Row(L to R): Adam Bartolsic, Terry Pascoe, Dave Newman, Michael Heit, Ron Rogers.

Third Row(L to R): Gayanendra Prasad, Dean Saunders, Greg Watt, Chris Donaghy, Peter Jones, Josh Kelly, Scott Irvine.

Second Row(L to R): Alex Sideris, Ian Irwin, Peter McPhee, Bob Morton, Gordan Wass, Davis Isaacs.

Front Row(L to R): John Newman, Cameron Sleep, Liam Wilkins, Iose Falisema.