Kimberley and environs has an extremely proud rugby heritage going back many years, and it’s a foolish team that visits us thinking of an easy win,” says Griquas referee development officer Kat Swanepoel, probably smiling to himself at the recent Sharks’ Currie Cup defeat. ‘On the refereeing front, too, we’ve produced a number of top match officials.’

Recruiting of match officials at school level is gaining momentum around the country and it makes sense: every rugby-playing school has hundreds of games every season and this is a safe environment for new referees to get their feet wet. ‘I’m excited that we’re making inroads into the schools because this is an ideal age to start learning the craft,’ says Kat. And, indeed, both Jonathan Kaplan and Craig Joubert started their refereeing careers while still at school and both will be officiating at rugby’s global showpiece later this year, the IRB Rugby World Cup.

An IRB Assistant Referees course was held recently at the Jacobsdal Agricultural High School near Kimberley, with 14 learners successfully completing the programme. Six of the candidates were put into action in school games the day after the course.

Learners from other schools have gone on to referee this season, with LM Joubert from Diamantveld and Lulu Smith from Adamantia High School leading the way. LM Joubert, 15, started his refereeing career while still in Western Province and is already handling junior high school games. Lulu, who’s also 15, and is the first female learner in the province to take up the whistle, credits All Black fly-half Dan Carter with igniting her interest in rugby, which has grown into a passion and she has now aims to make it as a top-class referee.

Learners from schools in and around Kimberley are showing increasing interest in becoming match officials.
Neutral vs merit referees

SANZAR has done away with the selection of ‘neutral’ referees and is now appointing referees on ‘merit’.

‘Neutral’ means that the referee won’t take sides. Of course, every normal-thinking person would expect that from a referee, but the question is whether the ref’s heritage, home town, province, school or church should be taken into account.

For example, I was appointed to the Currie Cup quarter-final between the Lions and WP in 1996. The Lions’ media objected to this because I’d studied at Maties, while WP’s media also made rumbles because I grew up in the old Transvaal and therefore couldn’t be seen as unbiased. SARU didn’t budge and the Lions won the game.

A week later I was then appointed to officiate the semi at Loftus between the Blue Bulls and the Lions. This time, the Lions said I shouldn’t ref the game as I’d married a girl who’d studied at Tukkies and she’d represented them and Northern Transvaal in netball. The Blue Bulls didn’t say a thing. The Lions won.

I was then appointed for the final between the Lions and the Sharks at Ellis Park. The Sharks said that because I lived in Benoni (only 40 minutes by car from Ellis Park), I wouldn’t be unbiased towards the Lions. The Lions said that they’d looked at the games the Sharks had played with me as referee that season and noticed that they hadn’t lost a match – in fact the Sharks were unbeatable in that year and went on to win the trophy.

I can categorically state that while I’ve made many mistakes on the rugby field, none has been due to my being biased.

‘Merit’, on the other hand, refers strictly to the capability of the referee in question, regardless of where they hail from. Simply put, referees will have to perform to make SANZAR’s merit panel.

The IRB is in a different boat: they have the very best referees available and the luxury of being able to appoint a referee who’s not ‘connected’ to a country playing on the day. SANZAR is similarly striving to establish a pool of ‘merit’ referees capable of neutrally reffing the competition.

Jake White, Springbok World Cup-winning coach of 2007, wrote in SA Rugby magazine a few years ago: ‘As coaches, we were unanimous that the best referee should be put in charge of the big game, regardless of his nationality. I think it is unfair on the guy who is considered to be the best referee in the world but does not have the opportunity to officiate in a World Cup Final or Six Nations/Tri-Nations decider because his country is among the teams. The game is professional and so too is the referee. He should be judged on the merits of his performance and not his nationality.’

He continued, ‘It is easy to criticize a referee, and I’ve been as guilty as the next coach, but if we care about the wellbeing of the game, then we need to change our mindset and we have to start promoting the virtues of referees. We also have to applaud the character of a person who is willing to put himself or herself in such a position of abuse.’

Jake concluded that if the referee is to remain No 31 on the field, then administrators (and here I’d add supporters and media too) all over the world should start treating their importance as No 1 off the field.

Happy reffing.
The newly rationalised departments (effective 1 September) are

- **High-performance teams** – Management and preparation of all elite national teams, their support staff, selectors and scouts; liaison with players and SARU as well as brand management of teams.
- **Development** – Growing and transforming participation and performance of the game while making it safer.
- **Commercial marketing** – Attracting and retaining sponsors while marketing and strategically managing SARU’s consumer-facing brands such as events and competitions; management of broadcasting contracts, SARU events and merchandise.
- **Referees** – as above.
- **Operations and Finance** – Providing corporate support services in finance, travel, legal affairs and IT.
- **Human resources** – Acquiring, developing and retaining the staff with competencies that support the operational strategy and culture of SARU.
- **Corporate affairs** – Reputation management of the corporate entity of SARU, including media and other stakeholder relationships; management of SARU heritage and Corporate Social Investment programmes.

The South African Rugby Union’s new structure has a separate referees department with André Watson at the helm.

The South African Rugby Union (SARU) has unveiled a new, leaner organisational structure which has slashed the number of departments from 16 to just seven. And the important aspect for local whistle blowers is that referees now have their own separate department.

‘This a clear indication that refereeing matters are high on the agenda,’ says General Manager André Watson. ‘Identifying, training and developing refereeing talent in South Africa, to support both the professional game and amateur rugby at schools, universities and club level, is absolutely vital if the game is to grow.’

Over the last 18 months SARU’s governance and operational departments have been radically re-engineered to complete the transformation of the organisation’s way of doing business. ‘SARU has been able to deliver a robust financial performance, healthy competitions and, most importantly, winning Springbok and Springbok Sevens teams, but there have been challenges – most of them behind the scenes,’ explained SARU chief executive officer Jurie Roux. ‘It’s fair to say that the organisation laboured because of a confusing network of overlapping responsibilities and blurred reporting lines due to the separation between a professional and amateur arm.

‘Those obstacles have been eradicated and we now have a much leaner, cleaner and simpler structure. It’s been a challenging process for our staff and one that hasn’t always been easy, but we come out of it a far more focused organisation and one determined to ensure that our iconic teams remain an inspiration to all South Africans.’

Chairperson’s report

As you read this the Tri-Nations will be nearing completion and the final countdown to the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand will have begun. Once again, on behalf of all referees, I extend our sincere best wishes to all of the match officials participating in this prestigious tournament, and extra-special wishes for our own members: referees Craig Joubert and Jonathan Kaplan, and television match official Shaun Veldsman. It’s a real honour for them and may they perform to the highest level that we know they’re capable of.

It’s been a good year for South African refereeing so far. At international level our National Panel have done sterling work in the inaugural Super Rugby tournament – Jaco Peyper was appointed to the SANZAR Merit Panel and he became our newest Test referee. The Provincial and Contender Panels have also done great work, and with the Currie Cup in full swing there remain many games ahead of us still.

In this edition you’ll read about the heartening effort the Blue Bulls are making to increase the number of black referees within their society with a clear drive on transformation. Transformation is not an event but an ongoing activity and something each one of us can help with.

Lettie Coetzee and Eugene de Villiers from SARRA’s office also get a mention. Both of them put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes so that refereeing matters around the country work smoothly. Please give them your support when called upon.

It’s hard to believe that phase one of the BokSmart safety programme has been completed and re-certification is underway with phase two for early participants. This is a valuable programme and there’s no doubt that it contributes to improved player safety on the field. All referees must be certified so please check your card – if you were one of the early adopters you may be due for re-certification.

It only remains for me to send our best wishes to the Springbok team, coach and management for the upcoming Rugby World Cup. They’ve set themselves the target of becoming the first team to win back-to-back tournaments – no small feat, as this year’s event is taking place on New Zealand soil. I think they have the firepower to achieve their goal and I wish them our combined gees and support to bring back the Webb Ellis trophy.

Happy refereeing.

Steve Meintjes
Chairperson: South African Rugby Referees’ Association
It’s been a meteoric year for National Panel referee Jaco Peyper: he was appointed to SANZAR’s Merit Panel, officiated at the IRB Junior World Championship in Italy, and most recently became South Africa’s 65th Test referee when he took charge of the game between Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Match officials for the opening round of the IRB Junior World Cup 2011 included referees from six different nations – South Africa, Wales, Ireland, France, England and Scotland. Our own Jaco Peyper had the dual honour of refereeing the opening encounter between England and Ireland at the Stadio Communale di Monigo in Treviso, as well as the final between New Zealand and England.

This was a great opportunity for the Bloemfontein lawyer, who acknowledged, ‘It’s a good platform to get exposed to the same selectors who’re involved in managing and selecting the elite IRB referee panels.’

And indeed it was. Said IRB referee manager Paddy O’Brien, ‘Officiating at an IRB Junior World Championship provides the panel with exposure to a high-level development environment that mixes an intense schedule of matches with a dedicated coaching and performance management platform.’

Key focus areas for the Junior World Championship panel included zero tolerance on foul play, delivering consistency in the five key refereeing areas and the strict enforcement of the offside Laws ensuring that players have the space to attack. O’Brien said that the panel would be working closely with each match official to raise standards and ingrain a level of consistency that will lay the foundations for the progression of their respective careers. ‘We hope to see members of this group selected for Rugby World 2015 in England – that is the target.’

Jaco has certainly done his homework. Even though he describes his rise through the reffing ranks as ‘very lucky’ (‘top refs retired or got injured and gaps opened up’), this is one man who puts in the hours that officiating at the highest levels requires. ‘I put in a good effort to be as fit as I can be, as I believe we, like the players, make fewer mistakes when we aren’t under physical stress on the field. In the season I do two gym sessions and four conditioning sessions a week that range from road and track to on-field and recovery.’

A matriculant of Grey College in Bloemfontein, Jaco played for the 1st XV in matric and continued playing rugby at university, but a series of knee injuries forced him to find other ways of staying involved in the game. He took up the whistle in 2001 and his first first-class game was Griekwasp vs Leopards in the 2007 Vodacom Cup.

For aspirant referees, Jaco says, ‘There’s a world of opportunities out there, but it’s not easy going – it takes time, skill and effort if you want to make it to the top. But there are also opportunities for those who want to officiate socially at lower levels, just to stay fit and contribute to the great game we all love.’
BokSmart has, since its launch in Johannesburg in July 2009, made significant inroads into the rugby culture in South Africa. Now ending its first two-year cycle, BokSmart is entering another milestone era for the National Rugby Safety programme: the second instalment of the programme started its journey around the country on 1 August 2011.

As of 19 July 2011, more than 28 755 coaches and referees were certified on the first round of the programme in over 1 235 workshops presented countrywide. Well done to all the trainers and participants at these workshops who played an integral part in this very successful introduction to the programme.

Via the BokSmart Rugby Medic Programme, another important subdivision of the National Rugby Safety programme, 15 653 people have been trained via 514 clubs and 827 schools countrywide since March 2008. And 649 sets of spinal immobilisation kits (spinal board, collars, spider harness and head blocks) have been provided to schools and clubs.

This Medic Programme, together with the Rugby Safety Workshops and the BokSmart Spineline, has contributed to an increase in the awareness of the need for injury-prevention strategies and better management of potentially serious head, neck and spine injuries in rugby union in South Africa.

While it's too early to tell whether BokSmart has made any significant inroads into reducing these kinds of injuries, some positive tendencies have been noted. That said, we've had four catastrophic injuries this year, of which one resulted in death. This should serve as a constant reminder to never ease off the throttle and continuously strive to prevent injuries from happening – one serious injury is one too many.

An area that has been flagged as a current area of concern is the scrum, especially the front row. Referees and coaches need to condition, coach and manage the scrum and their front-row players consistently, fairly and within the Laws of the game, to ensure that the safety of this aspect of the game, which has been successful at professional level, filters down to club and school levels.

For more information on the programme go to www.boksmart.com or join the BokSmart Facebook page on www.facebook.com/boksmart and discuss some of the safety issues that you have to deal with both on and off the field.

Winners play smart!

It’s not too late to re-certify

A reminder to all who need to recertify: there’s a two-month grace period following the expiry date of your BokSmart licence. Please make contact with your union as soon as possible to find out when the first of the new BokSmart courses will be presented and get yourself re-certified.
The Blue Bulls Rugby Union applies a methodical approach to recruiting and training referees, says Training and Education Manager Kosie Horn.

The Blue Bulls Rugby Union is well known for its structured approach to the game and ability to bring a consistent stream of talented players to the field. And it’s this methodical approach that they apply equally to recruiting and training referees.

‘Blue Bulls comprises two regions, Limpopo and Tshwane, with each operating similar programmes but tailored to suit the specifics of their geographical footprint,’ says Training and Education Manager Kosie Horn. ‘And while we have a steady number of enquiries from the traditional rugby-playing or white community, it’s recruiting black referees where we’re focused and making some real headway.’

The Blue Bulls rugby development programme has established a project called the Pioneer Clusters. It divides the Tshwane region into five sectors – Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Soshanguve, Mabopane and the Inner City – and these sectors are then further divided into an east and west cluster. A similar structure exists in the Limpopo region, also with five clusters. The players receive coaching and guidance from the Blue Bulls, and referees are identified and nurtured under Kosie’s programme. ‘Using the Cluster project as a platform, we identify talented individuals to bring into the club and high school structures. They arrive with a couple of seasons’ practical experience under their belt and find the transition much easier,’ Kosie explains.

‘Working within the playing structures set up by the Blue Bulls, we now have about 85 black referees officiating in the two projects,’ he says. ‘They receive training, write the Law exam and are BokSmart certified, all under the eye of assistant Referee Development Officers Nicolle Malamatsho (Tshwane) and Michael Stander (Limpopo).’

The process to bring on a recruit is methodical and structured, with the aim to ensure that the person is fully aware of the commitment and effort required to make refereeing a success. Typically, all recruits undergo a one-on-one interview with Kosie, and if they’re deemed suitable to continue, they’re invited to attend an information session (parents or partners are encouraged to attend too).

‘Our training programme for new referees kicks off on 28 September with a session on the Laws. They do the IRB Level One course, and the IRB Assistant Referees’ course a few days later, followed by a fitness test and a Law exam that requires a minimum of 50% to pass. Candidates making it through that rather gruelling process are invited to be interviewed by the selection committee. Successful recruits undergo an induction course, followed by the BokSmart programme, and will be introduced to the Society at our Annual General Meeting in November.’

By midyear the Blue Bulls had already received 114 recruitment enquiries, with 55 of those from the National Referee Recruitment Campaign and the remainder from their own initiatives.

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The Society appoints refs to about 250 games on a busy weekend, including all U14, U15, U16, 3rd, 2nd and 1st XV school games. ‘It’s our five-year goal to get our numbers up from the current 104 to 230 active referees to adequately cover this workload,’ says Kosie.

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Coming through the ranks

Appointment to the Academy Squad is a stepping stone for Blue Bulls referee Vusi Xaba on his quest for ultimate honour – to officiate at the Rugby World Cup – and this youngster isn’t short on drive to get there.

Vusi Xaba played rugby in the Soshanguve cluster but, like so many other referee converts, a knee injury curtailed his playing days. Cluster RDO Nicolle Malamatsho picked out Vusi in 2006 and suggested a meeting with Kosie Horn. He duly completed the IRB Level One and AR courses and a year later was running touch for the Blue Bulls Society while refereeing within the Cluster project. He’s made steady progress and this year was promoted to Level 1B within the Society structures, opening the door to his first Carlton League third game in July.

‘I’m really pleased with my move from player to referee. I used to sit on the couch and referee the game on TV, and now it’s me on the pitch and I just love it,’ says Vusi. ‘At first it was tough dealing with players I’d previously played with, but when they realised I knew my stuff and was an impartial arbitrator of the Laws, it soon settled down.

‘The move from township rugby to the mainstream school system also had its moments: the intensity of derby games between schools, with players, coaches and parents all giving their two cents’ worth, took some getting used to.’

Vusi’s referee role model is Jonathan Kaplan: ‘I try to watch every game he blows,’ he says. ‘The Blue Bull structures – particularly Kosie Horn and coach Johan Zurich – have played big roles so far, and my appointment to the Academy squad under Eugene Daniels has also helped a lot. I’ve been very fortunate and appreciate the opportunities afforded me to grow as a referee.’

Outside of refereeing Vusi wants to study financial management. He’s had to interrupt his studies for financial reasons but hopes to resume these in the near future.
Aiming for world domination

Eugene de Villiers thinks big. It’s what’s made him successful in his career despite the hurdles, and it’s what’s going to help him achieve his aim of making SARRA the best-managed referee association in the world.

If determination in the face of adversity helps build character, SARRA’s referee operational administration manager Eugene de Villiers can lay claim to plenty of it. While serving on the top ref panels of Eastern Province and Border, his age and the transformation occurring within the SA Rugby Referees Association precluded him from being considered for the SARRA panels. But did he let this get him down? Not a chance. ‘I turned this potential low into a high by deciding to turn it around into something positive, and this has since reflected in my career path and appointment for various finals,’ he says.

Eugene became involved in reffing in 1995, when injury stopped him playing the game. His move into administration began with a coaching stint at Eastern Province, during which Gorre van Tonder asked him to do a training session at Despatch. ‘And it took off from there,’ he says. ‘When I was transferred to Border, the referees president Fred Darke asked me to help with the coaching structures, and then I was asked to stand as Border secretary.’

Since giving up active refereeing any loss to the reffing world has been more than made up for in coaching and administration. The fitness and training manual that Eugene developed for Border has since ensured that ‘not a single Border referee has ever failed a SARRA fitness test’, and Eugene’s work in drafting various policies and regulations – with help from Fred, Don Wolf and Kobus Oelofse – contributed significantly to an improved referee society administration process.

‘I was noticed by the Lions when I received a call to apply for a position there, and this expanded further when Theuns Naude asked me to draft a complete policy and procedure document for the Golden Lions Referees’ Society.’

In his current position, Eugene is in charge of managing all matters pertaining to the various panels, including logistics, finances and human resources. ‘I’m also responsible for turning around women’s referee abilities and the perception held by general rugby fans of women referees.’ It’s a challenge Eugene takes seriously; ‘I’d like to change the mindset of the older generation,’ he explains, ‘to adapt effectively and efficiently to the ever-changing rugby environment.’

This devoted, braai-loving family man – he’s married, with two sons and two stepchildren – is fully prepared for the vagaries of the job and knows how to handle them. ‘I officiated in a semi-final once where a player punched me because he was unhappy with the AR flagging him,’ he recalls by way of example. ‘What was so amusing was that I had a lawyer on touch and was being assessed by Jimmy Smith-Belton (previously one of SA’s top referees), so that quickly settled matters!’

With this kind of positive attitude, Eugene’s goal seems within reach. ‘I’m working to understand the methodology and culture of SARRA,’ he says, ‘so that I can help to turn it into the best-managed referee association in the world, creating the best referees. And, given the quality of people we already have on the IRB Test Panel, it would appear we’re well on the way.’
A passion for sport

She’s watched it, played it, coached it and administrated it. SARRA’s departmental personal assistant Lettie Coetzee tells us more about her job and what sport means to her.

Rugby, athletics, netball, swimming, tennis, badminton, fishing, cricket – if it’s in the sporting code, the South African Rugby Referees Association’s Lettie Coetzee has had something to do with it.

This energetic mother of four and grandmother of two entered the workforce after her youngest started school. She began as a school secretary, a job that quickly turned into sports administration and part-time teaching.

Her work at SARRA has taken a similar path. Since she joined the Johannesburg referees department in March last year, she’s cheerfully taken on increasing responsibilities. ‘My job started small but grew,’ she explains, ‘and I now handle travel claims, daily allowances, invoices, kit distribution, travel and accommodation, the Fraxion system, the ANNO system, queries, and, and, and…!’

Clearly, this is a woman for whom nothing is too much. ‘I did athletics, netball and swimming at school,’ she says, ‘and in later years I played tennis and badminton.’ She got her Northern Free State colours for badminton and represented the region in the South African Lower League in 1995.

And sporting prowess runs in the family. ‘I coached netball, tennis, junior cricket, chess and athletics at Virginia Primary School,’ Lettie says, ‘and two of my long-jump athletes – one of whom was my son – went on to represent Free State.’ And her son and one of her daughters both received Northern Free State colours for tennis – with Mom as their coach, of course.

When it comes to rugby, Lettie loves watching it, whether on TV or live. And as the go-to person for SARRA, she says, ‘I love my job and am privileged to have met so many well-known – and not so well-known – officials whom I can now call my friends.’

One of Lettie’s on-the-job challenges is keeping a cool head when dealing with irate members of the public – usually ‘someone who phones on a Monday and starts attacking a referee who officiated a game on the weekend. I try to keep everybody happy and get the job done efficiently,’ she says.

This very busy woman doesn’t have much free time, but when she does get it, she works in her garden or reads.
Officiating the tackle, ruck and maul often causes problems for referees. Here, Jonathan Kaplan gives some insight into what to look for next time you’re on the field but advises that a good place to start is with the definitions of each as explained in the Law book.

**Tackle**

**Definition**

- A tackle occurs when the ball carrier is held by one or more opponents and is brought to ground.
- A ball carrier who is not held is not a tackled player and a tackle has not taken place.
- Opposition players who hold the ball carrier and bring that player to ground, and who also go to ground, are known as tacklers.
- Opposition players who hold the ball carrier and do not go to ground are not tacklers.
- A player who has been ankle tapped and not held is not a tackled player.

**Key points**

- Has a tackle been made as per the definition?
- One knee on the ground qualifies
- What is the tackler doing to allow the ball carrier to exercise his options?
- Does he release immediately?
- Was there daylight?
- Does he get up or roll away?
- Is he on his feet before he plays the ball?
- Is the ball carrier immediately exercising his options?
- He must not lie on or over the ball
- He must immediately pass, place or release the ball
- He must get up or move away
- What are the arriving players doing?
- They must enter through the gate
- They must remain on their feet when attempting to win the ball
- If they go off their feet, they must move away
- They may clean-out defending players but must not hold the cleared-out player and prevent him from defending
- They must not seal off by flopping, bridging or preventing the opposition from legally reaching the ball
- They must not act as a ‘tractor’ by cleaning out and then moving past the ball on all fours, thereby denying the opposition access to the ball
- Can the ball still be played by players on their feet or has a ruck formed?

**The philosophy**

It’s about letting the game flow. Referees should allow teams the opportunity to attack but all parties must execute their respective responsibilities within Law.
Ruck

Definition

- One or more player from each team, on their feet, in physical contact around the ball on the ground

Key points

- Monitor the transition from post-tackle to ruck
- The player with his hands on the ball before the ruck is formed must be given the opportunity to win the ball – one chance only, though
- The ruck must be clearly formed before offside lines apply
- Players must join the ruck from an onside position and through the gate
- Players joining a ruck must bind on a team mate or opponent using the whole arm
- Clean-outs must be safe – head and neck are no-go zones
- Is the ball out?
  - Once the ball is past the hindmost foot it is out
  - If the ball is trapped under the last man’s foot and requires to be dug out, it’s not out until it has been liberated
- Counter-rucking is a very effective action but often leads to a messy situation, so it’s often better to blow for a scrum than allow protracted counter-rucking

Maul

Definition

- Requires the ball carrier, a team mate and an opponent
  - Three people with the ball held

Key points

- Players must join the maul from an onside position and through the gate
- No slipping of the bind and ‘swimming’ up the side of the maul
- Players are allowed to come through the middle and contest for possession
- Players supporting must not seal off the ball carrier
  - The ball carrier must be available to the opposition
  - The opposition must be able to make contact with the ball carrier before the ball is ‘smuggled’ to the back of the maul
- Obstruction – truck & trailer
  - If the defenders pull the front of the maul off, the original maul with the ball carrier at the back is allowed to continue
  - If the attackers break off to create a new maul, the opposition must be able to make contact with the ball carrier
- No collapsing of the maul
  - Bringing the ball catcher in a lineout to ground (sacking) must happen immediately and not some time or distance away
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### MEN

#### NATIONAL PANEL
- Berry Stuart (SARRA)
- Jattha Jason (SARRA)
- Jonker Marius (SARRA)
- Joubert Craig (SARRA)
- Kaplan Jonathan (SARRA)
- Lawrence Mark (SARRA)
- Legoete Pro (SARRA)
- Mayende Sindile (SARRA)
- Peppie Jako (SARRA)
- Salmans Joey (SARRA)
- Van der Merwe Lourens (SARRA)

#### PROVINCIAL PANEL
- Crouse Ben (BB)
- De Bruin Gerrie (BB)
- Groenewald Francois (WP)
- Immelman Quinton (Border)
- Jam Lusanda (FS)
- Janse van Vuuren Pieter (Lions)
- Jonker Tiaan (Lions)
- Kemp Matt (WP)
- Mdase Mlungiseli (Valke)
- November Dilbert (SWD)

#### CONTENDERS SQUAD
- Rashivenga Rasta (Lions)
- Sehlaoko Archie (Natal)
- Van der Westhuizen Marius (WP)
- Reserves in Merit Order:
  - 1. Van Heerden Jaco (BB)
  - 2. Slater Andrew (WP)
  - 3. Geldenhuys Stephan (BB)

#### RESERVE CONTENDERS
- Beattie Blake (Sharks)
- Bonaparte Rodney (EP)
- Bosch Petri (WP)
- Bosman Loyiso (Border)
- Correia Tony (Sharks)
- De Bruin Francois (Griquas)
- De Villiers Pieter (Lions)
- Fortuin Daniel (WP)
- Gericke Hein (WP)
- Jadezweni C (FS)
- Kotze Jaco (WP)
- Mruwa Sinethemba (WP)

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS
- De Bruyn Pieter (Valke)
- Geldenhuyse Stephan (Leopards)
- Jacobs Rupert (EP)
- Janse van Rensburg Zarius (Limpopo)
- Janse van Vuuren Pieter (Bulls)
- Labuschagne Kurt (FS)
- Meyer Sakkie (FS)
- Van Greunen Eddie (Lions)
- Van Rooyen Enrico (Griffons)

### WOMEN

#### A PANEL
- Daniell Eugenia (WP)
- De Villiers Madel (Lions) - Sabbatical
- Fortuin Roslyn (Border)
- Njani Sipokazi (Boland)
- Van der Heever Magda (Pumas)

#### B PANEL
- Ludick Sanet (Leopards)
- Claasen Eska (SWD)
- Jordaan Marizane (FS)
- Scholtz Ilana (Lions)

#### CONTENTERS
- Daniell Renee (BB)
- Duthie Melany (Boland)
- Oerson Henchalla (SWD)

### ASSISTANT MATCH OFFICIALS

#### SPECIALISED NATIONAL AR PANEL
- Bosch Phillip (EP)
- Breytenbach Stefan (Pumas)
- Du Preez Christie (EP) - IRB Panel
- Greeff Johan (BB)
- Manuels Linston (Boland)
- Rossouw Reuben (Sharks)
- Van Zyl Marc (WP)
- Wessels Cobus (SWD) - IRB Panel
- Yamile Fumanekile (EP)

#### REGIONAL AR SQUAD
- Buitendag Attie (BB)
- Haasbroek DeGoede (Griquas)
- Van Staden Sieg (Valke)

#### SCHOOLS AR SQUAD
- Bothma Bennie (WP)
- Lemmer Ignus (FS)
- Maritz Pieter (Limpopo)

#### NATIONAL TMO PANEL
- Coetzee Gerrie (FS) - Super 15
- Fortuin JC (WP)
- Meuwesen Johan (EP) - Super 15
- Veldsman Shaun (Boland) - Super 15

#### NATIONAL TIME KEEPERS
- Ackerman Paul (Sharks)
- Mocke Albert (FS)
- Pappas Gabriel (Lions)
- Swanepoel Kat (Griquas)