



CROYDON REFEREES' SOCIETY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2011



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Colleagues

Hello everyone hope you are enjoying the break and the glorious weather. We are working hard behind the scenes setting up speakers for next season. The September meeting will be covering Law changes etc. Be there to ensure you haven't missed any important changes during the close season. We still need some positions covered on the Committee so step up to the plate as this is YOUR Society. Enjoy the break trust me it won't last too long.

Anyone interested please contact Les Johnstone, 07915060618 or via email les852075@btinternet.com.

Les Johnstone, Hon. Chairman

SITUATIONS VACANT

As you will see over the page, there are a number of vacancies on Committee which have been vacant for over a year now.

We have vacancies for the following posts:

Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Minuting Secretary and RA Delegate.

The roles and job descriptions are on the Croydon RA webpage and any of the incumbent members will be happy to discuss and advise on the posts if you are interested. Reasonable expenses (including mileage for RA Delegate) are allowed, subject to Committee approval. For all roles, some experience of note taking required but not essential.

A fully attended Committee makes for a healthy Society. Let us not go the way of Wimbledon and other Societies that have folded because no one was prepared to put service before self. Have a look and apply now.

RA DRAW

Amendments to the FIFA Laws of the Game will be effective as of 1 July 2011.

Law 1. Field of Play

a. Only lines indicated in Law 1 are to be marked on the field of play.

On artificial surfaces, other lines are permitted provided that they are of different and clearly distinguishable colour. Some artificial surfaces field are used for other games beside football.

b. The shape of the goals must be square, rectangular, round or elliptical but the distance in between the goal posts must be 7.32 metres.

Law 2. The ball

Replacement of defective ball - If the ball burst or becomes defective during a penalty kick or during kicks from the penalty mark as it moves forward and before it touches any player or the crossbar or goalposts, the kick is retaken.

If the ball bursts or becomes defective during the course of a match, the match is stopped and is restarted with a dropped ball.

Law 3 - The Number of players - only structural changes in the text.

Guidelines to referees - Extra person on the field of the play.

Team Officials

The coach and other official indicated on the team list are deemed to be team officials.

Law 4 - The Players' Equipment

Basic equipment

shorts - if undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main colour as the shorts.

The current Law permits tights or different colour to the shorts to be worn. This result to confusion. This change requires the tights, if worn to be of the same main colour as the shorts.

Law 5 - The Referee

Structural changes to the text on The Referee - Powers and Duties

If an extra ball entering the field of play

Law 8 - Start and Restart of Play

Structural amendment to the text.

Definition of dropped ball

A dropped ball is a method of restarting play when, while the ball is still in play, the referee is required to stop play temporarily for any reason not mentioned elsewhere in the Laws of the Game.

NOTICEBOARD

LOG's & Diaries

Orders for the Loaf and FA Diaries please - now that the fixtures are out, production must be in full swing.

We are looking at same prices as last year.



Crystal Palace Corporate 6's

Crystal Palace hosted their corporate 6 a side tournament again at the end of the season in May and again a representative contingent from Croydon RA attended and provided their services as officials.

Many thanks to Les Johnstone, Stephen Maguire, Dave Roper, John Mills, Simon Mills, Tony Sheppard and Derek Nunn for their time.

PLUM APPOINTMENTS

There were 7 colleagues who gained promotion to Level 5 and 16 promoted to Level 6. Congratulations to all of them.

DIARY DATES

Future Members Meetings & Events

Members' Meetings Dates

1 Sept
6 Oct
3 Nov
1 Dec—Race Night
5 Jan 2011
2 Feb
1 Mar
5 April
10 May—AGM



DELEGATES NEWS

Current membership figures at 31 May shows 4,793 members of which 794 have taken up the Physiocare option. Although in its first year the Physiocare uptake is disappointing and the Society recommends you take up this service which has already been utilised and proved to be of good value.

The new RA Tie is available at a cost of £10.

New LMSA & Life Membership badges have been produced with the new RA logo and any of the current holders can exchange their old one should they so wish.

The Eve of Final Rally was a great success but the attendance figures were low compared to previous years.

2 Surrey Officials have been promoted to the National List, Carl Berry & Lee Collins.

Surrey Officials Dan Robathan, Michael Webb and Craig Hicks have been promoted to the National list of Assistant Referees and Jim Patterson, Simeon Potter, Dan Macimik, Vince Penfold, Andy Roberts and Reuben Simon have been promoted to Level three.

Promoted to Level four were Damith Bandara, Jon Creswick, Philip Jones and Craig Melinn. I'm sure you

will all join with us in congratulating all of them and wishing them every success for next season.

I reported at the last AGM that the decreasing numbers of referees was cause for great concern and all bodies would have to work hard to improve numbers. Nationally, numbers are down by 41 on the previous year, whilst County wise we are down by 47 as of the end of March. Every Society needs to work hard and encourage all new referees to join a Society to gain every possible bit of experience that is open to them.

After many years on the Board of both the RA and the RAE, Ray Mallery has decided not to seek re-election for another three year period. Ray has worked tirelessly on behalf of all the referees in the RA during his long term in office and the RA will be sorry to see him go, although he will not be lost altogether.

Surrey FA is still reporting that the reporting of S7 - Double cautions is still being sent incorrect by officials. If you are in any doubt, please contact County Office or a

If you have anything you wish us to raise to the county on your behalf, the 2011/12 RA Delegates Dates are 26/9 28/11 30/1 26/3 AGM 28/5

TRAINING

The Training Team will be running 2 Practical Training Courses this summer. The first course will be held at Croydon Postal Football Club starting on 22/7 and currently 16 people are attending.

The second course is a female only course starting on 12th August and is being held at Monks Orchard Sports

Centre but numbers are not yet known. Planning is also underway for the Autumn Referee Training Course which will be held at Trinity School and is due to start on 26th September.

If you wish to assist Mark with some of the practical sessions, then please contact him, details on the back of the leaflet.

The MAGAZINE

Thanks to all contributors to the RAY over the past season, please keep the work up. As usual all articles gratefully received.

Deadline for September RAY is Sunday 21st August.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Following the AGM and subsequent Management Committee meeting your Committee for 2011-12 is as follows:

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