

# SWWhistler October 2009

## Law changes for 2009/10 season

Part of November's meeting will be reviewing them so please save your questions for that meeting.

## Next two SW Regional meetings

We will be continuing the CRDA course at our Regional meetings on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of October** with Ian McGraw introducing the Line-Out Module.

The final two modules for this season will be done at our January and March meetings.

The meeting on **Monday 23<sup>th</sup> of November** will be with Uncle Bob reviewing the new law changes for this season as he will require feedback on the positives and negatives that we have had from clubs and from our personal experiences.

The fitness module which will be held during next summer will be discussed with you shortly.

Please can everyone e-mail me the modules they have not attended so we can arrange for you to attend catch up sessions next January and next summer at [eric.hewitt@steria.co.uk](mailto:eric.hewitt@steria.co.uk) so I can collate these.

## Red Cards

If you issue any red card for whatever reason the sending off report **MUST GO TO PHIL DIMES FIRST**. (And only Phil Dimes initially, he will forward it to the correct people once the report is correct, thanks)

## Blue Cards

Please can you make sure that you return all your blue cards for each match you do to Phil Dimes (new supply of cards available at meetings), he is quite willing to collect a bundle from you at each meeting. Please can we have one for each match that you officiate within the SW Region.

It is most important that we get feedback on the clubs/schools, where not only we experience problems but also even if a club are really good because Phil awards points for each card and the best score will have a representative(s) invited to the Society Dinner to receive their award (please see website update below).

That leads nicely on to the **Society Dinner 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at the RAC Club Pall Mall**, which again the South West would like a good attendance, details are in the Society Handbook please see below in [Website Update](#). PS I now have they day off so I will be there (Phil Dimes) so please book on line and let me know if you are attending, thanks

The Burns Supper will be held at Sutton and Epsom RFC on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2010. For details please contact Ian McGraw or see him at the October meeting.

## Re-appointments

If you are unavailable for any of the Saturdays/Sundays below or suddenly become available when at first you said you were unavailable, PLEASE do not contact Phil or Richard but please e-mail the following members of the re-appointments team ( their e-mail addresses/telephone numbers are in the London Society Handbook ) (or update yourself on the website providing it is after the next set of appointments which have been issued)

W/e 31<sup>st</sup> October/1<sup>st</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> November - Keith Bell

W/e 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> November - Steve Wagstaff

W/e 28<sup>th</sup>/ 29<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December - Frank Venner

### National School Sevens 2010

This will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> until 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, you MUST be CRB approved and also been sanctioned by Phil to take part in this event. The application forms will be sent out at the end of November 2009 and MUST be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2010 in order to get your name in the programme. Even if you only want to do a day or even a half day you will be accommodated.

### IRB Aid Kit

Please if you have any unused kit rather than throwing it out could you please let Sarah Stanley have it (01372 270454 call her first to make arrangements about getting the Kit to her) so it can be passed on to good causes.

**CRB-** For all those members who have either not received their CRB certificate or have not applied for one please contact Phil to complete it. Edward Evans , General Secretary of London Society has issued that there will be a time that if you do not have a valid RFU one you will NOT be allowed to referee a London Society appointed match. So please help Phil out to keep his records up to date and save him chasing you. DO the honourable thing.

Please note if you are not CRB cleared and you choose to do a local school or club game you are not covered by London Society insurance. You must make sure you are covered by the school/club but you will not be officially appointed by the Society to do this fixture. Any problems with this please contact Phil before accepting the match.

**Website update** London Society website is up and running and it would be advisable if you could check it regularly for details of all meetings Central and Regional and any news that may need to be announced urgently  
Below is some extra functionality that is now available:-

The new Society Web Site is now live. The address hasn't changed – [www.londonrugby.com](http://www.londonrugby.com) – I hope you will begin to use it as your “home page” from now on! The site is by no means finished – indeed it never will be as it is the intention of all involved to keep updating the data it holds so as to keep the site “fresh”. To achieve that we need everyone to suggest changes and to submit items for inclusion, remember it's **your site** and will only ever be as good as the data it holds. The intention is to have a representative from each Region (SW Region John Durkin) to manage and maintain the Regional Pages whilst Steve Hancock will oversee the site as a whole. Please send in articles and pictures (via Phil Dimes and John Durkin) and we will use them as and where we can. Whilst the site contains many of the items that were on the old site (forms and contact information for example) I'd like to draw your attention to some of the “New Features” that will be with us in the next couple of weeks (now as below). There will be the facility to order tickets to our Annual Dinner and to the forthcoming 6 Nations games online. To do this you will need to register once with ‘Google Click’ as we will utilise this functionality to manage the financial side of the process. By doing so we do not need to hold and of the financial details of debit/credit cards. Online tickets will be available via the Members Services section thus meaning only Society Members will be able to access this facility. Within that section we will also be putting reports that show forthcoming appointments for both weekend and midweek games. Finally we will also be putting the “Blue Club Assessment Cards” online. It is expected that after every game you will log on and input your assessment of the Home Club. This information will help us to work with Clubs and Schools to ensure every referee we appoint is well received and looked after as we would expect them to be.

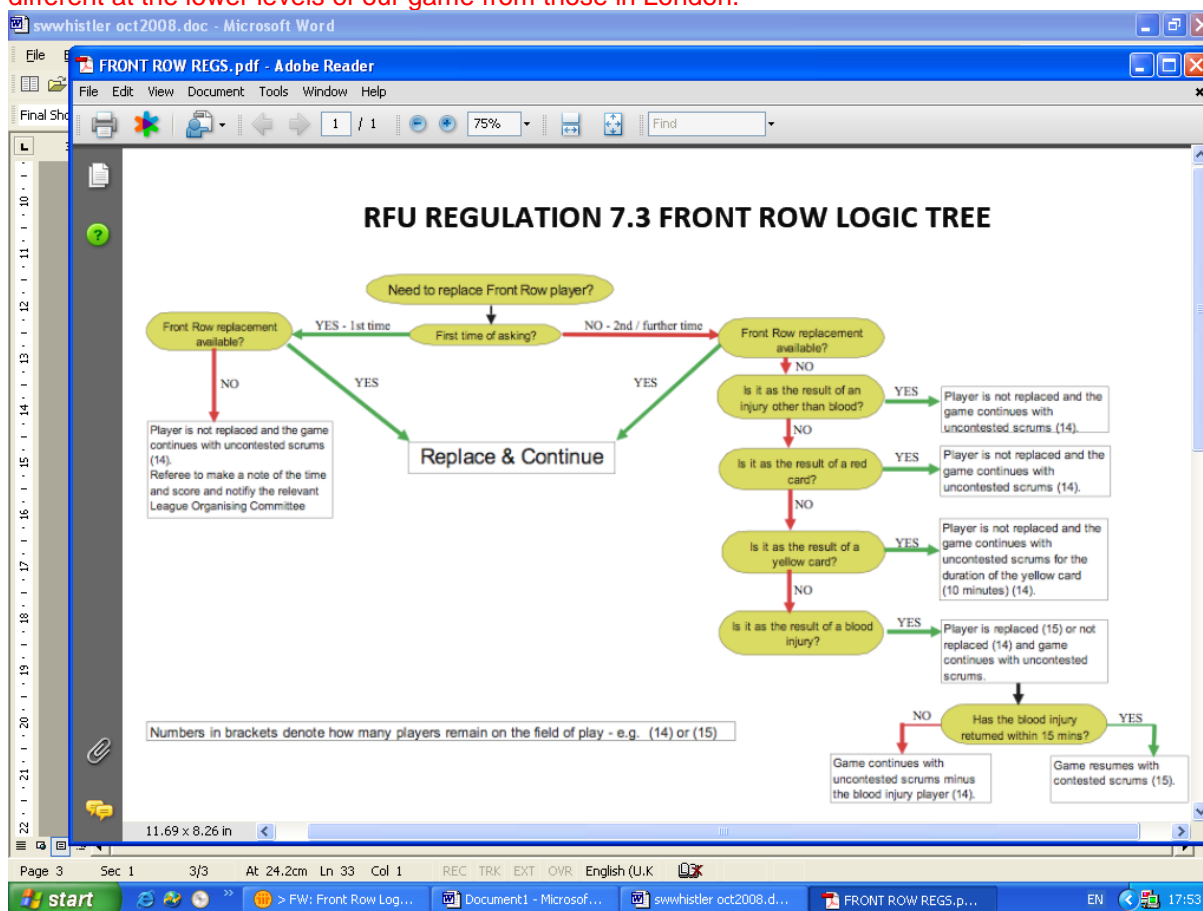
2 The latest addition to our Web Site is a set of reports that list all of the forthcoming weekend's games for each Region (a consolidated report will soon be available). These are available on both the public facing web site – [www.londonrugby.com](http://www.londonrugby.com) and also in the Members Services section which is only available to Society members (accessible from the main web site). For the public site simply click on the main FIXTURES tab and in the “Quick Links” panel on the right hand side of the screen you will see the links to the reports. There is also a Midweek report to be found there and this depicts all the Midweek fixtures for the next two weeks. All reports are updated every 24 hours so should be very accurate. We will be adding the Adviser appointments to these reports in the near future so that provided an adviser (or coach) has been appointed to a game on our EasyRef system then that appointment will be included on the report.

If you are logged in to the Members Services site you will find the same reports (Midweek is not there yet but is coming) if you click on the REGIONAL DOCS tab then select the Region you wish to review. These reports are copies of those detailed above

3 The process for buying a ticket to our Annual Dinner just got easier! You can now purchase online via our web site [www.londonrugby.com](http://www.londonrugby.com) it couldn't be easier. All you need to do is, as part of the process, register with Google Click (if you don't already have an account with them) and then complete the simple application form. From the front page of our web site you will be directed to the "Members Services" site so you will need to have your username and password for that site ready. Apart from that it couldn't be easier. We will soon be putting the 6 Nations ticket application online via a very similar process. Keep checking the home page of our web site for more details.

### Replacements

For those of you who have not received a copy of the "tree map" regarding replacements this season please see below. If you are doing any competitions outside of London please check the local Society regulations as they may be different at the lower levels of our game from those in London.



See you at the meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October at KCS Old Boys Motspur Park KT3 6LX

PS now an update, just got back from my hols (Mediterranean cruise) just checked my e-mails a request from John Murtagh re a junior festival U11 and U12 at Sutton & Epsom Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November please contact him on 07816 965718 or e-mail [john.murtagh@nhs.net](mailto:john.murtagh@nhs.net)

Cheers *Phil Dimes* SW Regional Manager