IQA Referee Testing Criteria 2018-20

Having looked at the feedback from the last cycle of testing, we have decided to make several significant changes to the testing rules for the 2018-20 rulebook.

Access to the referee tests

We will no longer be issuing lists of codes to National Governing Bodies to distribute to their referees. Instead, the testing functions will be integrated into the new IQA Referee Development website. This should allow much easier access to the tests going forward. All eligible members will have assistant referee and snitch referee links available by default.

Head referee tests will become automatically available through a referee profile once the following conditions are met:

- The referee has passed both the assistant referee and snitch referee tests for the current rulebook.
- Payment has been processed for access to the head referee test (15 Euros). This can be done via the embedded paypal link in the website.

Cooling off period

The cooling off period between unsuccessful attempts at the referee tests has been reduced. A feature has also been added so that the link will not show up if you have not waited the specific amount of time required between tests. This should make it simpler for referees to know when they are eligible to take the tests again.

The cooling off periods are as follows:

- Head referee test - four attempts allowed - 72 hours between attempts
- Assistant referee test - six attempts allowed - 24 hours between attempts
- Snitch referee test - six attempts allowed - 24 hours between attempts

Cheating Policy

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure that cheating cannot happen on the referee tests, certain penalties must be outlined if this does occur. The penalties are as follows:

Intentionally breaching the cooling off period:

- Head referee test: 72 hour suspension and test must be retaken.
- Assistant or snitch referee test: 24 hour suspension and test must be retaken.

Any egregious cases of cheating will be addressed on a case by case basis.