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Chairman's Letter

Dear Member ,

We have passed through the 100 barrier - we now have 102 members ! A very pleasing state of affairs. It is still important for you to let us know what we could do to improve, or any topic you would like covered in our open meetings.

Talking of open meetings, the next one is **Wednesday 18th January 1995** at 7.30pm at Clifton College Sports Pavilion, Beggar Bush Lane. Please book the date.

Also book the provisional date of **February 7th 1995** at Firebrand's Club for a joint meeting with the Men's Association on offences in the 'D'. More details as we receive them.

Junior county matches are such lovely games to umpire. If you would like to umpire one of these games, please let me know.

Clubs seem to be taking umpiring to heart. We have arranged 4 club base preliminary award courses already this season, with 2 more in the pipeline.

By now most of you should have heard from your "Committee Mentor". We are hoping to develop this support for umpires during the next couple of years.

Our first improvers course is fully booked and we are looking for a second in the New Year - and a third in April. If you are interested in a general refresher course, do let either myself or your "Mentor" know.

Dear Marge has proved very popular - please keep your letters coming in.

Good whistling and have a great festive season

John

INJURIES

The question of "injuries" has been raised again. In general terms, stop play (and time!):

- a. In the case of a head injury or a serious injury - **at once**
- b. In the case of minor injuries that require attention - at the first convenient moment in the context of play. Do not stop play and take an advantage away from either side, regardless of which team's player is injured; wait for a natural stoppage - free hit, hit in, 16 yard hit etc. If, however, play is going on around the injured player then stop play and restart with a bully when the injury has been sorted out.

If the injured player requires attention, allow the manager/coach/physio onto the pitch to deal with the incident. If the player can safely leave the pitch then arrange this as quickly as is sensible (and sensitive!).

Remember the other players as well - they will most probably be getting cold. Up to two minutes is a reasonable time to deal with an ordinary situation. If the injury is such that a long stoppage is likely, and the injured player can not be removed safely from the pitch, advise the other players to cover up and keep warm.

With an injury which results in **blood** showing, even an abrasion, the player **must** cover the injury before taking any further part in the game, if necessary leaving the pitch for that purpose. Allow play to continue in their absence.

Unless you are medically qualified, or a qualified first-aider, **do not** become personally involved in any injury. Leave it to the others; it is too easy to be sued for "negligence" so, even if you are insured for such an eventuality, do not exacerbate the problems by trying to deal with injured players.

Finally apply the "unwritten rule" to injuries just as you would to other aspects of your umpiring

USE YOUR COMMON SENSE !

DEAR MARGE

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Marge,

A disagreement concerning penalty strokes occurred between a colleague and myself recently during a light-hearted discussion in the bar after the game. It revolved around the awarding of a penalty goal.

I commented that a penalty goal could only be awarded in the event of a goalkeeper moving prior to the stroke being taken. However my colleague insisted that this could only be the case if the umpire was sure that the ball would have gone into the goal. I wasn't aware of this.

Was my colleague correct?

Dear Umpire,

The penalty stroke rule states that the goalkeeper shall stand on the goal-line and shall not leave the goal-line or move either foot until the ball has been played. The penalty for such an offence, is that a goal be awarded to the opposing team (i.e. a penalty goal) provided that the offence has prevented a goal from being scored.

If in the opinion of the umpire, the ball was not going into the goal, and therefore a goal would not have been scored, the umpire has the right to order the stroke to be taken again.

So YES your colleague was right.

Dear Marge,

Following the letter concerning penalty strokes in your last newsletter, it occurred to me that I have never had cause to award one, and this being the case I wonder if you could outline for me the correct procedure should I have to award one in the future.

Dear Umpire,

You must have been very fortunate or perhaps you just have not been umpiring very long.

Having blown your whistle and given the correct signal, remember to stop time. Now take time out to ensure that all the players not directly involved in the taking of the stroke are beyond the 25 yard line and to the side of the pitch so as not to be in the direct vision of the goalkeeper. Now give the ball to the player taking the stroke so that she can place it on the spot. While she is doing this check that your colleague has arrived and is ready.

It is now advisable to tell both players concerned what is going to happen. That you will ask both players in turn that they are ready and will await a verbal response and you will then blow your whistle.

Having done this then go through the routine as you have outlined it. Should this routine be interrupted in any way e.g. the keeper merely nods and is not heard to respond you should start the routine again.

Having made your decision following the penalty stroke a cursory glance to your colleague prior to signalling is advisable. In the event of a disagreement

between the two of you walk to your colleague and discuss the situation in private without the players being in hearing distance.

Finally having made your decision, and signalled it, wait for your colleague to regain their position before continuing.

Should you have any questions for Marge, no matter how trivial, please send them to any member of the committee.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
27/11/94	Under 18 Schools Championships	Cheltenham
27/11/94	Under 16 Schools Championships	Bournemouth
08/01/95	Indoor Clubs Finals	Yate
18/01/95	ACWHUA Open Meeting	Clifton College
22/01/95	Indoor Schools Finals	TBA
07/02/95	Joint Open Meeting with Men's Association	Firebrand's Club
17/02/95	Under 18 Territorials	Bournemouth
17/02/95	Under 16 Territorials	Bournemouth
26/02/95	Under 14 County Tournament	Taunton
05/03/95	Under 19 Clubs Tournament	Clifton College
05/03/95	West Mini Finals	Millfield, Somerset
01/04/95	WCWHA County Tournament	Bournemouth
02/04/95	WCWHA County Tournament	Bournemouth
22/04/95	National League Promotion/Relegation	Clifton College
23/04/95	National League Promotion/Relegation	Clifton College
06/05/95	Veterans Clubs Tournament	Bournemouth
13/05/95	West AGM	TBA
20/05/95	National League Promotion/Relegation	Sheffield
21/05/95	National League Promotion/Relegation	Sheffield

Should any member have an event that they feel would be of interest to other members, please do not hesitate to send details to any member of the committee for inclusion in this newsletter.