

**Berkshire Rugby Union Referees Ltd  
(Operating as Berkshire Rugby Referees)**



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**GRADING & ADVISER REPORT – SEASON 2025/26**

As with the last couple of seasons we have continued to be plagued by recurring problems with a limited number of games, also the unfortunate cancellation of some games at short notice has continued with clubs dropping out of the League. Due to the efforts of all concerned we continued to appoint Advisors and Coaches to as many adult and colts matches as best we could.

Continued thanks to Andy Green and Dave Elliott for their magnificent work in managing Appointments and Re-Appointments often at very short notice overcoming an almost impossible task.

We remain very lucky to have on the Advisor team Peter Kruger, Chris Parker, Crispin Davis, Nick Curtin, and Russ Clark (who continues to referee as well as advising); together with Paul Lee, Dave Watkins, Dan White (who help occasionally); and both Roger Naish and Mike Muston who focus on coaching new and developing referees. We also thank Julian Rainford for his work with the Development Squad. The season has as always been demanding for our list of approx. 40 active referees although it is a pleasure to inform all that new members are queuing up to join us !

From August 2025 to 26 April 2026 advisors have watched and reported on over 50 games in county, not to mention a good influx of referees on exchange whilst both Mike and Roger and our coaches have also watched well over 20 referees in county. In addition over 30 Berkshire referee appointments have been exchanged to other counties with, of course, reports being generated and provide valuable evidence to the Grading Panel as to the progress and potential of individual referees.

The mid-season meeting, in December 2025, enabled us to further evaluate and upgrade some 12 referees. The end of season grading meeting will be held in May, before the AGM, and as always the results will be circulated immediately thereafter.

Yet again we still need more coaches and advisors as well as mentors to support the development of referees. I again invite anyone interested to contact me as soon as possible.

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