

## **Working Group 4**

### **Online referee training and accreditation**

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The group held an initial email discussion based on Tim King's online Zoom course given in four instalments in early 2020. This is backed by 191 PowerPoint slides. It was agreed that this course contained more than enough material for a very worthwhile course aimed at new players and would-be referees. One improvement that should be made is the addition of video clips to make some learning points clearer, especially in relation to faults and other irregularities.

The concept of online accreditation was discussed and it was agreed that examination on court was clearly preferable if an examining referee was available and travel times were practical.

The situation in countries without examining referees was recognised and the value of being able to accredit a basic referee on the basis of their ability to pass an online examination of both theory and practice was acknowledged.

The group held a Zoom meeting in December 2020 which led to the conclusion that, in addition to the creation of an online refereeing course, there would be merit in creating some short videos each designed to explain a tricky part of the laws or rules in no more than three minutes. In GC, candidate topics include the offside rule, playing a wrong ball, the court damage fault and close clearance faults.

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