



Sunshine Coast / Gympie Rugby League Referees Association

Executive Consolidates in Testing Times

Business Commitments take their toll

Members will be well aware that Vic Collins has withdrawn as Secretary following the increase in his workload due to the advancement in his career path. We should all congratulate him on this progression and wish him well.

Gratefully, Bruce Schmidt has volunteered his services to the Association as Acting Secretary and his wealth of experience and professional demeanor will ensure the business at hand will be conducted with the utmost propriety and decorum.

The Management Committee need your support to go forward. Rest assured they have your best interests in hand so it is time to try to focus on what is important—Refereeing Rugby League.



The Constitution

Your rights and privileges as a member of society are largely governed by rules or laws set down in the Australian Constitution. The Association has a similar set of rules which are used to ensure members are given guidelines for their conduct.

It is important that each member knows and understands the rules that govern the Association. Just as ignorance is no excuse when you are given a speeding ticket, it is no defence when breaking the Association's rules. If there is something you do not understand then the onus is upon you to seek out members who are able to help you answer all your questions.

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Life Membership

Life Membership should be seen as privilege not a right for members and as such should be treated with paramount honor and distinction. Any Life Member who denigrates this prestigious position should be treated with the utmost contempt and questions regarding the retraction of this honor should be asked of the general membership. The list of Life Members is as vast as their individual support for the Association. Please make an effort to interact with these learned gentlemen and ensure they continue to hold an interest in the workings of this exceptional Association.

From the Coaches Desk



The selectors are swapping and changing referees from all grades in an effort to evaluate their abilities to adapt and change. This year many young referees are being given the opportunity to officiate in higher grades and are performing admirably.

As referees we all need to concentrate on CONSISTENCY in making decisions with respect to all facets of play. That is to maintain a particular standard or repeat a particular task with minimal variation for a given period of time. Setting and holding the ten metres is the most important aspect of refereeing and failure to do so leads to the game being closed down and produces frustration in players and spectators alike.

Remember the decision you make in the first minute should be made consistently throughout the entire game. There is no uniformity in penalising the marker in the last minutes of the game if you have not taken control of them earlier.

Remember the players should determine the outcome of the match not the referee. Please revisit your DVD and become aware of tackle identification. There are still many of you who call dominant tackles incorrectly. Keep working hard and enjoy what you do.



Know Your Law?



Your Interpretations

- Q1. Provide an example of accidental offside.
- Q2. Explain the term 'charging down' the ball.
- Q3. How does a differential penalty differ from a penalty kick?
- Q4. What is a free kick?
- Q5. How is play restarted if after the 5th play the ball the ball is kicked, rebounds off an opposition player on the full and enters touch on the full?
- Q6. Give two instances where a zero tackle count occurs.
- Q7. How is play restarted if a drop goal attempt is touched by the opposition and the ball goes over the opponent's cross bar and goes dead?
- Q8. At a mutual infringement who has loose head and put in at the scrum?
- Q9. Can play be restarted by a drop out from a 20 metre optional kick?
- Q10. What is the difference between the 'field-of-play' and the 'playing field'?



Thought for the Day

“The biggest mistake you can make in life is to be continually afraid of making one.”

Glen Stewart's Outstanding Performance

Yet another young referee from the Sunshine Coast makes an impression on QRL selectors at the under 12's Schoolboys competition held in Cairns from 25th June to the 1st July 2009.

Glen Stewart was rewarded for his consistent efforts by refereeing the State Under 12's Schoolboys final and looks certain to be among the selections for the National Schoolboys competition.

We congratulate Glen and trust he continues with his refereeing well into the future.

Association News

Muswellbrook 7s gone but Jarrod Casey not forgotten.

Although the road trips down to Muswellbrook have waned due to a lack of competition the memory of Jarrod Casey and the tireless work he put in at the Bribie Island Juniors with their referees lives on. The Jarrod Casey Memorial Shield has become a major part of the Bribie Island Football Club since Jarrod's passing and the club supports his memory by declaring a home game in his honour each year and the winner of the A Grade is presented with the Shield.

At this game day all the referees donate their match fees to the National Heart Foundation in memory of Jarrod and the Bribie Island Football Club donates proceeds from raffles run throughout the day to the same cause.

The Association recognises Jarrod by awarding a trophy each year called the Jarrod Casey Memorial Trophy to a young referee in their first year of refereeing and is most likely to succeed. Past recipients have progressed though the ranks and some are refereeing in the senior ranks today.

Weekly Training

Lets not forget that training is necessary and we all need to attend as much as possible. Peter goes to a lot of trouble to prepare the sessions and we should acknowledge his hard work by turning up. We realize that the State Of Origin being played on a Wednesday night has been disruptive but never the less we all need to make an effort. To those who turn up week in and week out—well done!!

Interchange Program 2009

As reported last month, Brandon Burgess and Paul Beasant will travel down to Sydney to represent the Association during the weekend of the 4th and 5th July 2009.

We wish them both well and hope they enjoy the experience. The Canterbury Referees with send a referee and a coach up to the Sunshine Coast over the weekend of the 17th and 18th July 2009.

Members are reminded to afford them the same hospitality and goodwill as shown in past years.



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Junior Selector

It is becoming increasingly harder to fill referees for the Friday night and some Schoolboy fixtures.

Please, if you are available to referee mid-week in the afternoon or of a Friday night to assist Jeff, contact him as soon as possible.

Also any senior referee having a little time to spare on Saturday morning, it would be appreciated if you attend your local Junior League club and offer assistance to the young club referees.

Sometimes we all need a little Encouragement.

Congratulations

Tyson Brough recently refereed his first A Grade game at Noosa and performed admirably.

Well done Tyson, we hope to see you in the senior grade for some time to come.

To All Members

Thanks for your support and your dedication.



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Accreditation

Rex Sharp is on hand to update and upgrade your qualifications. Level 1's you should be looking to advance to Level 2. Level 2's you should be asking to be given Level 3 accreditation.

Acknowledgement

The Sunshine Coast / Gympie Rugby League Referees Association gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the Community Benefits Fund by assisting us with referee development, recruitment and retention by way of offering much needed financial support through the grant process.



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