

Hong Kong Society of Rugby Football Union Referees Whistler

Important Dates

1. **HKSRFUR General Meeting: Monday 18 November 2013 at 7 pm at the POC.**
2. **End of Year Christmas Party: Wednesday 18 December at ~ 7 pm at the POC**
3. **Season training: Every Wednesday night at Kings Park from 7:30 pm.**

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President's Push

Warren Needham. President, Hong Kong Society of Rugby Football Union Referees.

Just a quick one from me this week.

I don't like to lead off with a negative but there was an unfortunate incident last Saturday, which members need to be aware of. The coach of the Tai Po Dragons women's team verbally abused and pushed the referee after their game. The referee submitted a detailed account of the incident to me, which I have passed on to Robbie McRobbie asking that the Union form a Code of Conduct committee to hear the incident. Needless to say I impressed upon Robbie that this is a very serious incident, which needs to be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

The referee involved in this incident handled the situation impeccably. If you find yourself in such a situation, please be mindful of keeping calm and making every effort to extract yourself from the situation. Do all you can to keep the situation from escalating. We need to make sure we are above reproach.

As you can see, I have kept names out of this message and I would appreciate if we could refrain from discussing the incident while the CoC is pending. We need to ensure that the coach's actions are the focus and not comments made by members of our society. We shall wait and see what the outcome is.

On a more positive note, it is Magical Movember. It's a wonderful month. A number of our members are taking up the challenge of growing and shaping their facial hair to raise money for men's health issues. It would be great if we could support their sacrifice (?????) and donate to the cause.

Good luck to everyone tooting this weekend. I hope to see everyone at the French extravaganza in Aberdeen to see our very own Tobi Lothian in the centre.

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CAB Report

Les Millard, Coaching Advisory Board (CAB), HKSRFUR.

After a CABEx meeting this week we resolved to strengthen the coaching and support we can give to referees. As part of this we are creating a 'stable' of referees that each CMO will have to help develop their game. This would represent about 4 referees for each coach. This does not necessarily mean that this coach will be the only one to watch your games but will be available for you to discuss your game and give advice. The pathways are becoming clearer for development referees. We have identified, in consultation with the online form you filled out earlier this year, who are development referees and who are community. Your goals have also been noted and will be referred to by your CMO to help with your development. More on this will be coming out over the next few weeks.

If you are on the pitch during the weekend, go enjoy!!

COMMUNITY REFEREE REPORT

Matt Rodden (Mobile - +852 6737 4142)

It's great to be on board (finally!) and thank you to everyone for being so welcoming. If anyone did not receive an email from me on Tuesday please contact me at matthew.rodden@hkrugby.com so that I have your details.

We are now entering the travel allowance into Assingr so when you receive your appointment you will know the amount and can keep a record easily. Please keep your availability updated in advance. If you are only available for a certain time period on any given day, please enter this information in as well. Thank you for entering the result and number of tries into the Game Report for League and non-League fixtures. This is not necessary for Schools fixtures, but if you submit a blank report for these games,

Assignr will stop sending you the Game Report prompts. If you have any questions about any aspect of using Assignr, please contact myself or Patrick.

A good turn out at training this week. It would be great to see more of you there when you can make it. It is not only a good chance to improve our fitness (which is an important part of refereeing), but also a chance to meet with our fellow referees and talk rugby for a couple of hours. Plus the free food and beverages and occasional games of touch as reward for a hard nights work.

Coming up this month, our next Super Sunday is on the 24th. Remember to make yourself available if you can help out here.

We hope to see plenty of you at the big French game this Saturday supporting Tobi and his crew on the sideline. Also, please support Warren, Bernie and anyone else you know participating in Movember. I've seen some top class moustache growing so far!

All the best to those refereeing this week.

Matt

Tournaments

Stan Harman

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I hope you all find the report from Shanghai informative and interesting. Refer "Tournament Report - APAC 2013 Shanghai Puxi" Report

Still waiting on the Borneo report where I believe our nominated referee was given the honour to ref the final.

I have been advised that Cobra Tens will not require our assistance for referees.

Going to Dubai are Patrick and Matt plus still to be made an AR apointment.

Next date for all to think about is the Profession Sevens on Sunday 1st of Dec B1 refs upwards and ten required for the day.

Thanks

Stan Harman

Membership

Peter White

In terms of membership, the start of November deadline for registration and payment has gone. Everyone must now be paid up members in order to receive refereeing appointments or HK7s tickets. If still not registered, do so now!!

Peter

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