

SWWhistler December 2009

As many of you may be aware Phil has sadly had a stroke on the 28th of November but the good news is he is improving steadily and will be back in the fold in due course. On behalf of all the SW Region members we wish you a speedy recovery Phil and take it easy.

During Phil's absence can you please relate any issues to Richard Appleby including the return of pink and yellow cards. Except for any disciplinary issues which are to be relayed to Edward Evans, Hon Gen. Sec. of the Society, whose details are in the Society handbook and copied to Richard.

Change to next SW Regional meeting on Monday 21st December

The meeting on Monday 21st of December will be with Uncle Bob reviewing the dvd presentation by Wayne Barnes on Managing the Breakdown. The quiz that was scheduled for this month will be sent out next week as a separate e-mail with a prize for the winner to be presented at the January meeting.

Many of you have not let Bob or myself know about the CRDA modules you have missed so you can catch up on them. Please can I ask that this is done before the January meeting so Bob can arrange dates for catch up sessions for you.

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).

The Burns Supper will be held at Sutton and Epsom RFC on Saturday 23rd of January 2010. For details please contact Ian McGraw.

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)

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Please contact Richard if you are free over the Christmas and New Year period and would like a game to run off the excess Xmas Pudding or the New Years Eve mulled wine.

National School Sevens 2010- This will take place from the 22nd until 26th of March 2010, you MUST be CRB approved and also been sanctioned by Phil to take part in this event. The application forms for referees wanting to take part from Monday to Thursday have already been despatched by e-mail and MUST be returned by 11th 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.

If any one of you have not received an application form and would like to take part even if it is for the first time please e-mail your editor at eric.hewitt@steria.co.uk. Remember you MUST have CRB clearance before you can apply.

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.

Sarah is still looking for additional kit and one of our members Ian Coltman has been visiting abroad and seen some of the state the referees, assistant referees and players are in kit wise, so please help especially at this festive time and also a chance to do an early spring clean of the cupboard of unwanted kit.

CRB- For all those members who have either not received their CRB certificate or have not applied for one please contact Richard and he will arrange for it to be completed. 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.

Red Cards

If you issue any red card for whatever reason the sending off report **MUST GO TO EDWARD EVANS until Phil is back in action copying in Richard Appleby.**

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 (IRB Rulings now added direct to website as this SWWhister was being written) Below is some extra functionality that is now available:-

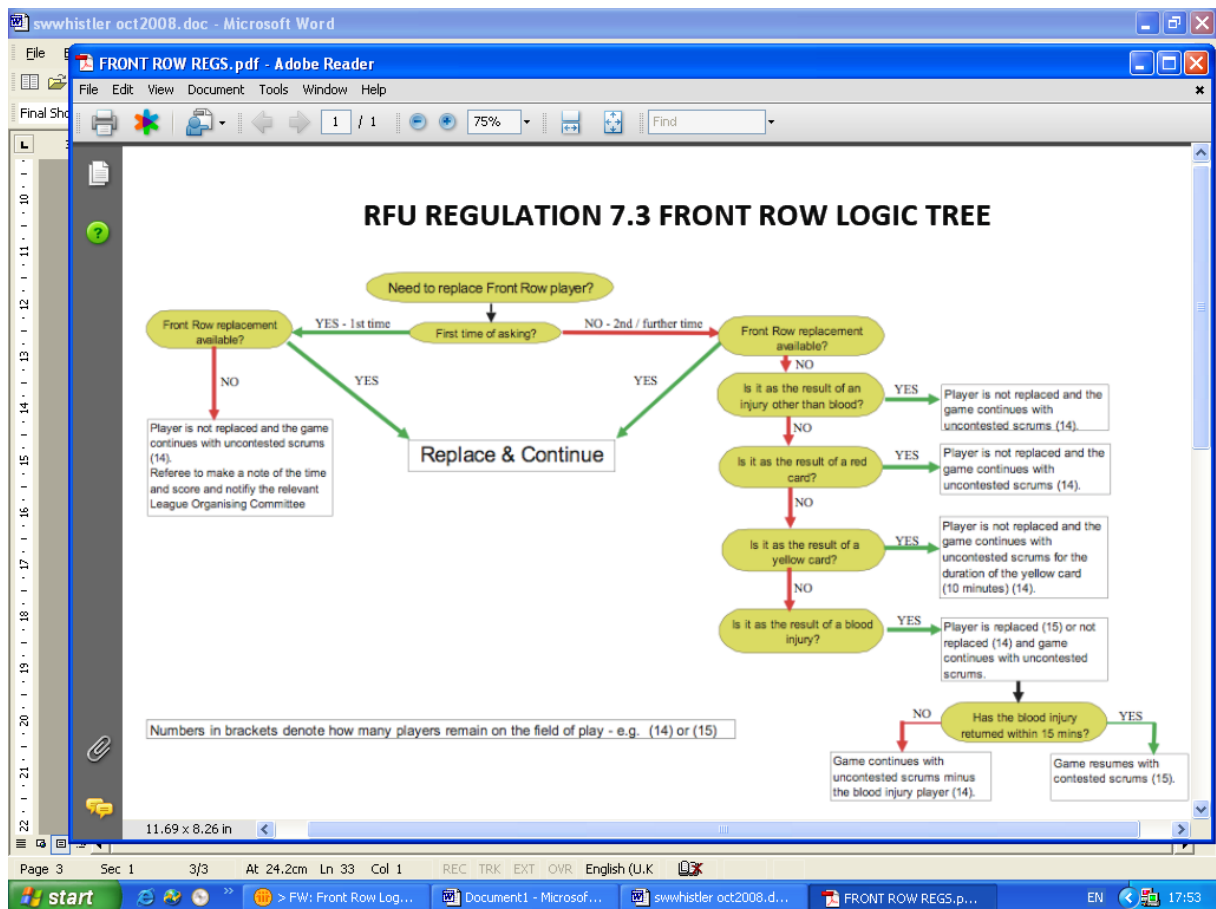
Please note John Durkin, our Regional Website IT manager has put details of the SWWHistlers and some photos of our referees in action on there for your perusal.

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Replacements

There are still some issues with so please make sure you have a printed copy with you in your kit bag so you can advise teams of the requirements and thus have yourself covered.

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.



A lengthy SWWhistler but I hope it has been worth the read many thanks to Eric for putting the majority of this copy together.

On behalf of Phil and all the rest of the SW Regional Committee may we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Cheers

Phil Dimes SW Regional Manager

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