

*The AQA has provisioned a basic mentoring program to assist in educating and accrediting new referees. Aspiring assistant and head refs will now be paired with or supervised by certified and/or experienced counterparts in order to gain insights, feedback and guidance regarding their ref skills. In practical terms, this means that:*

*-Applicants will be rostered on with RTCs and other vetted officials for two games prior to certification with feedback given to prepare the applicant for their written and practical IRDP tests.*

*-Where and when available, applicants should be mentored by more than one official in order to ensure a variety of views and values.*

*-The requirement of field tests from a minimum of 2 given AFTER the written exam has been changed to at least 1 mentored game BEFORE the exam and 1 test AFTER.*

*-The provision for a second field test is still available.*