

NORTH BUCKS CUS REPORT – JUNE 2017

Following on from last season, the new rules forums were well received and a great success. I'd like to thank Margaret Deighan, Bernie Palmer, Bill and Carol Alexander for their professionalism in presenting the new rules to all players, umpires and coaches in North Bucks.

The season started with courses for the C award and the first INTO officiating award course. Both were fully booked with 22 attendees. The next INTO officiating course has been organised for this July with a C award course in the Autumn. I'd like to thank both Bernie Palmer and Sandra Howlett for their support as tutors. The feedback from the attendees has been very positive.

I am satisfied with the results throughout the county, since September we have gained the following:

24 theory passes, 15 learners have passed assessments in either the INTO officiating and pre assessments for the C award. 4 learners have achieved the full C award qualification. One learner was talent identified and achieved the fastest turn-around from course to assessment of 4 months. This is exceptional progress and a great example for others to follow.

I have secured a county policy which requires every learner follows the pathway in sequence, starting with the INTO officiating and moving on towards the C award, B award and so on. This policy has the full support from EN officiating team, and both league secretary's.

I organised a 'Becoming a Mentor' course to allow the more able officials within the county to assist the learners and lesser experienced umpires continuation and development with the aim of raising standards across both leagues. As we move forwards to next season I plan to reinvest in those who are already qualified and offer workshops and mentoring sessions. It will be expected that throughout the next two seasons every official will have attended at least one workshop and have received mentoring and support.

I have been working with Hannah (North Bucks Communications) and we plan to have links on the website containing all the information required to support learners as they move through the pathway.

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