

**Antrim GAA Referee Strategy 2008**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Outcomes Sought</b>
<b>County Recruitment Launch</b>	Referees Committee/ County PRO /Divisional Boards/ County Management	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	Guidelines from National Level, Invites and agenda	Increase the pool of club Referees by----- %
<b>Referees Foundation Course</b>	Referees Committee/Ulster Tutor John Gough	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	Organize 2 day Course	Approx 20 individuals
<b>Review/ Refresher Course for Existing Referees Written Test.</b>	Referees Committee/John Gough	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2008 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2008/11 <sup>th</sup> February 2008 <b>Comfort Inn</b>	<b>Comfort Inn</b> Organize Full day course Prepare Written test, Supervise written test.	Completed the course Handbooks issued. Interpretation of rule with new DVD of New Referee Handbook
<b>Introduce Mentoring Programme</b>	Referees Committee	February/March 2008	Draw up a programme of Mentoring	Each new referee will have An experienced referee to Act as mentor
<b>Young Whistlers Courses</b>	Referees Committee/ Divisional Boards	February/ March	Launch date, Material , Venues	Successful completion of 3 courses
<b>Refreshment training of Existing Referees in E Sports Results</b>	Referees Committee/ Tutor	March 2008	Organize Course Deliver Course	All existing Referees
<b>Pre Season Fitness Training Programme</b>	FDO/HDO	January 2008	Draw up a fitness' programme - 1 night per Week for 8 weeks	Completed the Course. Mandatory for All referees to attend
<b>.Review with existing assessors</b>	Referees Committee / John Gough	March 2008	Resource and train Assessors. Produce Assessors Pack (forms, Procedures in place to deliver feedback to referees	Adequate number of assessors in place to Deliver a programme of assessment

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Referees Fitness' Test (x 2)  Belfast /S/West/ N/Antrim	Referees Committee/ FDO/HDO	Belfast Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2007 Woodlands Country Venue Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Ballymena	Draw up Fitness' Test  Conduct Fitness' Test	All referees to have fitness' Test .
<b>Establish a relationship between Club Officials, Team Managers, players and Referees. Distribution of referee handbook to Clubs</b>	Referee Committee	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2007 Ballymena	Organize a County Seminar	Representatives of Club Official, Team Manager, Players and Referees to attend a County Seminar in order to exchange vie all refereeing and discipline issues
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	Dr Mark Saulters, Ulster  Council "Well being" team	March & April 2007 TBA	Seek and deliver advice and information to referees  re- diet, fitness, health checks, injury prevention and treatment. Organize seminars when required.	Successful deliver information to all referee
<b>Promoting the status of referees within the county</b>	Referees Committee/ County Management/ Divisional Boards	January - December	Seek sponsorship for referee gear.  Ensure all referees are adequately resourced with equipment etc Organize a social award night at the end of season	Gear supplied  An award night established.

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The following sets out the Referee grade and the criteria needed to meet that grade:

- Grade 1 A      Under 12
- Grade 1 B      Under 14 and Under 16
- Grade 2        Minor and Junior Divisional Board Competitions
- Grade 3        Senior Divisions 6 - 3 and Intermediate Championship
- Grade 4        Senior Division 1+2 and Senior Football Championship
- Grade 5        Inter County/ Inter County Club (Recommended to Provincial and National Level)

<b>Grade 1 A</b>	<b><u>Grade 1 B</u></b>
New Referee Completed Foundation Course Completed Fitness Test Assessment x 2	New Referee Completed Foundation Completed Fitness Test Assessment x 2 <b>One Years Experience</b>
<b><u>Grade 2</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>
Refresher Course for Existing Referees Completed Fitness Test Assessment x 2 One Years experience <b>Match experience at up to U-16</b>	Refresher Course for Existing Referees Completed Fitness Test Assessment x 2 One Years Experience <b>Minor upwards junior Divisional Board etc</b>
<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>
Refresher Course for Existing Referees	Refresher Course for Existing Referees
Two Years experience	Two Years experience
Completed Fitness Test	Completed Fitness Test
Assessment x 2	Assessment x 2
<b>Match Experience up to Senior Div 1 at club level</b>	<b>Experience to SFL Div 1 at Club level + Championship</b>