



Hampshire Rugby Union Referees Society 2009 AGM

Training Officers Report – Keith Lewis

This has been my first season as Training officer for Hampshire and from the attendances and the feedback I have had both personally and through the Committee, the season's meetings have been successful.

To recap:

Month	Issues covered	Attendance
September	ELVs – the reality and practice of refereeing the new laws	53
October	Tackle & Ruck	50
November	Fitness – With quest speaker Becky Owen	50
December	Christmas Quiz	45
January	Communication, Match Management and Managing Difficult players	39
February	"ELVs – half a season in" - with guest speakers Gavin Williams and Gary Banks	32
March	TJing	45
April	7s, Commitment	40
May	AGM	

This year has also been another record year for Hampshire's training guru, Dave Hayward. Dave recruits to, and runs, the Entry Level Referee Award for beginner referees. Once again, Dave has put through more referees through ELRA than all the other Southern Federation societies put together. Many congratulations to Dave for this achievement and many thanks from us all for his contribution to referee development in the county.

2009-10 will see another challenging year for us referees. This season's ELVs have mainly been introduced as Law for next season, with the exception of the maul once again having to stay up and parity in lineout numbers being reintroduced. Another mental shift for us around these key areas to consider as we prepare for a new season.

In the training world, the RFU have introduced a new referee training structure for those who do not currently fall within our Society's reaches. Mike Priestley has volunteered to take the role of Club Referee Development Officer. Mike will be liaising with all Hampshire clubs to ensure we have knowledge of who is refereeing their non-Society matches at all age grades and to introduce new training tools for those volunteers. This is an exciting new venture and I wish Mike well in his new post.

For 2009-10 season, I plan to carry on with our training meetings and covering all the topic areas we need to keep ourselves reminded of. In particular at the start of the season we need to cover the scrum, and the maul as two priority areas. I have already extended an invitation to Wayne Barnes to join us and he will hopefully be able to speak at our October session (once he's finished in South Africa and mending some bridges in New Zealand).

If you have particular topics you want to discuss, please do let me know. Similarly, to save the monotony of me presenting with the contents of my horror DVD collection, if you have experiences and particular topics you would like to present yourself, please drop me a line.

Thanks for your attendance at the meetings and for your help and support during the year.

Summer well,

Keith