



Auckland Rugby Referees Association January 2009



Welcome to 2009...

We hope that everyone had a relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Monday Night Meetings

Monday night meetings will commence from Monday 9th of March. Due to the ongoing construction taking place at Eden Park and the uncertainty over the next two years surrounding parking and access out the back on the number two ground, we decided to move our meetings to Maungakiekie Golf Club, 5 Anita Ave, Mt Roskill. The venue is very spacious and will suit our needs appropriately. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Open Day

We are holding an Open Day for all current and future ARRA referees on Sunday 1st March 2009 at Gribblehirst Park from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Please see attached flyer for further details. It should be a great way to start the season and there are several workshops being organised by Greg Watson and the Premier Panel.

Registration Forms

Yes it is that time again! This season we are doing things slightly differently and are asking for all referees to register at the Open Day or at the first meeting on Monday 9th of March. This year AMI are generously supplying each ACTIVE referee with a boot bag which will be given out once your registration is paid. Please note that Life Members and those with 30+ years membership are exempt from the subscription but are still required to fill out a registration form.

Level One Coaching Course

For anyone that is interested in coaching and the development of referees, a Level One Coaching Course/Level One Refresher Coaching Course is being held on Wednesday 18th of March from 6.00pm in the Supporters Club (Entrance through Gate 1 on the ASB Stand side). We would like to see as many coaches/mentors there as possible. Please register your interest with Greg Watson by Friday the 13th of March.

Law Exam Classes

These classes start on Monday the 27th of April and run through to Monday the 29th of June from 6.00pm till 7.00pm at Maungakiekie Golf Club. They are a good opportunity for anyone who wants to enhance their knowledge of the laws of the game. All referees are encouraged to attend. The Level 1 Law Exam has tentatively been booked in on Monday 20th of April.

RugbySmart & ELV's

Once again RugbySmart is compulsory for all Referees to sit in 2009. RugbySmart will this season be run in unison with the ELV training. They will be held on the Monday night meetings on the 16th and 23rd of March. It is essential for all active referees to ensure they are in attendance on one of these dates.

Fitness Training

Fitness training with ARFU trainer Simon Kent continues every Wednesday at Gribblehirst Park from 6.00pm. All referees are welcome to attend. The first fitness test of the year will be held on the 25th of March at the Eden park Concourse.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben Skeen who has been selected as an Assistant Referee for the Wellington 7's on the 6th and 7th of February, to Mike Trevenen who has been selected as a Northern Region Selector and to Shaun Elliott who has been selected to travel on the Hong Kong Interchange in late March.

Availability

I have had several requests for referees for senior pre season games as early as Mid February. Unless we hear otherwise from you we will assume that you will be available for appointments.

Blues Tickets

We have once again been fortunate to receive complimentary West Stand tickets to Blues games this season. Tickets will be allocated as per last year's protocol which I have attached for your information.

Sponsorship

AMI - Once again we are indebted to our Principal Sponsor AMI. As announced at both our Awards night and at our AGM, AMI has renewed our sponsorship with them for a further two years. We are delighted to continue our partnership with such an iconic NZ brand and we do ask that all members support AMI wherever and whenever they can. There will be several leverage activities taking place during the course of the year and we will keep you all informed on those so as to assist with the rollout.

Physio Rehab – Our preferred supplier for the ARRA. Their service is to provide all ACC treatments and any rehab programmes free of charge to all referees. VIP cards will be distributed to you all in due course detailing the service and locations of their 9 outlets.

Key Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 9 th February	6.00pm	Academy Pre Season Briefing	Supporters Club
Sun 1 st March	8.30am	Open Day	Gribblehirst Park
Mon 2 nd March	6.00pm	Promising & Regional Squad Pre Season Briefing	Supporters Club
Mon 9 th March	7.00pm	First Meeting	Maungakiekie Golf Club
Sat 14 th March	TBC	Waka Nathan Pre Season Comp	Lloyd Elsmore Park
Mon 16 th March	7.00pm	RugbySmart / ELV's	Maungakiekie Golf Club
Wed 18 th March	6.00pm	Level One Coaching Course	Supporters Club
Wed 25 th March	6.00pm	Fitness Test	Eden Park
Sat 4 th April	TBC	Prem/Reserve/U21 Comp Starts	Various
Sat 4 th April	TBC	JRC Friendlies Start	Various
Mon 20 th April	7.00pm	Level One Law Exam	Maungakiekie Golf Club
Mon 27 th April	6.00pm	Law Classes Start	Maungakiekie Golf Club
Sat 2 nd May	TBC	First Fifteen Comp Starts	Various
Sat 9 th May	TBC	Secondary School Grades Start	Various



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