

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This was a good project to develop because it helps to clarify the foci of our future Courses. It also sets a baseline for evaluating the performance of match officials in similar projects following their completion of the LMS Course programmes.

CONCLUSIONS

- Timing of the launch of the Baseline Tests (BT) seriously impacted our decision to base the tests on the Laws of the Game 2017. We chose this route in the belief that the match officials would not yet be fully conversant with the law changes for 2018, and testing them on these would be unfair and also distort the results.
 - As it was the delayed implementation resulted in the 2018 law changes already being in wide distribution.
- Many match officials chose to not attempt the *Baseline Test* or the *Professional Development Survey*. They seemed to have waited out the deadline for testing before applying to register for 2018.
- Generally, match officials did better when presented with a video-based question. This supports our belief that seeing something usually sends a clearer and more instinctive picture than having to interpret text to arrive at an answer.
- Law 12, not unexpectedly, presents the most challenges to match officials of all grades.

RECOMMENDATION

- Courses will be developed using graphics and illustrative video whenever possible. Text will be minimised even when embedding a quiz or quick test.
- Continue to build Education Modules based on the gaps noted in the chart on the following page.

CONCLUSION

While not obtaining the numbers we were hoping for, this is a good strong starting point for determining the education requirements of Match Officials by grade.

This information is being shared with Districts and Clubs so they can provide education sessions relevant to the gaps, and allows our Learning Management System team (LMS) to create appropriate and specific education to Match Officials and Instructors.

Summary of topics which presented challenges to match officials

Topic	Grade			
	Four	Five & Six	Seven & Eight	Nine & Ten
Law 4 – Player colours	■			
Law 14 - Infringements	■			
Law 12 - DOGSO	■			■
Law 14 – Infringements - video	■	■		
Law 12 – DOGSO - video	■	■	■	■
Law 12 – IFK - video	■			
Law 12 – DOGSO Holding - video	■	■	■	■
Law 12 – Cautionable offences	■			
Law 12 – Restarts following misconduct		■		
Law 12 – Disciplinary action pre-game		■	■	
Law 12 – Thrown objects, misconduct		■	■	■
Law 11 – Offside or not		■		
Law 12 - Simulation		■		
Law 12 – Dangerous Play - sanction			■	
Law 12 – Restarts following off-field offences			■	
Law 11 – Restart position			■	
Law 5 – Injuries & Liability			■	
Law 14 - Procedure			■	
Law 11 – Infringements and misconduct				■
Law 12 – Restarts following misconduct				■
Law 3 – Extra Persons on Field				■
Law 17 – Infringements – Spirit of the Game				■

