



THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

To ABS Secretaries
Copy CRA Secretaries, National RA Board/Council members, members of the Website editorial team

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Dear Colleagues

Re. RA Website

We are pleased to be able to advise you that the new RA website went live on the World Wide Web on 1st November 2006 using the same address as the old site www.footballreferee.org and request that you inform your society's members accordingly.

The members of the website editorial team hope that you and your members will find the new site to be informative, full of useful features and easy to navigate around and will welcome any ideas that you may have to improve the site following its launch.

There is a new section titled "**Find your local RA**" which will enable a visitor to search for a society. To enable your society to be shown, a member of your society is requested to enter their details by using a username and password that will be created, on application, to our webmaster Simon Campbell s.campbell@hotmail.co.uk. The information that is entered onto this page will not only update the website but will also update your Society details at Head Office, which will prevent any future correspondence being sent to the wrong people. If your society is unable to do this please advise us and we will arrange for the details that are held on the Head Office database to be entered on your behalf.

The website editorial team is keen to encourage every society to have their own website and the new RA website contains a feature which enables societies to create their own, using a special editor. If your society does not have a website, then take a look at this feature at www.footballreferee.org/website.php and start building your own site. If you would like further details, including a guide on how to get started, please email our webmaster, Simon Campbell on s.campbell@hotmail.co.uk

One of the problems encountered with the old site was that many of the Local RA sites had fallen into disrepair and gave a very poor first impression to potential new members. By agreement with the website team Michael Readman will monitor the links to RA sites to ensure that the information remains current and relevant. ABSs are asked to nominate a member to be responsible for the operation of their site and the members email address is supplied to Michael to enable him to contact them, his email address is michael.readman@ntlworld.com.

If we can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact us accordingly.

With many thanks for your continuing efforts and support.
Kind regards

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RA Board members responsible for the operation of the website