
Match Official Development

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Introduction:

Welcome to the 2nd Match Official Development Send Out for the 2015-16 season, with these send outs we provide you with information, which is for you to action, distribute or circulate to all referee's for the benefit of the whole game. **Seize these opportunities.**

RWC 2015, where did those 6 weeks go?



We had some awesome days out and about in the Fan Zones, from Exeter to Newcastle and all points in between. As I reflect on our part in the tournament, I am reminded time and again about the good people we have met and the unique opportunity we had to turn them into great 'rugby' people, by being part of and staying in our fantastic game. Not only as referee's, but returning and new players, together with those vital volunteers who make things happen both on and off the field.

We soon learnt from our initial experience at Brighton that we had underestimated the enthusiasm and take up we would get for KYBO! Our target had been 1000 signups; we smashed that with the final figures in excess of 2000 signups.

But, ultimately this could not have been possible without the drive and passion from all our volunteers who made the events work so well. This coupled with the brilliant support from Local Delivery Team's around the country, local referees and QBE Coaches who between them controlled the crowds, sorted the queues and recorded so many details. Whilst not forgetting the players and students who supported our on field activation, getting people to have a go at ref'ing.

As part of the **RWC 2015 legacy**, we are developing strategies to transition those signups into active referees and to look at continuing the growth and retention of 16-24 year olds in the game, more of that later.

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For Action



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The best news is that the World Cup helped ignite such positive interest in refereeing (& coaching). We now have over 2,000 Followers on '[Twitter](#)' and over 1,000 Likes on '[Facebook](#)'.

These channels are a great ways introduce you to the videos we publish and make you aware of new events and activities going on around the country.

They are also here to support and develop your organisations, so 'follow and like' our pages to promote what you are doing locally, including events, recruiting or meetings.

For action by - Society Training Officers/Recruitment Officers, Website Administrators and all members

Communities of Practice

Help shape rugby for 16-24's. Attend RFU communities of practice to tell us how.

Book here: <http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/courses/search/>



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Over the next few weeks the RFU is running **Communities of Practice** sessions across the country to help shape the game for 16 - 24s. You can find up and coming dates and locations on '[Twitter](#)' and '[Facebook](#)'.

Your thoughts and opinions are really important and so we look forward to seeing some of you at these.

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