



London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees

Advice for Assessors/coaches regarding red cards

If the referee you are watching/assessing/coaching issues a red card then you must follow these guidelines:

- **The referee's report must be written independently of your opinion of the incident or any discussion you have about it with the referee.** It is good practice for you to suggest that the referee makes notes about the incident before your debriefing. In addition you should avoid discussing the incident at your debriefing. Instead arrange to phone the referee a couple of days later, should either of you feel that would be useful – that would be **after** the referee has submitted his written report.
- Your written report on the referee should include just facts about the incident (if you do mention it at all). Do not include any opinion about the red card. You might just say sometime like "Following an incident at a breakdown the referee issued a red card to XXXX No8 for punching...."
- Do not discuss the red card with anyone apart from the referee. The club may seek your opinion – don't give it!

If the game you are watching involves incident(s) which might result in citing(s) or where there is a reportable injury to a player then follow these guidelines:

- Make notes about the incident for future reference. Any request for information may well be sometime after the incident.
- Do not discuss any incident with anyone, apart from suggesting that the referee should also make notes. The club may seek your opinion – don't give it!

Advise the Society Discipline Secretary promptly about any of these incidents.

In any event do not make any contact with the club or player concerned. Direct any communication you receive to the Society Discipline Secretary. The same applies to your written referee reports; requests for these from outside bodies (e.g. CB, Club, Police) must be made to the Society Discipline Secretary.

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