



International & Regional update Feb 21

Following on from my last message just before the Festive Season, I can now confirm that, as planned, Match Referee training has commenced for Neil Davidson, Billy McPate and Steve Scott, with David Jukes delivering over Zoom.

Just to repeat, the aim for this season is to have all Senior Men's and Women's Regional matches covered by three umpires and a Match Referee. The primary function of the Match Referee will be to assess all three umpires but he will also be wholly responsible for all matters relating to cricket and will ensure the Laws, Playing Conditions and interpretations are recognised, understood, upheld and consistently applied by those participating in each match to which they are appointed.

Engaging with Cricket Scotland on the role of the Match Referee on a match day and the requirements both before and after each match, including the use of WTU, are also now under way.

Establishing Match Referees completes the assessing pathway from Advisor, through Observer and Assessor to Match Referee. Allied to this is the completion of revised assessing criteria and report forms at three levels (Match Referees will be assessing so no additional criteria). Many thanks to Neil, Billy, Steve and Willie Ferguson for all their work on the revised criteria, which will be rolled out shortly.

At this stage, there is still substantial uncertainty around International cricket this season but there are plans for one Men's and one Women's Regional series and a hope that there could be two of each. Watch this space!



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