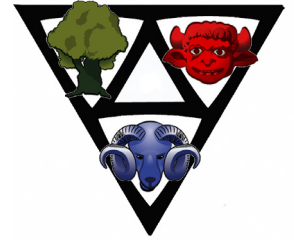


# The Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire RFU Society of Referees



## Referee's pre-match brief to TJs

### MATCH SPECIFIC REMARKS

Impact of the Game

Team of three focus.

TJ Primary Role is Touch and Foul Play.

Team of three aware of protocols and Communication requirements.

At all cost avoid marginal calls.

I **NEED** to know “**If it matters**”

**Signals** – **ONLY** when I'm looking at you.

Always attempt to accompany calls with a number.

Check referees positioning, i.e. is he un-sighted and actions have a clear impact on game.

### TIME

The referee will indicate Time on / off (by raising his arm and blowing his whistle to stop the clock and then repeating the process to re-start the match), TJ 1 will correspond, TJ 2 will keep running watch.

### MATCH SITUATIONS – POSITIONING, COMMUNICATION POTENTIAL ADVICE

**Scrum** TJ observe patterns on Angles, Binding and Engagement

**Line Out** Manage 2 Hookers at front – ball in 5 metre – foul play across line  
Far TJ position himself to assist both teams with regard to 10 metres

**Ruck/Maul** Cover blindside angles on side entry, collapsing, fringers.

**Foul Play** Report all foul play, rehearse protocols, TJ to signal foul play but continue duties.

At stoppage Referee to invite TJ onto pitch to report.

TJ will endeavour to give player, team and brief description

TJ to use Non-Emotive words :-

Unreasonable ? Yellow

Unacceptable ? Red

Referee to repeat information and may ask for recommendation

REPRIMAND            CAUTION            SEND OFF

Referee informs TJ and delivers sanction

### IN GOAL

Decide in advance, your protocol for “Close Touch Down Awards”

TJ's **MUST NOT** overrule (Unless Touch or Touch-in-goal)

Rehearse the protocol with the TJ's

Make eye contact with TJ's **BEFORE** giving decision.

TJ to remain on touchline until try has been awarded and players move away.

Position is outcome led.

Always check referees position.

### **OPEN PLAY OFFSIDE**

Assist referee by correct positioning of penalty award.

Absolutely no marginal calls.

Accompany calls with a number.

### **FORWARD PASS AND KNOCK ON**

Check referees position before call.

Absolutely no marginal calls.

### **STOPPAGES**

Mark restarts accurately.

### **REFEREE TO CLARIFY ALL POINTS**

### **ENJOY THE GAME**