



# ACT Rugby Referees Association

## August 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the ACTRRA Newsletter for August 2023.

Canberra Suburban grand Final between Easts v RMC. Easts ran out the winners and congratulation to Nic Williams (referee) Ethan Gumbrell (AR1) and Geoff Palmer (AR2) on their appointment to this fixture.

Over the next few weekends, we see semi-finals, preliminary finals and grand finals in the following competitions.

- Sth Coast Monaro
- Women's 10s
- Women's 15s
- John IDent 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Colts
- 1st Division 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Juniors

**Save the date** Presentation afternoon 10 September 2023 at the RUC (11:00-12:00noon – barefoot bowls, 12 noon – 3:00 Lunch and Presentation ceremony) Invitations to these events with RSVP details will be sent out shortly.

### What's happening in your Association?

- Congratulation to Anne Dickeson, Amy Kilmister and Ethan Gumbrell who have been selected to act as Match Officials at the Australian Rugby Shield. This is a XV-a-side tournament for Senior Men and Women participating in States and areas of Australia to be held in Brisbane from 27 September – 2 October 2023.
- The following members have also received National Refereeing appointments; Steven Koh & Jacques Smith (U19s) Riley Byrne (U16s) congratulations.
- Coaches meeting 14 August 2023
- The Association's Business Plan was presented at the recent Executive Meeting with many of its goals either been achieved, or processes put in place to achieve then into the future. If you have any thoughts about where you feel the Association should be headed, please contact a member of the Executive, and discuss it. The current Business Plan will be made available for your perusal on the Association's website soon.
- Training: Continues at the Brumbies HQ though to Finals and it will recommence next February 2024.

### Level 1 & 11 Referee Coaching Course

This was conducted by representatives from Rugby Australia (Rohan Hoffman), Drew Crozier and Anne Dickeson (ACTRRA) at the Brumbies Offices 28 and 29 July 2023. It was attended by coaches from our Association and future coaches.

The course comprised:

- Lectures reflecting current International and Rugby Australia information.
- Interactive activities
- Attendees watched the referee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade fixture at ANU North Oval
- This referee attended a debriefing session where they put into practise the skills they had acquired throughout the course.
- Prior commitments limited out of region aspirants to attend.
- One of the memorable comments made by an attendee was "I am not used to asking questions when I do not know the answer or how the person may respond."

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The course successfully graduated a number of new coaches, developed our existing coaches skills and provided a good platform for the delivery of local refereeing related courses into the future. Many thanks to all involved.

## Carnivals

- Australian U/18 Australia v New Zealand 27 September 2023 Viking Park ACT
- Australian U/18 Australia v New Zealand 2 October 2023 Viking Park ACT
- Australian Rugby Shield 27September- 2 October 2023 Ballymore QLD
- U/18 Academy games 19 Sept 2023
- U16s and U19s 30<sup>th</sup> September 7<sup>th</sup>,8<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup>,21<sup>st</sup> October 2023
- Canberra Owls Sevens Carnival 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Brumbies Gala Day 16 Aug High School & College 7s final Girls

## Kit

The women's jerseys, ACTRRA Association caps and NAIDOC jerseys have arrived. If you are a Level 1 or above and have not yet received these items, please contact Ivan Gavazov ([actrra.asstsec@gmail.com](mailto:actrra.asstsec@gmail.com)) to arrange collection. The NAIDOC jersey may be worn as our alternate strip for the duration of our current uniform.

## Member profile: Isabella Jarrett (Bella)

Isabella attends Year 10 at Daramalan College. She started playing rugby last year in Daramalan's Under 14 Girls team in the front row. However, while she felt being tackled and packing into scrums was not for her, she still believed rugby union to be an incredible game and decided to give refereeing a go. To date she has refereed the Under 10s-12 age groups. Throughout the season Isabella has received tremendous support from her mum, dad and relatives who act as taxi drivers, touch judges, coaches, advisors, spectators, and timekeepers. In her own words this support has encouraged her to continue to give her the confidence to follow her aspirations to move up through the various panels and maybe one day to referee at an international level or referee the rugby 7's at the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. Bella is also the first member of her family to become a referee.

## From the Chairman Coaching and Grading

- All referees are encouraged to continue entering their match day experiences into Reflive.
- Ensure you have read
  - the GMGs (see the link below) on head contact and other foul play - we need to be more consistent in applying these. <https://d26phqdbpt0w91.cloudfront.net/NonVideo/549944b1-fbdf-4188-bcaf-ef571ff8c712.pdf>
  - Rules of Competition
- Thank you to all those who attended the Development night with the theme Lead into the Finals on the 1 August. Particular thanks to Dennis Beissner for his presentation and encouragement to referees on how do develop your skills as an Assistant Referee.
- Regarding junior games (U19 and below) NO **ADVANTAGE** is to be played in matters of foul play. No injury time is played in the Under 18 fixtures during the regular season.
- Trends: Tap kicks are not being taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Scanning kicks in general play, be aware of wingers running players onside. East West roll away is improving now is not the time to allow any latitude in this area.
- Referees are asked to ensure all fields are appropriately roped off. ie ropes should be erected at least 5 metres from the side lines and dead ball lines.
- Finals time has arrived. Which means all your hard work throughout the season is coming to a climax. As in the past we will be endeavouring to appoint both referees and Assistant referees to all finals. Therefore, please continue to advise us of your unavailability as soon as possible.
- Grading panels go to the following link: [ACTRRA.org.au](http://ACTRRA.org.au)

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## Quiz: What's your decision?

1. The ball is kicked and bounces into touch from the restart by the Red team and it crosses the sideline 8 metres from halfway. Your decision?
2. A player from the Red team In the field of play is tackled by the player from the Blue team who makes contact with the this player's midriff and drives the player backwards. In the tackle the Red team player is propelled with force beyond the horizontal landing on his back and the ball rolls forward out of his hands. The ball is recovered by an onside Red team player who kicks the ball out 20 metres down field. Your decision?
3. The ball is fed into the scrum by the Red team 5 metres from their attacking try line. The ball exits the scrum through the tunnel and their flanker leaves the scrum after the ball has exited from the scrum, picks it up and grounds it over the try line and immediately begins to celebrate. Your decision?
4. The Red team kick the ball into the Blue teams in goal. The Blue team player picks up the ball and runs along the dead ball line and realises he cannot effectively re-enter the field with the ball so he throws it out over his own dead ball line. Your decision?

### Answers to last month's quiz

1. Goal
2. PK to kicking team player offside.
3. FK to Blue Red team as the Red team have set the length of the line and cannot change.
4. Lineout to Red team where the ball crossed the touchline.

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