RAG Reading List 2022

Welcome to our second annual reading list.

These lists should be seen as an excellent resource that will allow us all, referees and umpires, to show continuous improvement to our overall game. While reading the rules, the manual and officiating are the most important aspects of what we do, hopefully these lists will help officials be more rounded and overall better officials.

If you have any feedback, please contact the RAG email account.

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**Communication**:

[Listen in to the Ref](https://youtu.be/kAqctGNTouc)

This YouTube video gives an interesting insight into how an official in another sport communicates differently with players or their refereeing team. The communication is always effective and appropriate for the time during the match, such as during play or a dead ball.

[Communication with your partner](https://www.referee.com/7-reasons-why-communication-with-your-partner-pays-off/)

This article recommended by Peter Davidson goes into more detail about effective communication and why it's essential when officiating.

**Outside of the whistle considerations:**

[First Impressions](https://www.referee.com/arrive-and-shine-with-good-first-impressions/)

First impressions are vital in all walks of life, officiating is no different.

[Incident Reports](https://www.referee.com/write-right/)

We don’t really focus any formal training on incident reports, but they are very important. This article suggested by Peter Davidson offers some great tips to consider.

**A view from other Referees:**

[Matt Palumb](https://www.usalaxmagazine.com/fuel/us-lacrosse/my-lacrosse-life-matt-palumb-is-a-star-in-stripes)

Last year we had an article on Matt Palumb. As a man at the top of refereeing our own game, we thought it was appropriate to include another article on him.

[Roman Poite](https://www.rugbypass.com/news/romain-poite-lions-2017-all-blacks-dont-be-scared/)

Andy Higginbottom has suggested this piece focussed on Roman Poite (rugby). The quotes from the man himself are enlightening within the article and well worth a read.

**Bonus Resources**

[The Sports Officials Guide to Effective Judgment, Confidence & Decision-Making](https://attachments.convertkitcdnh.com/26374/53f57bc0-194e-46e4-a480-24a6f5990d40/HowDecisiveAreYou-Referee.pdf)

[The Referees World Podcast](https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-referees-world-podcast/id1538493580) (football)