

The Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire RFU Society of Referees



Referee's pre-match brief to ARs

MATCH SPECIFIC REMARKS

Impact of the Game

Team of three focus.

AR 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), AR 1 will correspond, AR 2 will keep running watch.

MATCH SITUATIONS – POSITIONING, COMMUNICATION POTENTIAL ADVICE

Scrum Set 5m Offside line. AR observe patterns on Angles, Binding and Engagement

Line Out Manage 2 Hookers at front – ball in 5 metre – foul play across line
Far AR 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, AR to signal foul play but continue duties.

At stoppage Referee to invite AR onto pitch to report.

AR will endeavour to give player, team and brief description

AR to use Non-Emotive words :-

Unreasonable ? Yellow

Unacceptable ? Red

Referee to repeat information and may ask for recommendation

REPRIMAND CAUTION SEND OFF

Referee informs AR and delivers sanction

IN GOAL

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

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

Rehearse the protocol with the AR's

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

AR 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