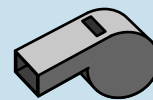


February Referee Newsletter



Catching up with the Refs



We're back! After a successful January edition, I've gotten the green light to go ahead with part 2, which seems a perfect way to wrap up a busy - yet entirely rewarding - start to Season 1. January saw our group officiate just under 500 games in just three weeks, at a standard across all divisions seen nowhere else in the country. Also, as you'll see, we had 27 people get 5/5 on the rule quiz, a well-deserving Maksudure Referee of the Month and a new victim for Referee Spotlight. Enjoy.



2025 Date Savers:

10-12 July: JSC @
Rockhampton

1-4 October: NYC @ Coffs
Harbour

28-30 November: QSC @
Coomera

MakSure Referee of the Month

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Often, the most important referees in our BMTA community are those who reliably turn out to ref regularly, follow all the procedures and policies and service the culture of our group. This month, I'd like to recognise Brett Chapel for his repeated commitment to the above criteria, and

therefore making him a deserving recipient of the Maksudure Referee of the Month award.

Congratulations! Over the first three rounds in January, Brett has refereed at 7 of the 9 adult competition nights, racking up the fourth most games of anyone, along with half of all our junior nights. A face that would be familiar to most of you, Brett's always a safe option if you have a question, concern, or just happy for a chat, and is regularly one of (if not the) first people in the ref room every night. I know for one I've been very appreciative of the games he's done, giving an extra bit of experience to improve the development of everyone. Congratulations and enjoy the \$25 reward thanks to Maksudure.

If you know someone deserving of this award, nominate them by letting me know.

RULE QUIZ



Weird situations are part and parcel of refereeing Touch Footy, so test your knowledge with this 5-question rule quiz. A massive congratulations to **Brian Hayes** who was drawn out of our list 27 experts to be this month's winner! Why not go back-to-back and prove you can do it again, and chance your hand at the bonus question. **Same prizes apply.**

[Jan Answers](#)



[Feb Q's](#)



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Referee Spotlight

As well as recognising our Referee of the Month, we'd love to shine to spotlight on an important referee at BMTA and get to know them a little bit better! Let's introduce one of BMTA's junior regulars...



Name: Olivia "Liv" Saba

Time Refereeing: 3 years

Refereeing Highlight: Women's 20's semi-final at State Cup 2024 (a game ranked above Zac Caton's)

Most Annoying Part of Refereeing: John Hamstra

Celebrity Crush: Drew Starkey (Rafe in Outer Banks)

Dream Ref Team: Myself, Zac Genrich and Alec Clark

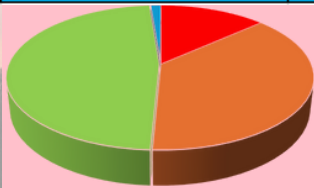
2 foods you'd take to a desert island: Chocolate Ice-cream & Lasagna



By the Numbers



Totals:	Number	Percentage
Single:	64	13%
Double:	178	37%
Triple:	229	48%
Four-Way	6	1%



Adult Games

Refereed:

1. Campbell Muir (35)
2. Zac Genrich (34)
3. Brenton Muir (18)

In a massive effort by everyone, we've been able to provide almost 50% of games with three referees this season, whilst also accomodating 6 four-ways in NTL preparation.



Important Notices



- The majority of tick sheets have been completed during games for the start of the season, let's continue making this a habit - the aim is 100% compliance.
- A reminder to check the scores with both coaches at the end of the game and ask them to sign the scorecard, this limits disputes after the game.
- If you have any issues with your payments, let me know ASAP, it's normally easy to fix when I know before processing.
- If there is an incident on your game, come up to the office when you can. You don't have to put up with it.

Alfred Wrap-Up

Last Wednesday, we cancelled all games and closed the office in preparation for Cyclone Alfred, hence why this has taken an extra second to release. I don't have an exact number, but my best guess is we've had upwards of 450mm here, so as you can imagine the fields are soaked (very green though). Thank you to everyone for your cooperation as we had to cancel nights and deal with sandbag queues. Hoping everyone stayed safe and (relatively) dry.

Contact Us:

For your nominations for our monthly awards, or for questions, concerns and stories, contact Will at one of the following!



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January Rule Quiz Answers

Question 1: Decision Making

If a player was to roll the ball on the 7m and then step behind it, with no part of their body going over the ball, what is your call?

1. A penalty for not stepping over the ball.
2. Ask them to take it back and roll it again.
3. A changeover for not stepping over the ball.
4. Play on, that's allowed.

Question 2: Decision Making

If an attacking player was to throw a long ball to the winger, with the ball leaving the hands forward but eventually being caught behind the passer because of the wind, with the winger scoring the try. What is your call?

1. A forward pass penalty, the defending team to tap the ball where the catch was made.
2. A forward pass infringement, the defending team to roll the ball where the catch was made.
3. A forward pass penalty, the defending team to tap the ball where the pass was thrown from.
4. A try, the ball has travelled backwards and it should be play on.

Question 3: General Knowledge

In a typical rucking set up the middle of the field, where should our sideline referees aim to position themselves?

1. Between the attacking try line and 7 metres, they're going to up there eventually, right?
2. In line with the defending team, talking into the link and wing to support our buddy referee.
3. In line with the attacking team, puts us in the best position to watch the ruck.
4. Hanging in the interchange area, ready to score a potential try and have a chat to the players.

Question 4 : Signals and Sequences

If an attacking player has dropped the ball onto the ground while receiving a pass, what's the most suitable signal?

1. Push both palms towards the ground.
2. Extend one arm horizontally whilst waving the other over your head.
3. Put both arms to your chest in an 'X' shape with closed fists.
4. There's no signal for a drop ball.

Question 5: Rule Recall

What decision BEST suits the following scenario? (Hint: Check the rulebook...)

If a player from the Defending Team deliberately makes contact with the ball in flight and the ball goes to ground...

1. The Attacking Team retains the ball and the touch count remains the same.
2. The Attacking Team retains the ball and the Touch Count restarts as zero touch.
3. The Attacking Team retains the ball, the Touch Count restarts as zero touch, and the defensive player is sent to the Sin Bin.
4. The Defending Team gains possession of the ball and begins their set with a tap.

5/5 Club

Congratulations to the following referees who achieved 5/5 on that quiz, as well as our winner Brian Hayes!

Troy Hale, Meg Muir, Tory Mills, Campbell Muir, Kaelen Luu, Olivia Saba, Bec Webster, Jacob Gregg, John Hamstra, Wayne, John Zabala, Ethan Crase, Joanna Stockill, Michael Mourginos, Brian Hayes, Josh North, Brendan Jones, Paul Sullivan, Michael Genrich, Noel Shannon, Brenton Muir, Jimmy Newton, Kristen Scott, Richard Brown, Zoe Genrich, Rob Cooper