

RAN Citing Commissioner Recruitment and Training

WHAT IS A CITING COMMISSIONER?

A Citing Commissioner is an independent match official who may post-match cite players for an act(s) of foul play which in their view based on clear evidence warrants a red card or near to a red card (citing commissioner warning).

CCs may attend the match but are more likely to view it remotely. An ability to watch a game concentrating throughout, noting all possible incidents of foul play is required. A full knowledge and understanding of Law 9 are needed. Any possible red card incident is then reviewed post-game, taking in all evidence available (video, match official statements, victim player statements, medical reports) to determine whether or not the red card threshold has been met. If so or near so, a report is written outlining a narrative that describes in detail the alleged foul play and why given all the facts and the Law that it has met or is very near to the red card threshold. Such a report and all evidence are then brought forward to the Match Commissioner who will forward if a citing to the Judicial Officer/Committee and the relevant team manager/s.

GOAL

Increase the RAN Citing Commissioner pool that can assist with RAN, USA Rugby and Rugby Canada operated matches, as well as Major League Rugby.

STEPS and TIMELINE

Recruit by mid-November 2022 throughout the RAN sphere (Canada, USA, Mexico, Caribbean) from all walks of life, not just referees.

Have interested personnel complete, prior to mid-November 2022, a Citing Commissioner Application Form that includes the World Rugby Citing Commissioner online training course, and other video review of possible incidents of foul play.

Beginning in late November 2022, select individuals will begin other CC training from the RAN Citing Educators (Attendee time commitment – approx. 1 week day evening and 1 weekend day for 4 weeks).

Further to this, select individuals will begin ancillary training in order to get new CC's experience before the start of the 2023 MLR season, utilizing 2022 MLR CC's and the RAN Citing Educators to review the work of the new CC recruits (new CC time commitment – approx. 1 match to be reviewed every 2 to 3 weeks for a total of 6 to 8 matches to be reviewed over 3 to 4 months – subject to change).

The aim is to be completed prior to February 2023.

Newly trained and approved CCs may then be selected to act as an MLR CC for the new season that begins in February 2023, and/or as an RAN CC.

If not selected, ancillary CC training may be continued to upskill the individual.