

THE WHISTLER TROPHY

GUIDELINES

These guidelines are produced in response to clubs and referees requests for information on how to impress referees or how to gauge the marks awarded for each appointment.

Pre match Administration Pre match administration commences with the first contact by the clubs match secretary, this is to be as early in the week as possible,-certainly no later than the Thursday before the game. In the event of a potential problem with the fixture you **MUST** advise the referee for whatever reason be it weather, lack of opposition or difficulty in raising a side. Keep the referee / Referees Society informed.

Welcome At Club Do you welcome the referee to the club?-Have you considered a Car Park space? Is a senior club member/VP assigned to look after ALL referees. Do you know who the Referee assessors are? Do you have a proper referee changing room and not a store room with a chair and a nail on the wall.

Touch Judges 1st XV touch judges are mandatory. How much effort do you put into finding a touch judge for your junior sides? Do you have a set of touch judge flags for each match?

Pitch Markings Are the lines visible, correctly marked, white in colour. If there has been recent rain, have efforts been made to re instate the lines where they have been washed away. Do the touch/corner flags have flags or are they just posts, do these posts comply with the minimum height requirements?

Spirit of the Game self explanatory DID THE PLAYERS WANT TO PLAY RUGBY

This section is no longer applicable BUT be warned it will be replaced by a new heading to cover **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Post Match Hospitality Do you provide the referee with post match refreshment i.e. cup of tea, choice of drink in HIS changing room. Do you give the referee (s) a complimentary drink(s). Do you ensure the referee gets a player's meal after the game. Did the referee bring his wife/girlfriend are they too made to feel welcome? What steps do you take to entertain the referee after the game and ensure he is not left to his own devices.

SCORE VALUES

0/1	2	3/4	5
Substantially below requirements	Below requirements	Meets Requirements	Excellent