



AMI Scholarship Scheme for Referees.

Background,

AMI Insurance includes in their sponsorship of Auckland rugby referees an amount of \$1000 per year for 3 years to assist referees with their education fees. Set out below are some details of the scheme that will assist applicants and the Union/ RRA to better maximum the benefits.

1. How to apply.

The ARRA will place on website in August and make known through referee meetings, communication with AUT / Unitech and all Schools that this scheme exists and how to apply.

2. Application Form.

Any interested person should contact the Referee's Administrator Mark Thompson for an application form. In the form the individual will have to detail their current status in school or Uni with a background on why they should be the person to be given the scholarship. They should detail their rugby and refereeing background as a support document.

3. Applicants go to ARRA Board with recommendation from REO/ Admin/ GM. refs and the person notified at the Annual Awards Dinner generally held the 1st Monday after the end of the Club season. This dinner will be held on August 21st 2006

4. The ARRA will put together a training and development programme [for off and in season] for the successful applicant that would involve such initiatives as

- Allocated Mentor who is an active referee [preferably a previous AMI Scholarship]
- Allocated Referee Coach who would commit to viewing the referee or his refereeing video once a month
- An end of season review with the Head Coach of his group to set on going goals for the person
- Structured match programme commensurate with the individuals stage of development which would include appointments to appropriate fixtures e.g. Junior grades on Saturday morning and high school games, run touch for a senior referee or mentor referee in the afternoon matches, Waterboy at appropriate major fixtures e.g. RS14 or AIRNZ Cup,
- Attend the weekly Referee Meetings on Monday night April to August. The referee would be allocated to his grading panel and tutored at the appropriate level each week
- Attend the Wednesday Physical training night to improve fitness, network with the other ARRA members
- Allocated referees trainer to write a person specific training and in season fitness regime
- Gym Membership as part of the scheme
- Appointed to a tournament as the junior to learn from the more Senior match officials in refereeing and running touch
- Attend at least one HPU or Academy meeting through the year.
- Meet visiting RS14 and Test match referees, attend or participate on one of their training sessions, attend a team meeting with a Team Coach, attend a judiciary meeting
- Attend Rugby Smart class
- Attend law lectures with a view to passing appropriate Level of Referee Exam
- Attend Club and Representative Player and Coach Development Seminars

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