



# Manchester & District Rugby Union Referees' Society

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Dear Club Chairman,

## Referee Recruitment

At a recent meeting of the County RFU, during a presentation on the M&DRURS strategy, representatives from the clubs agreed that they would be happy to help the Society to increase the recruitment of referees, whether for the clubs themselves, for the Society or for the Local Referee Associations (North, East and West Lancashire, South Manchester and the Lancashire and Cheshire Colts League Referees' Association).

A number of suggestions were made about how clubs could help. This letter is our follow-up to that very constructive dialogue. The Society would welcome an invitation from your club to undertake any or all of the following:

1. a short presentation to existing players, perhaps immediately after a training evening. This could be a combination of issues to do with rugby law, referee management of the game/players and refereeing opportunities.
2. a contribution to a training session, perhaps focussing on one or two phases/aspects/issues selected by the coach/players, e.g. tackle, ruck, maul, etc.
3. a short presentation to club coaches, officials or others who might be able to contribute to the referee's review of his own game, after the game.

*(N.B. by 'presentation', we mean just that or it could be a short, informal meeting with members of your club who volunteer to attend.)*

You will be aware that the demand for referees, at all levels of the game, exceeds supply. The Society is not trying to meet all that demand itself. Clubs have their own members who help out and the Local Referee Associations are doing a good job in helping to meet the demand. The Society is, of course, interested in recruiting new members but also seeks to help and support other referees wherever and however it can. Our suggestions above are one way of achieving this.

We would also like to encourage your club to support the new basic referee qualification (Entry Level Referee Award [ELRA]) and the Referee Education evenings being run in the North West (see [www.rfu.co.uk](http://www.rfu.co.uk) for further information).

We would greatly appreciate your help in this important endeavour. Please contact either of us to discuss these matters further or to instigate a meeting.

Yours in rugby,

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