

Canterbury Rugby Referees Association – Blazer Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline how members become eligible to wear a CRRA Blazer. The purpose of the blazer is to recognise and celebrate the commitment, service, and performance of members within the Canterbury Rugby Referees Club. The awarding and purchasing of blazers serve as a formal acknowledgement of individual milestones, leadership roles, and long-standing contributions to the club and the sport of rugby.

Scope

The effective date of this Policy is 17 September 2025.

Eligibility for Awarded Blazers

Blazers are awarded to referees who achieve the following milestone:

- 50 Premier or Division One referee appointments within the Canterbury region.

Awarded blazers are differentiated by milestone embroidery, embroidery is updated in 50-match increments to which recognises further achievements:

- 100 appointments – First embroidery milestone.
- 150 appointments – Second embroidery milestone.

Recipients of awarded blazers will also be presented with a match day jersey, customised to reflect the specific appointment, including the teams and date of the milestone fixture.

Eligibility to Purchase a Blazer

Members may purchase a blazer under the following conditions:

- Minimum 7 years' service as an active financial member of the club.
- Holding an elected management position within the club.
- Serving as a Regional Convenor.
- Life Members.
- Selected within Top 5 Referees' Panel.
- Appointed to a First-Class fixture as a referee.
- At the discretion of the Management Committee for extenuating circumstances.
- Completed 7 First Class appointments in any of the following roles:
 - Assistant Referee
 - Television Match Official (TMO)
 - Sideline Manager

Blazer Ordering Process

All blazers (awarded or purchased) must be approved, ordered, and purchased through the Management Committee of the Canterbury Rugby Referees Club.

Replacement and Care

All blazers remain the property of the recipient. Any repairs and maintenance are the responsibility of the recipient, along with the cost of replacement should this be required.