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Sunday 5th September 2021

DBS ID checks – see various people at the back to undertake it



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Welcome and Housekeeping Notices

- Welcome to Twickenham!
- Continued thanks to our sponsors CBOE
- A massive thank you to Gilbert Rugby for today



Agenda

1100 – Welcome and Housekeeping

1110 –Safeguarding and DBS Checks – A practical guide

1130 – Global Law Trials (Craig Maxwell-Keys)

1230 – Lunch

1330 – Dealing with High Tackles and Foul Play in the Community Game (Calum Howard)

1430 – Fun Quiz (Benjie Ainsworth-Taylor)

1500 – Society updates and parish notices

1515 – Q&A

1530 – Departure / End of Conference



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“Safeguarding and DBS Checks – a practical guide”

Peter Coulthard – General Secretary

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Back to basics? What are they?

- Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm (NSPCC, 2021)
- DBS = Disclosure and Barring Service – replaced CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) – a non-departmental public body



Why is it important?

- Fundamental right of children to have the right to protection from harm
- Promotion of the welfare of children
- Aligns to the RFU Core Values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship



How does this impact me as a referee?

- Officiating youth rugby (or involvement with YMOs [Young Match Officials])
- Part of the broad range of people who will interact and help provide and maintain a safe environment



What are DBS checks?

- The DBS was setup in 2012 to help prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children. Done through performing a *physical check* on ID and applying online



Why do Match Officials need one?

- RFU views and guidance on this has changed over the years
- However, the current position is that Match Officials are involved in a Regulated Activity
- Therefore it is now a **mandatory requirement**



How do I get a DBS check?

- The step by step guide is available on the website:

<https://www.londonrugby.com/newsblog/2021/8/20/dbsgms>

- You need to affiliate to the Society on GMS (the RFU Game Management System)
- You need to undertake the e-training on Safeguarding
- You need your ID docs checked



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A whistlestop practical demonstration

- Technology permitting.....



What can or can't I do?

- Before your DBS check is submitted, **you cannot officiate youth rugby or watch YMOs**
- If you have another check through rugby (but not through other routes), this will be valid
- Safeguarding is a serious and important issue, and the RFU are increasing their enforcement and checking of this



Implications of breaches?

- RFU Regulation 21
- Potential bar from officiating youth rugby
- Potential broader implications for ability to officiate



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“Global Law Trials”

Craig Maxwell-Keys – RFU PGMOT

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“Dealing with High Tackles and Foul Play in the Community Game”

Calum Howard (North Region Manager)

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“Fun Quiz”

Benjie & Billy

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Q1 – The ball carrier jumps vertically in an attempt to avoid being tackled. The tackler then makes contact. What's the correct outcome?



Q2 – A winger jumps up to catch a high pass from his full-back. Just before he lands with the ball, he is tackled by the opposing centre and both go to ground. What's the correct outcome?



Q3 – After a successful kick at goal, the non-scoring team restarts quickly. The scoring team’s players were still retiring, and were crossing the half-way line as the restart kick was taken. What’s the outcome?



Q4 – A maul is formed. The ball carrier deliberately puts one knee onto the ground in an attempt to collapse the maul. The defending players hold onto the ball-carrier and ball. The maul stops moving with the ball unavailable. The referee blows her whistle. What is her decision?



Q5 – The ball is kicked up-and-under by the attacking team, 15m from the opposition goal-line. It bounces off the crossbar and one of the defenders catches the ball and shouts “mark”. What happens next?



Q6 – An attacking player runs into in-goal with the ball. As he is trying to score, he is tackled over the dead-ball line. How should play restart?



Q7 – A ruck is formed and the ball is playable for Team A. All of Team B's players then leave the ruck. Is the ruck over?



Q8 – A winger from Team A is standing in touch. They pick up a ball which was in motion (from an opposition kick) within the field of play (it has not crossed the touchline). Who should have the put-in to the lineout?



Q9 – The ball is fed into the scrum. To prevent it from coming straight out the opposite side, a flanker hooks his foot into the tunnel and kicks the ball backwards. What is the correct outcome?



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“Society updates and Parish Notices”

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Last 18 months....

- Changes to Committees/Roles
- Slight changes in Management structure, but limited day to day impact on you as officials
- Future changes on the horizon in 2022/23



Year ahead

- Update availability on WTR...
- Season calendar with Regional and Central Meeting dates to be published on the website shortly



Kit and sponsors

- Continued thanks to our sponsors CBOE
- Society kit should **ONLY** be worn on Society appointments (not club/other appointments)



Refereeing overseas (and serious injuries)

- Should you happen to travel and if you go overseas you must complete a PTRO
- If you don't – and something happens on field – you **WILL NOT BE ON INSURED BY RFU**
- Equally, please keep completing Serious Injury Forms



International Tickets

- Autumn International Tickets – applications within the next week or two – see email and website
- Reduced availability of tickets from the RFU to the Society



New joiners

- Society will not only provide kit but will also refund majority of RFU Course fees if referee certain number of games in first season
- Need to continue to seek out new referees
- Take Up the Whistle Course



Incentivising officiating

- 2019/20 incentives to be issued in due course – now webshop has reopened will be issuing Gilbert vouchers
- 2021/22 incentive scheme details to be agreed upon and publicised later this month



Annual Dinner

- **SAVE THE DATE** - Thursday 18 November
- Slight change in venue – likely to be in Knightsbridge
- Details to follow in the coming weeks



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