



## **E-learning Platform Announcement**

Following the recent six-month trial of the Rules R e-learning platform, the Referee Commission are delighted to announce that approval has been received for funding a complete e-learning package. With the first stage of the platform being launched at the Referee Conference in September, this is an exciting time for the development of referees of all grades.

The six-month trial, which was available to 300 registered referees, provided access to an online system accessible from any IT device. Each log on gave access to a quick learn programme which generated 15 random questions based on the rules of the game, which required a "True" or "False" answer. Depending on whether the answer was correct or not the answer was displayed with the appropriate rule, and each individual was given a score at the end of the quiz.

As administrators, we could ascertain who and how often individuals accessed the system and the system could be interrogated to identify areas of weakness as the database of questions would indicate which questions were answered correctly or incorrectly, highlighting areas of concern, enabling targeted referee CPD.

Following the trial, the Referee Commission decided that the e-learning platform is the way forward for the development of referees of all grades. The Commission have been granted approval for funding a complete e-learning package, which gives the opportunity for modules to be designed specifically for clinics, courses and respective grades. In addition to the true or false questions, there will be multiple choice questions and, excitingly, there may be future opportunities for video footage questions after development.

Needless to say, this platform comes at a cost, and with the recent funding cuts from Sport England it was felt that the users should contribute towards the development package. As a result, referee registration has been increased to £40 for the 2017-18 season and the Grade 4 course fee increased to £55.

The e-learning platform will be launched at the Referee Conference on 9th September 2017 at the Volleyball England Hub, Loughborough.