

## NSW Referee Coaching Panel mid-year update – 13 Aug 20

As we pass the mid-point of the Subbies season and head toward finals, referee coaches have the following tips for referees hoping to perform at their best for the rest of the season:

- 1) Set the game up with a well-considered pre-match.
  - a. Do it early.
  - b. Don't include unnecessary promises or explanations.
  - c. Make the contract with the captains and establish a good working relationship, which you can then use to transfer pressure and change behaviour during the game.
  - d. Brief your ARs on your expectations of them (this includes club ARs). Make it clear that you may choose to ignore their advice and they should not be offended by this.
- 2) Review the focus areas in the [2020 Game Management Guidelines](#), taking note of the high tackle framework and use the language when issuing a card.
- 3) Use the scrum and lineout processes we developed through the June and August [webinars](#) to identify and fix trends at set piece.
- 4) When issuing a card, take your time. Separate the teams (and get the number of the player/s). Speak with your ARs if necessary / desired. Move to space and call the captain & player to you. For cards against both teams issue cards separately, finishing with the one to the team you are penalising.