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The next Meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday the 16th of January 2014 at 7.45 pm. at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex when the speaker will be our own Vice President and Training Guru Stan Rosenthal.,

EDITORIAL

The ongoing saga of what is and what is not deliberate and/or accidental handball which been heavily articulated this season leads one to believe there has got to be a better way of resolving the problem or at least a further definition promulgated.. These editorials have been used by me to try to express potential changes in the Laws or definitions and whilst that could be regarded as either conceit or arrogance I hope they at least provide food for thought. I know that our Honorary Secretary has been led to wonder whether I have my own set of FIFA Laws.

All of this is building up to another idea of mine which is to advance the theory that we should have a further definition of Handball other than the basic “ball to hand and hand to ball” and that is “inadvertent but gaining an advantage”. How often have we heard on park pitches and in grassroots football in general and possibly at professional level if you are lucky enough to serve there, the expression “he’s got an advantage by that” when the ball has struck the hand or arm and we have not whistled it up? The urge is often to explain the Law but at the same time realising that an advantage was obtained and there has been something of unfairness involved. There are a number of examples of this situation the one being the most obvious as outlined at one of long ago meetings by the late and exceptional teacher Ken Aston where a defender on the line blasts a clearance against the hand of an attacker and it rebounds into the goal. Ken indicated he thought it would be against the spirit of the Law if the goal was allowed but there was a similar situation last season when Liverpool’s controversial striker Luis Suarez “scored” in an FA Cup tie with a ball knocked against his hand. What of the numerous times that a player especially a defender goes to chest the ball and it hits his arm which is not outstretched and it is disregarded because it is not deemed intentional. John Terry at Chelsea has had a few of those enabling him to clear dangerous situations. Undoubtedly he and his team obtained an advantage then. Further is the case of a falling ball that drops on to the hand or arm of a player or the ball that hits an elbow blocking a cross, is that accidental or intentional? Whatever the referee decides there are going to be protests.

If therefore we could have the new proposed definition of “inadvertent but gaining an advantage” the referee could penalise without it being unfair and at the same time cure either a sense of injustice or an injustice itself and thereby remove some of the grey areas. The other two definitions would still stand of course to be used and all decisions would remain thoset of the referee.

As usual any thoughts from anyone on this subject put to the magazine for publication would be greatly appreciated.

Whilst not involving refereeing matters per se nonetheless anyone interested in the professional game in this country cannot be otherwise than concerned at the strange managerial musical chairs that are happening this season. The Society has a number of Spurs supporters so it is particularly relevant to them as there has been a parting of the ways with their manager very recently. However incredibly there have been since the last match of last season at the Play-Off Final eleven changes of Managers out of the twenty Premier League teams. Of the twenty teams, eleven have foreign owners and five of the managers to leave have come from those teams. With over sixty five per cent of the players in that division being from overseas things are changing at an alarming pace. That position is also mirrored in the three divisions below as well. So far however despite some reciprocal visits from foreign referees notably from Japan, the pressure to have foreign referees, especially when Collina was in his full pomp taking on senior games in this country has been resisted. How long one is tempted to query will this continue.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and readers a very successful 2014.

Ken Goldman
Editor

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Stan Lover

Unfortunately Stan Lover a former FIFA Instructor and Football League Assessor passed away on Thursday the 5th of December. The funeral took place on Monday 16th December in Paris and our member Peter Allen who was in close contact with him in his final days was our representative at the funeral and gave the eulogy. I understand he was also a very good friend of Sepp Blatter and we would be grateful if unless already dealt with, this message could please be passed on to all those in the "Referee Fraternity"

Yours Sincerely Robin/ NMRS Sec

[Memories of Stan are also covered elsewhere in this magazine]

FITNESS - BY OBSERVER

Everything that happens in a game depends on fitness and it is impossible to referee at a high level without a corresponding level of fitness. Furthermore, the modern game is making even greater demands on each referee the trend will not be reversed.

Fitness, however, does not only involve physical fitness - it also involves mental fitness. It is impossible to determine exactly where physical fitness ends and mental fitness begins. It is also impossible to know the influence, which a referee's physical state has upon his mental state and vice-versa. It can, however, be stated with certainty that there is an influence and interrelationship between a referee's physical and mental state. Do not make the mistake of concentrating solely on physical fitness to the exclusion of mental fitness.

Before one can understand how to achieve fitness for refereeing, one must understand the causes and effects of fatigue.

What, therefore, causes fatigue?

- 1) Movement: running, jogging etc.
- 2) Work to overcome inertia.
- 3) Mental concentration and tension.

1) Movement- running, jogging etc.

All running contributes towards fatigue. The running undertaken by a referee is of an unrhythmic nature, some fast, some moderate and some slow. There is some doubt as to how much running a referee does during the course of ninety minutes football. It was measured that the referee was once measured as covering a distance of seven miles during a Premiership match, approximately 25% of this distance was covered at speed.

Even if many facts are only roughly correct, and then we can accept that one-mile is covered on average every twelve-thirteen minutes. This is still only moderate in comparison with an athlete's performance. Is this an unfair comparison since there are so many other factors, which contribute towards the total fatigue of a referee?

2) Work to overcome inertia.

This is work done to overcome the resistance of one's own body weight i.e. stopping, starting, turning etc. The hardest thing to do physically once one has started running is, not to continue running, but to stop, turn and run in a different direction. If, in addition, the referee has to run through mud or spongy grass, the physical effort is greater. Unrhythmic running (that is running at varying speeds) is more tiring than paced running. But unrhythmic running, punctuated frequently by work to overcome inertia is even more tiring. This is surely the type of work a referee has to undertake. But, as far as fatigue is concerned, that is not the whole story.

3) Mental concentration and tension

There is no doubt that mental concentration is tiring. Anyone who has attended a meeting will agree and appreciate that fact. The simple process of sitting around a table concentrating on what people are saying or doing is tiring. Driving a car for

several hours is tiring. Those efforts are nothing by comparison with the referee who is constantly required to assess each situation, always trying to think ahead and assess the next move or situations. Also, there is the added tension, which inevitably surrounds every important game and raises a referee's desire, even anxiety, to do well and invokes in him a fear of failure. This is another cause of fatigue and may well be a greater drain on a referee's energy than any of us know. It is a combination of these three factors, which causes fatigue in referees, but what are the effects of fatigue?

a) A decrease in work-rate.

As a referee gets tired, he will not only undertake less work (i.e. cover less ground) but he will also cover the ground less quickly. The moral behind this fact is that referees will officiate when fatigued and therefore they must practise when fatigued. Also, since a referee must learn to adjust his performance in accordance with his physical limitations, he must still be efficient within that limited capacity. Failing to make this adjustment will lead a referee to attempt the impossible and be totally inefficient.

b) Decrease in Powers of judgement.

As a referee gets tired, so his judgement begins to falter. He will be slow to see things and to assess situations. Eyesight deteriorates with fatigue. This factor is likely to affect the higher class of referee more since he is more likely to suffer when the edge is taken off his performance.

c) Decrease in technical performance.

It follows, almost without saying that if a referee suffers a decrease in judgement, he is likely to suffer a decrease in technical performance. His control of the game is likely to deteriorate.

d) Decrease in powers of concentration.

Of course, we all know that it is more difficult to concentrate when we are tired. The efficiency of a referee depends largely on his concentration on the task he has to perform. What, then, is the object of training for referees? Fitness is the capacity to delay the onset of fatigue. A referee, therefore, as he becomes fitter gets fatigued less quickly. It inevitably follows that a fit referee will be more efficient than an unfit colleague. This leads to one fundamental question: How does one delay the onset of fatigue? The answer is that referees must work to achieve fitness levels and this can only be done in accordance with the principles of 'overload'. Working in overload can be defined as doing a little more this week (or this session) than one did last week (or session). It should be understood that a referee's level of fitness is unlikely to remain static for very long. He will either become more or less fit, thus the onset of fatigue will either be quicker or slower. By doing the same amount of work each week, a referee cannot improve his fitness. At best, you will only retain a level of fitness. So if you think you are fit, you can get fitter. If you are not fit, work hard to become fit, it will add a whole new dimension to your game and that can assure you that your

LATE FLAG

In an interesting article in the Mail on Sunday of the 4th of December entitled “I can now see how wrong I was to harass ref’s” Gary Neville drew attention to the matter canvassed in both last month’s magazine and at the November monthly meeting when he wrote “I was disturbed when we learned from West Bromwich Manager Steve Clarke[now of course departed from there] that Mike Riley had apologised for the error of Andre Mariner when he awarded Chelsea a penalty.” However he went on to say that statistics from last season in the Premier League show referees made 171000 decisions and 94.1% of the major calls were correct” He then opined that “if a player or a team could achieve that success rate they would be the greatest in history”. He then had a little dig at one or two referees whilst praising the current group as he declared “ Ref’s have changed [those] such as Uriah Rennie, Graham Poll and Jeff Winter who considered themselves stars of the show- there is nothing that narks a player more than that- have now gone. Now they don’t want to be noticed. It seems they are able to be a little more flexible and use their common sense” Isn’t it nice when a serial transgressor morphs into a humble confessor.

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No Minutes of the December Meeting as it was a social event. In the end some 13 people turned up (10 old fogeys and 3 younger members) and we all had an interesting discussion on various Laws of the Game. Over the last few years less and less people attend this get together which is a great shame. Our President and Treasurer Gary Cobden has now sent out a questionnaire concerning meeting days and venues and it is essential for all members to try to answer this as soon as possible as it impacts on future meetings and speakers.

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Did anyone notice the news that as from the 22nd of November last the FA gave their disciplinary section power to charge players even if match officials have seen part of an incident? The change came in the wake of an incident in which Torres of Chelsea appeared to scratch Dawson of Spurs in the derby game at White Hart Lane last September.

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Many people will also be sorry to learn of the death of David Coleman a famed presenter and commentator for the BBC who was heavily involved with their initial Match of the Day programme that all football fans have subsequently loved over the years

The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Part 27 – The encroaching penalty

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)

I was standing in a good position and had a great view when the Casuals defender carelessly tackled the Rovers attacker in the penalty area. There was no doubt in my mind that I was going to award my penalty as I went to blow my whistle.

Just out of habit I looked over to the club assistant referee. I expected him to be waving the flag frantically to also acknowledge that he agreed with me and that it was a penalty. Naturally I had expected too much from one of the teams substitutes who had reluctantly agreed prior to the match to be one of me assistant referees. There he was looking over to the next pitch as he spoke to a friend on his mobile phone. Alas, I expected too much. My 'assistant' did not even see the incident.

Anyhow that did not matter. My whistle was blown, I pointed to the penalty mark and to my amazement not one solitary person either on or off the pitch said a word. May be they had realized by now that any dissent and a yellow card would be produced or may be they all realised just how right I was in actually awarding the penalty.

The player who had been fouled picked up the ball and placed it on the penalty mark. 'Are you taking the kick?' I asked and he smiled and told me he was. I then told him to wait for my whistle. I then looked at the goal keeper and told him to stay on his goal line until the ball is kicked and finally after waving for a number of players not to stand in the penalty area I said in a loud voice 'No encroachment please'. The assistant referee took up a position on the goal line and started to wave his flag. I asked 'What was the matter?' He replied 'Nothing ref, just wanted you to know that was a penalty'. I thanked him and asked 'Did you have a good view of the incident'? He then told me he did.....what more can I say!

A referee has to manage the situation of a penalty kick, namely the placing of the ball on the penalty mark plus the identification of the penalty taker plus the goal keeper being situated on the goal line and finally the players all being behind the ball and out of the penalty area. All of which I had done.

I then noticed the assistant was waving the flag again. I wondered what he wanted this time. He pointed over to the half way line. I looked over where the Casuals manager shouted over to me 'Substitution ref, is that okay?' Without any thought I replied 'No it is not okay, you will have to wait until the penalty kick is taken'. The Casuals manager queried my decision and I quickly explained it was not the appropriate time and that he should wait a few seconds. He was not happy but I felt it bordered on unsporting behaviour and delaying the restart of play.

Out of the corner of my eye I noticed the assessor making more notes and to be fair it did put a doubt in my mind as to whether I was right or wrong to not allow the substitution.

I placed myself half way between the penalty mark and the goal line so I had a good view if the goal keeper stepped forward from his goal line and to also see if any players encroached into the penalty area.

I blew my whistle and the taker run forward and kicked the ball low to the goal keepers left. The ball entered the goal but I immediately blew my whistle and pointed to the penalty mark. 'What was wrong with that?' asked the penalty taker in disbelief. I told him that two of his team mates had entered the penalty area before the kick was taken and that was encroachment, which in fairness I had warned the players about and an offence had been committed. On that basis the kick had to be retaken.

As you would have gathered my decision was not a popular one but as I have said many times previously, I knew that I was right.

The Rovers captain picked up the ball and placed it firmly on the penalty mark.

'I'll take the penalty kick this time' he said as he took a few steps back in preparation of taking the kick. 'But he can't do that' said a number of the Casuals players. 'It is a retake so the same person must take the kick'. Actually that made perfect sense. It was a retake it should be the same person who took the original kick. I explained this to the captain and thankfully he agreed with my decision. The original taker reluctantly stepped forward. He kicked the ball again low to the goal keepers left but this time the goalie guessed correctly. He dived and managed to save the kick as it went wide of the goal but over the goal line. 'Corner' the Rovers players shouted but I pointed not to the corner but to where one of the Rovers players had encroached into the penalty area prior to the kick being taken. I explained it would have been a corner kick but because a Rovers player had encroached and a goal had not been scored then the restart had to be an indirect free kick to Casuals to be taken where the encroachment occurred.

Twice in a minute.....I was correct again.

Rovers insisted that it should be another retake as I had done for the first kick and accused me of being inconsistent in law but not even awarding them a corner. I had to caution two Rovers players for dissent before the indirect could eventually be taken.

*No doubt you would know what do if a player encroaches at a penalty kick.
Hope you deal with the situation as well as me.*

Willy Woodwork

Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

P.S When the first penalty was taken and there was encroachment from the two attacking players was the referee correct in asking for the penalty to be retaken?

Must the same player retake the penalty?

Can a substitution be made immediately after a penalty is awarded? Was our ref correct to say 'No'?

If the penalty is missed but an attacking player has encroached, is an in direct free kick to the defending team the correct restart?

Our ref believes he was correct on each occasion but what do you think.....was Willy Woodwork right on all his decisions?

OFF THE POST

Robin Jagot wrote

As for your editorial on the match incident – Norwich v Cardiff you may well praise the Referee but I have to conclude it was a complete cop-out by the referee. If there was a clear breach of the Laws to disallow the goal then the referee has no choice but to award a free-kick as it was a perfectly taken throw-in. What the referee did was to indicate that he had not blown the whistle to restart play. It is quite common to see this practice when a free-kick is taken quickly at a ceremonial free-kick (10 yards) and the referee clearly informs the player taken the kick to only take it once he has blown the whistle. Sorry Ken I have to disagree with your summing up of the match incident as no player on either side was in breach of any the Laws. The mistake which led to the goal was committed by the Norwich defender who simply lacked the skill level to pass it to one of his colleagues. Are we now going to see Referees blow their whistle for every throw-in that is awarded in the future? I hope not.

Sorry Ken, the referee bottled it

Gar eth Coates reposted

Not being a referee myself, I can see both sides of the debate but might I respectfully suggest that the referee applied what an old friend of mine called “Law 18 – Common Sense”? While awarding the goal would certainly be correct in law, there is a custom and practice within the English game where the ball is returned to the side which put it out of play whenever this is done so to allow for the treatment of injury. This custom goes right the way down into the non-league game and in my 24 years of involvement in the game has always been respected. Had the referee allowed the goal to stand, the reaction he would have got from the opposing supporters and the media would have been far more spectacular than what transpired and I’d wager it would have all been negative. However outmoded the perception is in this day and age, we like to think of our nation as the home of “Fair Play” – allowing that goal would have given the lie to that rose-tinted view!

Best Regards

To which the Editor replied to the Secretary

Thanks for your note. Of course you are right but if you look carefully at what I have written you will see that that was what I was implying, but dealt with it in what I hoped would be an ironic way. Observer’s article on applying common sense to all the Laws which will be in next month’s edition signifies that there are some times in the game when to be right in Law is wrong in practise. In other words the referee here knew what the law was but felt that there would be problems both on and off the field if the goal stood and that if Norwich would not have let Cardiff run through and score an equaliser un- challenged there were even greater dangers, Also don’t forget that the Arsenal .v. Sheffield United cup-tie was replayed in similar circumstances and the law makers have now indicated that you cannot score direct from a drop ball if given to you to pass it back to the other side. In that they were obviously trying to ensure that this kind of mishap or bad sportsmanship was kept down. All of this was avoided by a bit of quick thinking.

My article clearly said one ref was wrong for the wrong reason and one was right for the wrong reason. I certainly hope that it does cause some discussion and that some of it spills over into next month’s magazine. I always hope that my editorials create some interest. Sorry that this is so long,

Regards

Ken

Final Whistle.

Obituary

Stan Lover – Born 18th December 1925 – Died 5th December 2013.

Stan was one of the most switched on referees in his outlook and ability to convey the Laws of the game in both academic and practical terms. Always willing to see the playing and coaching sides of the game as needing to come together with the officiating of it, he helped organise one of the few occasions where The London Football Coaches Association came together with the London Society of Referees (LONSAR) of which he was Chairman, to conduct a day long practical course. This was to show coaches what was needed by and from referees and the referees how and what the players required from officials. It was a massive success with the coaches' side being led by the then Spurs Manager Bill Nicholson and the referees by Ken Aston.

Stan was a Football League Referee for over 11 years and officiated also in International and European Cup games and in all took part in over 1000 first class matches. He was also a former President of the Football League Referees Association and conducted FIFA Referees courses in all 6 Confederations.

As readers of this magazine will know Stan contributed periodically to the Normidian but he also wrote 3 books of significance which were –the officially approved “Soccer Laws Illustrated”; “Association Football Match Control” and the first edition of “.”You Are The Ref.”

After leaving England Stan settled in Neuilly near Paris with his second wife from where he has recently passed away 13 days before his 88th birthday.

As someone who knew him from 1970 when he encouraged me to join Lonsar and become Editor of their monthly magazine which I did for a year, I always enjoyed both his company and our discussions on the Laws of the Game and where we would have both liked to see various changes to them.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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The April Meeting is currently scheduled for 17 April, which is the Thursday before Good Friday. We are therefore looking to move this meeting back to the following Thursday, 24 April. And following on from initial responses from the Membership Survey, and discussions at the December ‘Social’, we will be holding a ‘training evening’ out in the open, and not classroom based. Phil Sharp, former FIFA Assistant Referee had agreed to attend on the original date, but we are hoping he will be able to attend on the rearranged date. Phil is currently Referee Development Manager for Hertfordshire FA.

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The **North Middlesex Referees Society Quiz Nite** is back. Get your thinking caps on again, as its time to register for the 2014 Quiz – which will take place on Friday 28 March 2013 at Old Owens Association, Coopers Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 4NE, commencing at 7:45pm.

Tickets cost £10 each inclusive of a hot buffet

Teams should consist of no more than 8 players. If you would like to attend, whether you have a team, or will be attending on your own, please let Robin Jagot (Secretary) or Gary Cobden (Treasurer) know. Contact information

can be found on the inside front cover.



Membership Survey

We are currently undertaking a Membership Survey, and it can be completed on-line. You will all have received an e-mail during December; however, the Survey is still open, and the more responses we receive, the wider opinion we can get from the membership. Your opinion is valued, so please complete the survey at:- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSD9WGP>

The results of the Survey will be published in a future edition of The Normidian.

Many thanks

Gary Cobden
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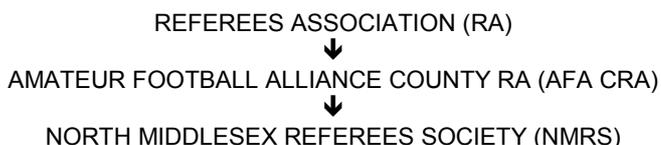
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for Referees. The RA is independent of, but works closely with, County Football Associations to ensure that matters affecting referees are discussed and resolved. These include law changes, current interpretation, assaults and other problems affecting referees nationally.

North Middlesex Referees Society (NMRS) Is one of some 350 local Referees' societies that are spread all over the country; some are referred to as Societies, others as Branches, Associations, or Clubs. They often work closely with local leagues to aid recruitment, and to ensure that any parochial problems are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. NMRS meets on a monthly basis throughout the season; Guest Speakers are invited; training sessions are held; social events arranged; and local problems - including Match Incidents - are discussed.

So what is the link between the Society and the National Body? All Societies must be a member of a County Referees Association (CRA). North Middlesex, together with the AFA and London Society of Association Referees, form a County Referees Association known as the Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association (AFA CRA). This Association operates with Officers and a delegate from each Society who, like the Officers and Committee of this Society, are elected annually in a democratic manner. The AFA CRA send a delegate to the locally held annual RA Liaison meeting which reports back to The RA Board, who meet at least four times a year. All delegates and officers of the AFA CRA Committee are elected annually in a democratic manner.

The National Structure for the Society is:



As a full member of NMRS you are a member of the RA.

The Objects of The Referees Association are clearly defined in their rules, and include:

- provide insurance, and financial support for members
- improve the status and reputation of referees.
- protect members from injustice or unfair treatment.
- promote, educate, train and develop referees in general.
- promote the best interests of the game of Association Football.
- provide guidance and support for members of local Societies.

What are the Benefits of RA Membership?

Insurance - The major benefit is the Personal Accident Insurance Policy. For a small amount, the insurance policy covers you whilst actually refereeing; travelling to and from a match; attending meetings (including travelling to and from home); attending organised training; and loss or theft of kit whilst at a match. Full details are available to members on request, as it is now no longer a requirement that each member who has paid the insurance premium is supplied with a copy of the terms of insurance. A range of increased benefits are also available - for an additional premium - and members should contact the insurers direct if they wish to take up these benefits. Additionally, active referees who are over the age of 75 can now be covered by the Insurance subject to an additional premium being paid. Physiotherapy insurance is now also available for a premium of either £25.00 or £35.00 dependent on the level of cover required.

Supplies - A full range of equipment is available from The RA - and often at a lower cost than if you bought it from a local sports shop. By purchasing equipment in bulk, the RA is able to pass the cost savings on to its members. Publications by top names are also available, along with "The Referees' Association Manual of Guidance" which gives advice to the referee on such varied subjects as diet, law queries, training, pre-match preparation, match control and lots more. "The Assessors Challenge" is another book that forms essential reading for every referee and assessor. It deals with every aspect and quality required for promotion. All items are available from the Society's Supplies Officer - although kit may need to be ordered. The Society's Supplies Officer is also able to supply you with kit and other refereeing items from a range of suppliers to make your purchasing requirements easy.

Refereeing is a joint publication of the Football Association and the Referees Association. It is mailed direct to all registered referees by the Football Association. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of RA-FA and RA news.

Benevolent Fund - It is hoped that you never have to apply for assistance from the Fund but, sadly, some of our members do fall on hard times through sickness and other reasons. The NMRS Fund is available to all NMRS members, and the RA Fund is also available to full members.

Why do I receive two different Membership Forms each year? You will receive Membership Renewal Forms from both NMRS and the CFA with which you are registered, although not necessarily at the same time. The CFA form will also show the 'three lions' badge of the FA, as the FA now has overall responsibility for the registration of all referees, although you will still be parented by a local CFA. When you successfully completed your six matches, following your completion of the Referees Examination, you were automatically registered with a CFA appropriate to the area in which you live, and this is most likely to have been either Middlesex; London; Hertfordshire; Essex; or the AFA. During your training, you will have been invited to take up Trainee Membership of NMRS. If you want to continue with your refereeing, then registration with a CFA is a compulsory requirement. However, the CFA's and RA-FA are unable to offer you the benefits available locally through NMRS. Whilst your membership of NMRS is entirely voluntary, it is strongly recommended as you will be able to participate in regular meetings held throughout the season - on local territory with the opportunity to discuss relevant local matters; meet and hear Guest Speakers; and receive regular training updates, along with the other benefits outlined above.

Note

Abbreviations that are commonly used in magazine articles or in reports at meetings.

AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association partnership for co-operation between the RA and FA.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Are held on the third Thursday monthly (except December – second Friday) commencing at 7:45 pm, at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RN
Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2013/2014:- September 19; October 17; November 21; December 13 2013 (second Friday); and January 16; February 20; March 20; April 17; May 15 2014



The venue is passed by Bus Route W9 and Bus Route 191 stops just a five minute walk away - direct from Enfield Town. The Rail Stations of Enfield Town; Enfield Chase; and Gordon Hill are also only a short distance away. For full directions and how to get to the venue, please see our website. See also www.tfl.gov.uk for bus information; www.greateranglia.co.uk and www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk for rail information.

If anybody has difficulty reaching the venue, and would like assistance, please contact one of the Society Officers – whose details are on the inside front cover.

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