BSRFUR Criteria by Level – Communication

The Criteria used as guidance for advisors/coaches and referees provide high level statements of what is required of a referee. However many of the Criteria contain the subjective qualifier "effectively" – does this mean the same for a level 10 referee as it would for a level 6/7? We are now a few years down the road of Grading by Level but there is no definitive guidance on what constitutes a good or satisfactory performance at each level.

Within the guidance below there are indicators we look for. In using the guidance, it is expected that any referee will be consistently performing at a high level within his grade. Further we would expect a competent performance showing most of the additional requirements at least one level above their grade.

	Probationers (Provisional or Supplementary Grade) Those who accepting Society appointments with a view to Full Membership. To continue to receive appointments they must demonstrate that they are able to officiate safely. Specifically they will apply the aspect of the Law relating to safety (e.g. scrum) by identifying flashpoints and dangerous situations, and whistling to stop play immediately.
L12	Having demonstrated their duty of SAFETY officials should have an understanding of Law which they will apply equitably. Primary signals with explanations will be evident and regular. Pre-match briefing contains key safety elements such as scrum engagement
L11	Those officials who having an understanding of the LAW which they will apply for the benefit of the game. Additional to checklist: Demonstrate an understanding of the appropriate whistle intonation. Advantage should be signalled consistently and indicated vocally. Build relationship with captains
L10	Those demonstrating a comprehensive knowledge of the LAW, which they will endeavour to apply consistently and correctly to all elements of the game. Additional to checklist: Demonstrate the consistent use of the appropriate whistle intonation Demonstrate regular Secondary signals supplemented with concise explanations. Demonstrate evidence of some preventative refereeing. Pre-match briefing appropriate and concise Relationship with captains developed to enhance management of the game Generates rapport with the players
L9	The referee will demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the Law applied consistently for the benefit of the game. Additional to checklist: Advantage will be well considered, applied and signalled, and called on and off consistently ltems covered in the pre-match briefing consistently applied Relationship with captains and players contributed to the enjoyment and good management of the game. Provide informative communication to help the players
L8	The referee will have comprehensive knowledge of the Law which will be applied consistently for the benefit of the game. Additional to checklist: Demonstrate effective preventative refereeing throughout. Signalling will be consistent and conform to the Law book throughout Calling of Advantage will indicate the type of offence – penalty or scrum On awarding a penalty indicate who as well as explaining why
L7	The referee will have a comprehensive knowledge of the Law which he will use to the benefit of the match Additional to checklist: Ensure that preventative and informative calls identify the player where possible
L6	The requirement at this level is to manage the match by using Law and personality thus: Preventative calls are only used when necessary