



English Pool Referees Association

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2026 Delegate's Meeting

LOCATION: MS Teams
DATE: Sunday 2nd August, 2026
TIMES: 10:34am to 12:08pm and 3:20pm to 5:32pm
MINUTES: Steve Peregrine

PRESENT:	Chair	George Bradbury (GB)
	Treasurer	Lyn Carnall (LC)
	Vice Chair	Simon Grove (SG)
	Exam Secretary	Tony Coe (TC)
	Membership Secretary	Steve Peregrine (SP)
	R1/R2 Delegate	Martin West (MW)
	R3 Delegate	Darren Henshall (DH)
	R4 Delegate	Nicky Josselyn (NJ)
	R5 Delegate	Michael Rees (MR)
	R6 Delegate	Tony Wiltshire (TW)
	R7 Delegate	Will Dowsing (WD)
	R8 Delegate	JP Eames (JPE)

APOLOGIES: General Secretary John H Hope

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- GB/JHH – Investigation and publication of Thetford exam results due to absent records in Region 4. Complimentary re-tests to be offered to failed candidates due to the delays.
- SG – Currently managing event coordination, ongoing.
- SP – Move to replace email Word event invitation form with a web form and data logging.
- SP – Generate and send the list of World Rules only referees to all delegates for IR exam marketing.
- All delegates – Approach WR only referees regarding taking the IR exam.
- SG – Contact the EPA to confirm the service and accommodation for the next event matches last year's arrangements.
- Executive Committee – Prepare a proposal for the AGM proposing rules for grade reduction after membership lapses (e.g., drop a grade after two years of non-renewal).
- Executive Committee – Prepare and submit a proposal at the next AGM to define the minimum number of national events required to move up to grade B1.
- MR – Create a proposal to protect life presidents from automatic grade downgrades for consideration at the AGM in January.
- SP – Mark Matthew Bell (Region 5) as banned with a note for the reason why on the database.
- MW – Engage Robb Turner about taking on delegate and examiner support roles in Region 1.
- TC – Organise a referee course with WD in Region 7 (Basingstoke suggested) to be assessed as an examiner. Alternatively with Jason Davies discussed.
- SP – Update the membership records following upgrades and examiner approvals at this meeting.

- GB – Propose more modern match timing solution to the EPA at national events using the new EPRA timer created by SP, available on the website.
- SP – Prepare and publish meeting minutes in JHH's absence.

INTRODUCTION:

- GB confirmed the meeting would skip Officers' reports because they will be repeated at the AGM, recorded that JHH was absent due to recent surgery, and reviewed the attendance roster to confirm present members.
- GB wished JHH a speedy recovery from surgery.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

- The minutes of the Delegate's meeting held in February 2025 as published on the Association's website were read.
- No minutes for the Delegate's meeting held in December 2025 were available.

MATTERS ARISING:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were referenced, and attendees were asked if there were any questions.
- Confusion and lack of clarity on upgrades after the B1/B2 grades were brought in. Corrections made to 2025 list in the previous minutes:
 - D to C: Matthew Bell, Tom Black, Tim Bolitho, Andrew Dickson, Oldriska Dickson, Lee Gagg, Jane Harle, Clair Maslin, Terry Pugh, Yvette Thomson (Robottom), Sharon Wood
 - C to B1: James Cheadle, Will Dowsing, Nicky Josselyn, Mark Welton, Tony Wiltshire
 - C to B2: Andrew Carnall, Martin West, Michael Rees, Ryan Wisset, Colin Carpenter
- Banking and account modernization discussion.
 - Attendees discussed limitations of the current charity/association account for online banking, considered moving to a business account or a different bank to enable online access and dual-signature functionality, and debated implications including possible HMRC reporting and account charges; the group agreed to investigate options and consult with Su Smith at the upcoming Hemsby event. HSBC, Nat West Community account and Lloyds Treasurer's account were mentioned as possible products to investigate.
 - Local treasurers shared working solutions: a Lloyds business account with card access can support online management and cash withdrawals, and another region uses HSBC's dual-signature in-app functionality. These examples were offered as models while the association investigates broader changes.
- Discussion around election of the Region 4 Delegate with EPA region 4 and the old story that the EPRA is a sub-committee of the EPA. LC stated that from history, the EPRA chose to become self-governing and self-financing in the early-mid 1980s, thereby separating from the EPA as an Association in its own right.
- All other action items complete.
- Proposed – MW, seconded NJ.
- Accepted 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Claire Watts (Region 7) withdrew her request for upgrade to S and requested dispensation to retain her A grade despite not being able to make 2 events this year due to changes in personal circumstances.

EVENT REPORTS:

- General overview of the upcoming September event recorded.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

- Region 1/2 Reports:
 - Please see attached report from MW.
 - MW reported that Region 1 activity is constrained by limited travel and low active membership; GB and LC previously ran a referee's course producing about eleven candidates, two known Grade D referees are seeking upgrades, and priorities include re-establishing county contacts, identifying active course graduates, arranging cross-regional course access, and creating a sustainable recruitment and retention structure.
 - MW confirmed as a full examiner.
 - MW will establish contact with the appropriate county representative to identify suitable opportunities to observe and assess Luke Wigman's upgrade request in Region 1.
 - Jane Harle commended on her refereeing performance at the Region 2 county shootout qualifier event in Crewe.
 - Requested confirmation whether Robert Shore remains suitably well enough to conduct International Rules referee's examinations on behalf of the Association.
 - MW aims to deliver a referee's course to Keighley when his health allows and when treatment permits resumption of duties.
 - GB and LC offered to conduct referee examinations in Regions 1 or 2 if there are enough candidates to warrant travel and they are kept informed. MW informed of possible exam required in the future in Cheshire.
 - MW will engage Robb Turner about taking on delegate and examiner support roles in Region 1.
- Region 3 Report:
 - Please see attached report from DH.
 - Vote on upgrade of Andrew Carnall to B1, proposed by DH (9 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions).
- Region 4 Report:
 - Please see attached report from NJ.
 - GB will contact JHH to stress the importance of contacting the Thetford Region 4 exam candidates and to push for a prompt resolution. TC reported a very recent contact us request on this topic with a possible demand for refund due to late results. TC read a recently received contact Email expressing frustration at the lack of results.
 - A recent Region 4 disagreement where EPA R4 Regional Director objected to the EPRA electing its own delegate; the issue was escalated to a poll and the EPRA vote for NJ stood, with only one dissenting voice reported. Participants noted the long-standing debate about whether the EPRA is a subcommittee of the EPA and observed that this view is held mainly by a small number of long-tenured members.
 - NJ reported one outstanding issue concerning a member disciplinary seeking advice, but no details were given.
 - Much discussion about Matthew Burgess current grade and application for upgrade to A. Reference was made to his disciplinary hearing held at Pontins in 2024 where he was downgraded from A to B and given a period to wait before re-applying for A. That time has passed and he has been assessed again. No minutes of that meeting were ever published. Agreement was made by vote to upgrade to A, proposed by SP, seconded by NJ (9 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions).
- Region 5 Report:
 - Please see attached report from MR.
- Region 6 Report:
 - Please see attached report from TW.
 - SP will update the database records to reflect Matthew Bell's (Region 6) suspension status for EPRA purposes. This suspension reflects a suspension by the EPA by mutual agreement.

- Region 7 Report:
 - Please see attached report from WD.
 - Questions raised regarding Phil Davis' suitability to continue being an examiner in Region 7.
 - WD would like to be considered for examiner so that he can promote exams in Region 7. TC will arrange an examiner assessment at the Hampshire venue as a mutually agreeable middle-distance venue, so WD can be assessed and progress toward qualifying as a regional examiner.
 - WD reported that Claire Watts withdrew her upgrade request via Email to JHH from grade A to S and requested dispensation to retain her A grade due to not being able to attend two weekends this year due to changes in personal circumstances.
 - WD will contact Frank Sammut to gather details about his refereeing activity before making an upgrade decision.
- Region 8 Report:
 - Please see attached report from JPE
 - JPE ran through and presented Ryan Wisset's experience to support the grading decision.
 - MW suggested that a Region 1 exam held in East Yorkshire could help to make exams worthwhile for Region 8.

EPA REPORT:

- None received, possibly none requested.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- Interleague KO Cup weekend coming up. Start date confirmed as Thursday, not Wednesday.
- No direct notification received from the EPA regarding the cancellation of the Wednesday competitions at the upcoming national event, leading to some referees making plans for time off work on the Wednesday to be able to attend.
- SG holding the reins with the organisation of the events in JHH's absence.
- GB thanked Sharon Wood for assistance in recent times.

DATE OF NEXT DELEGATE'S MEETING:

- 31st January 2027.

2026 UPGRADES:

- All current B grades for IR referees only not covered by any other upgrade requests agreed to be changed to B2 considering B no longer exists for IR referees but can still exist of WR only referees. This was an afterthought to the main meeting, agreed in the evening by the Officers.
- D to C: Robb Turner, Sam Baker, Mike Collins, Sarah Cook, Andrew Mear, Gary Pearse, Nigel Purchase, Daren Solomon, Gavin Goodall, Andy Jefferson, Christopher Partlett, William Rase
- D to B2: Darren Henshall, with a view to B1 at January meeting
- B2 to B1: Andrew Carnall
- C to B2: Lee Gagg, Javed Iqbal, Clair Maslin, Steve Peregrine, Terri Pugh, Sharon Wood
- B1 to A: Matthew Burgess

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion around the practical interpretation of B grades, confirming the split into B2 (regional) and B1 (national), recalled a prior meeting where wording was changed to emphasise regional delegate authority for initial B upgrades, and noted missing AGM minutes that contributed to confusion.

- All delegates should approach their World Rules only referees within their region and discuss taking the International Rules exam. SP can create an automated Email from the database if required, but the more personal approach from the delegate's is preferred.
- Delegates examined the status of referees who remain certified only under World Rules and whether those certificates retain authority five years after International Rules adoption. The group debated case-by-case review versus simple conversion, enforcement of availability-based downgrading, outreach to encourage IR exams, and whether automation or personal handling should control grade changes.
- SP will generate and send the list of World Rules only referees to all delegates.
- SG will contact the EPA to confirm the service and accommodation for the next event matches last year's arrangements.
- Matthew Burgess pending approval as Region 4 full examiner on JHH's review.
- Discussions were held around downgrades after periods of inactivity as described in the Grading Byelaw and how it is policed and enforced. Currently, it isn't. The Executive Committee are to consider how to police this effectively in accordance with the rules.
- Some conversation was held regarding whether Life Presidents can be downgraded due to inactivity or not. MR will put in a proposal to protect life presidents from automatic grade downgrades for consideration at the AGM in January.
- Availability forms:
 - SG will create a specification for a new availability checkbox/system so members' availability for national events can be electronically and automatically recorded via the website.
 - SP will build a web form with a unique URL per event to collect referee availability and record responses automatically back to the Secretary and record expressions of interest.
- The Executive Committee will prepare and submit a proposal at the next AGM to define the minimum number of national events required to move up to grade B1.
- MW suggested automating the membership application interface so the upgrade option is shown only when an applicant meets required eligibility. This was noted as not currently possible due to no online database of records to reference in real time. The database is offline.
- Upgrade rules confirmed - regional delegates may upgrade up to B2 within region.
 - Delegates will include their upgrade list in their delegate meeting report so the Delegate's Meeting can review and it is recorded in the minutes, to then subsequently ensure the membership records can be updated accordingly.
- GB will continue working on discussions with IRPT for event referees and report back on feasibility.
- MR requested approval to be a full examiner and carried. Proposed TC, seconded TW (8 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions).
- The group identified accommodation allocation by the EPA as the key restriction on invitees, with fixed unit allocations and expectations for multiple referees per unit creating inevitable disappointments. The proximity of units to the arena and short duty breaks make distant accommodation impractical.
- Rumours raised about the EPRA losing the BUCs event as a regular schedule following some social media comments. GB assured that this was untrue and the EPRA are a full candidate with the organisers for future events.
- The new EPRA branded match clock was demonstrated on the EPRA website which includes match clock, facility for different countdowns and timers for 6-Red shootouts. Questions posed as to how to use this new tool effectively at major events. GB to follow up.

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Region 1 Delegate's Report

Reporting Period: August 2025 – August 2026

Martin West – Temporary Regional Delegate

I took up the role of Region 1 Delegate immediately prior to the onset of my current health issues. Unfortunately, this has limited the amount of direct regional activity and travel I have been able to undertake since accepting the position.

Before my appointment, George and Lyn delivered a referees' course within the region, which resulted in approximately 11 successful candidates. This provides a potentially encouraging base from which to rebuild referee participation within Region 1, although further contact and follow-up work will be required to establish how many of these candidates remain active and wish to progress.

Initial contact was made with John Nelson to discuss the region and the development of its referees. Progress has, however, been slow. This has partly been due to my health problems, but establishing effective communication across the region has also proved difficult.

At present, the two known active Region 1 members are both D Grade referees:

- Robb Turner — North Yorkshire
- Luke Wigman — Durham

Both referees have requested consideration for an upgrade.

Following an initial conversation with John Nelson, I asked whether he could assist by putting me in contact with the relevant EPA County Chairs throughout Region 1. The only response received to date has been from the North Yorkshire Chair, Will Hopwood.

Will provided an email supporting Robb Turner's upgrade application. This recommendation, together with information regarding Robb's previous refereeing history and experience, was forwarded to the National Secretary. The supporting information was also circulated to the Executive members during the past week.

Although I have not yet been able to travel to North Yorkshire to assess Robb personally, I do not believe it would be fair to restrict his opportunity to progress solely because I have been unable to attend. He has received positive reports and the support of his County Chair, and his wider refereeing history has been provided for consideration. I therefore believe his upgrade request should be assessed on the available supporting evidence.

Further work is also required regarding Luke Wigman's upgrade request. The intention is to establish contact with the appropriate County representatives and identify suitable

opportunities for him to be observed, assessed and supported through the upgrade process.

I have also been speaking with representatives in Keighley, West Yorkshire, which falls within Region 2. They have indicated that they may be able to accept a number of Region 1 referees onto courses being delivered in their area. This could provide a useful short-term development route where courses, assessments or suitable opportunities are not currently available within Region 1 itself.

Region 1 remains a particularly difficult region to develop. Its geographical spread, the limited number of active EPRA members and the difficulty in establishing consistent communication with County representatives all present significant challenges. Cross-regional cooperation, particularly with nearby parts of Region 2, may therefore be essential to providing Region 1 referees with realistic opportunities to qualify, gain experience and progress through the grading structure.

Priorities Going Forward

The immediate priorities for Region 1 are:

- To progress the upgrade applications submitted by Robb Turner and Luke Wigman.
- To establish reliable contact with each of the EPA County Chairs within Region 1.
- To identify the referees who passed the previous course delivered by George and Lyn and determine how many remain active.
- To develop assessment and experience opportunities for existing D Grade referees.
- To explore joint courses and development opportunities with Keighley and other neighbouring areas.
- To establish a more sustainable structure for recruiting, supporting and retaining referees throughout the region.

Despite the difficulties experienced to date, there are opportunities to make progress if stronger communication can be established and suitable cross-regional support arrangements can be put in place.

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Region 2 Delegate's Report

Reporting Period: August 2025 – August 2026

Martin West – Regional Delegate

Introduction

This report covers activities within Region 2 since the 2025 Delegates' Meeting and provides an update on referee development, membership and regional activity over the past twelve months.

It has been an unusual year for me personally, and I would like to thank everyone across the Association for the support, patience and understanding shown throughout.

Personal Update

Many delegates will be aware that since May 2025 I have been undergoing treatment for Stage 4 bowel cancer.

*Following an encouraging response to my initial chemotherapy, recent scans have unfortunately shown further progression of the disease. As a result, I will be restarting chemotherapy on **Tuesday 4 August**.*

Although this has inevitably affected my ability to undertake every aspect of the Regional Delegate role, I have remained involved wherever possible and intend to continue supporting Region 2 throughout my treatment.

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me with messages of support over the past year. It has been greatly appreciated by both myself and my family.

Referee Courses

*Unfortunately, due to my illness, **no referee courses have been delivered within Region 2 during this reporting period.***

Following discussions with the Chair, it was agreed that any leagues or individuals requiring urgent referee courses should contact the National Referee Committee directly so that alternative arrangements could be made.

I appreciate the support given by the National Committee in ensuring that referee development could continue despite my inability to organise courses locally.

Despite not being able to deliver courses, I have continued to receive enquiries from prospective referees.

*In particular, I have received a number of requests from the **Keighley League**, together with enquiries from several individuals across the region, all wishing to undertake the referee course.*

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. I remain committed to arranging these courses as soon as my health permits.

National Support

*I would like to record my sincere thanks to **Tony Coe** for delivering referee courses during the year, particularly at:*

- Hemsby

- BUCS Championships

These courses have enabled additional candidates to undertake and successfully pass the referee examination, ensuring referee development has continued nationally despite the lack of courses within Region 2.

Region 2 Shootout

Earlier this year I invited all qualified referees within Region 2 to participate in officiating at the Region 2 Shootout.

I was extremely pleased with the response received, which demonstrated the enthusiasm of referees within the region to support representative events.

*Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen clash of dates and the resulting availability issues, the appointments ultimately resulted in only **Jane Harle and myself** officiating throughout the competition.*

*Jane deserves particular recognition for the outstanding contribution she made on the day by refereeing both the **Under-23 Finals** and the **Adult Finals**. Her professionalism and willingness to step forward ensured the event was completed to the high standard expected.*

My sincere thanks go to Jane for her support.

Region 2 Membership

*Region 2 currently has **19 registered referees**, representing a healthy mix of experienced officials and developing referees.*

Current Grades

Grade Number

S	3
A	2
B	3
C	2
D	9
Total	19

The region continues to benefit from an experienced group of senior referees while maintaining a strong pipeline of newer officials, with almost half of the membership currently holding Grade D.

Ruleset Qualifications

Region 2 continues to maintain good representation across both recognised rulesets.

Qualification	Number
International Rules Qualified	13
World Rules Qualified	12

Qualified in Both Rulesets (6)

- Shaun Baker (Grade S)
- John Chapman (Grade S)
- Jane Harle (Grade C)
- Paula Landers (Grade A)
- Robert Shore (Grade S)
- Martin West (Grade B)

International Rules Only (7)

- Jonathan Frear
- Ilias Georgantas
- Beth Neil
- Jak Newby
- James Richardson
- Charlie Scarff
- Jo Stephens

World Rules Only (6)

- Christine Armitage
- Kevin Armitage
- Lascelles Clarke
- Ian Craggs
- John Irelan-Hill
- Mark Rees

This gives the region a good level of flexibility when appointing officials to both International Rules and World Rules competitions. There remains an opportunity to encourage more referees to become dual-qualified in future.

Referee Development

One of the most encouraging aspects of the past year has been the number of referees expressing a desire to progress through the grading structure.

I have received several requests from referees wishing to undertake upgrade assessments, which demonstrates a genuine commitment to improving standards and investing in their own development.

However, the greatest challenge currently facing Region 2 is providing sufficient opportunities for referees to gain the practical experience required for promotion—particularly **Grade D referees** seeking progression to Grade C.

Many of our Grade D referees are also active county players. Whilst this is undoubtedly beneficial in terms of their knowledge of the game, it also limits the opportunities available to them to referee at county events, as they are understandably competing themselves.

This creates a difficult position whereby referees are keen to progress but have relatively few opportunities to gain the experience necessary to demonstrate the competencies expected for promotion.

I believe this is not unique to Region 2 and may be an issue worthy of wider discussion by the National Referee Committee. Exploring additional opportunities for assessment and development—whether through regional representative events, structured mentoring, assessment days or alternative development pathways—would help ensure that enthusiastic referees are able to progress without compromising the standards expected by the Association.

Despite these challenges, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by our referees and look forward to supporting their progression when opportunities become available.

Examination Authorisation

*To ensure referee development can continue without unnecessary delay while I continue treatment, I would ask the Delegates' Meeting to confirm that **Rob Shore remains authorised to conduct Referee Examinations** on behalf of the Association should the need arise.*

Having another authorised examiner available within Region 2 would provide valuable resilience and ensure prospective referees are not disadvantaged by my current health circumstances.

Looking Ahead

Subject to my treatment, my priorities for the coming year are to:

- *Resume referee courses within Region 2.*
- *Deliver a referee course for the Keighley League together with any other interested leagues or groups.*
- *Support Grade D referees in achieving promotion through mentoring and assessment.*
- *Work with the National Referee Committee to identify additional opportunities for referees to gain the practical experience required for progression.*
- *Encourage more referees to become qualified under both International and World Rules.*
- *Continue recruiting and developing referees to strengthen Region 2.*

Closing Remarks

Finally, I would like to thank the National Referee Committee, fellow Regional Delegates and every referee who has supported competitions throughout the past twelve months.

I am especially grateful for the kindness, encouragement and understanding shown during what has been a particularly difficult year personally.

Whilst my health remains uncertain, my commitment to Region 2 and to the English Pool Referees Association remains unchanged. I look forward to continuing to support referee development for as long as I am able and hope that, with improving health, I can once again play a full and active role in delivering courses and developing referees across the region.

Thank you.

Martin West

Regional Delegate – Region 2

English Pool Referees Association

Region 3 Delegate's Report 2026

Dear All,

I am pleased to provide a brief update following my recent appointment as Region 3 Delegate.

Since taking on the role, I have contacted referees regarding referee upgrade applications. Those who expressed an interest have had their applications submitted to the EPRA Secretary, John Hope, for consideration at the AGM.

Referee examinations were also held during the weekend of the BUCS Pool Event, providing an opportunity for referees to progress their qualifications.

As I continue to settle into the role, I have been engaging with referees through the Region 3 WhatsApp group and am gradually becoming more familiar with the responsibilities of the position. I look forward to building stronger relationships with referees across the region and supporting them in their development.

To improve communication, I have established a dedicated email address for any queries, concerns, or matters that individuals may prefer not to raise within the WhatsApp group. Referees are also welcome to contact me directly via private WhatsApp if they wish.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience as I settle into the role, and I look forward to continuing to support referees throughout Region 3 over the coming year.

Upgrade requests:

- Andy Carnall upgrade request is C to B1, CV attached.
- Terri Pugh upgrade request is C to B2
- Clair Maslin request is C to B1

REGION 4 REFERREE REPORT - Nicky Josselyn

R4 continues to actively use its WhatsApp group for communicating and information purposes, non-members who have failed to renew membership have been removed accordingly and all new members have been added.

Referee Courses:

Yarmouth Pool League previously requested that a Referee Examination be held. The examination took place on 28 June at Cue Masters and was attended by 10 candidates. The course was delivered by John, while I attended as an observer. This provided valuable experience and is intended to support my development towards being able to independently deliver and assess Referee Examinations in the future.

Renewing Referees:

All applications noted from membership forms (Steve Peregrine) and are fully up to date with paid members, there was a query from 1 member which has been addressed with the secretary.

R4 representation at national events:

Nicky Josselyn
Matthew Burgess

R4 representation within region:

South Norfolk Pool League finals day.

31st May 2026 Attleborough representation organised and fulfilled.

Norfolk finals night 6th June 4 referees in attendance.

Each of the county teams within the region have had a EPRA referee in attendance and have not been informed of any issues at the county events.

An issue relating to abusive behaviour by a former member from the region (RT) was identified during the reporting period. The matter has been addressed by the Secretary; however, it may require further discussion and consideration at the AGM to determine whether any additional action or guidance is appropriate.

End of report

N Josselyn

Region 5 Report.

Region 5 has welcomed 15 new members since the last Annual General Meeting. 14 of these individuals joined after we, myself and Tony conducted a referee's examination in Gloucester on May 30th.

All participants successfully passed the examination, and I am currently awaiting confirmation to be able to administer further examinations independently.

The remaining new member independently attended Hemsby and successfully passed with Tony at the county finals on March 26th.

As all current members are new, I have not yet received any requests for upgrades.

I am continuing my efforts to connect with all officials within Region 5 and hope to be invited to additional meetings, including those with EPA Secretaries; however, I have not yet been successful in this endeavour.

EPRA R5 Delegate
Mike Rees

Region 6 Delegates Report 2026

Tony Wiltshire

Region 6 Report – Tony Wiltshire

Since taking on this role I have started a WhatsApp group for R6 referees. This has quite a lot of activity and working well. I have also joined the R6 Delegates WhatsApp group,

National Events

Region 6 has had 3 referees go to national events since the last meeting (Tony Coe, Tony Wiltshire and Daren Solomon).

New Referees

We have gained 9 new referees in R6 (Robin Acheson, Laura Buckley, Chris Causer, Tony Parsons, Daren Solomon, Shaun Buckingham, Shannon Grant, Nigel Purchase and Andrew Purchase)

Unfortunately, we have lost 2 referees (Matt Bell) due to suspension from a disciplinary and (Ian Bodin) I believe was suspended or left.

Upgrades

There were 7 requests for upgrades (Matt Bell, Ian Bodmin, Tim Bolitho, Colin Carpenter, Emma Downes, David Durnham and Nigel Purchase). I believe only 2 warrant an upgrade, David Durnham from D to C and Nigel Purchase from D to C. I would also like to recommend that Daren Solomon be upgraded from D to C, due to his experience at National and County level.

This concludes my report for Region 6.

Tony Wiltshire – 26/07/2026

Region 7 Report for AGM – Will Dowsing

I am the delegate for Region 7, I have been in this position for around 12 months now, I have been active in arranging for referees to attend county pool days and have successfully encouraged 2 (William Rase for Kent to be senior referee for the afternoon games as he plays in the seniors, however he has since been selected on a for the C team), and Robert Taylor for Sussex. I have also been to see Robert Taylor and Christopher Parlett referee and offer advice.

I have also set up a WhatsApp group for all current Region 7 referees where people can post any questions/queries.

In the last year I have contacted almost all the old members by email, a total of 4 came back to me

- 1 has given up on pool so doesn't feel the need to renew.
- 1 said they would renew, however haven't done as yet, I have chased this up.
- 1 has since renewed.
- 1 has said that he had not renewed his membership due to not really planning on attending or refereeing any events at the moment

Referee Courses:

There have been no referee exams held this year within region 7, however Maidstone and District Pool league have contacted Phil to arrange a seminar which he hopes to have done this week.

Renewing Referees:

We currently have 15 paid up referees in Region 7, with 5 passing late last year (2024), this will probably go up to 16 when the bank statement comes through.

Upgrades Requested:

There are 7 referees who have asked for upgrades, they are as follows:

- Chris Byrne from D to C
- Ben Gadsby from D to C
- Gavin Goodall from D to C (CV)
- Andy Jefferson from D to C
- Christopher Parlett from D to C (CV)
- William Rase from D to C (CV)
- Robert Taylor from D to C (CV)

R7 Referees at national events:

I believe that Region 7 sent 8 referees to the national events last year (Will Dowsing, Simon Groves, Dean Winter, Robert Taylor, William Rase, Christopher Parlett, Gavin Goodall and Clair Watts), which is a very good amount.

Other Events & EPA Meetings

I am unaware of any region 7 referees who have worked other big events for EPRA or been to any EPA meetings within Region 7 in their refereeing capacity.

Going Forward:

Keep up with the work I have been doing, keeping on top of emails and queries via the WhatsApp group.

2026 EPRA Delegates Meeting: Region 8 Report

Overall, there is very little to report from R8. There are 7 EPRA members in the region comprising 1 Life President, 1 S grade, 1 B grade, 1 C grade, and 3 D grades.

Since the last AGM held, one referees examination has been held. This took place on August 30th 2025 at Phoenix Cue Sports in Nottingham and was attended by 10 candidates.

In July 2025, correspondence was received from an individual in Lincolnshire who was interested in taking the referees exam. I offered two dates to hold an exam, with the final date being August 30th 2025. The prospective candidate was unable to attend.

No further correspondence received from the region recently, and no further requests have been received to facilitate a referees exam.

As soon as further interest is registered, I will arrange an exam at the earliest opportunity.