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USRFR Tickets Rewards Policy

Background

USRFR Members receive 6 free single tickets to home Ulster matches each season – face cost £35 each, totalling £210 in value. Members may swap this allocation for a discounted season ticket in the family stand.

Separately, USRFR members receive a 'right to buy' two match tickets to each of the Ireland home internationals, including 6 Nations. Tickets are bought at face value. This is similar to IRFU(UB) Clubs and other affiliations – albeit clubs have a more limited allocation. Seasons are paired such that if tickets for each match are not bought in the first year, they are not available in the second.

Historically, home Ulster tickets were only available to members who fulfilled a minimum number of fixtures in the previous season (14) – it was a reward scheme. This therefore meant that trial members were not eligible in their first season.

International tickets were made available through a separate mechanism by IRFU(UB), not tied to participation, only membership.

At some stage in the last 8-10 years, Ulster tickets have become available to all those on the membership list, regardless of their contribution to rugby in Ulster through the Society. USRFR currently has a number of paying members who otherwise do not contribute to the Society for various reasons.

Policy

Rewards of home Ulster tickets/ discounted season tickets and right-to-buy home international tickets is a reward for active contribution to the Society in the previous season in whatever role: active referee; evaluator; coach; and other officiating roles. Trial referees will be eligible for rewards in their first 12 months subject to availability.

The initial benchmark is 6 fixtures from a season of approximately 30 weeks. This number may be reviewed annually and agreed by Council.

USRFR Management Committee has full freedom to consider other contributions and special circumstances e.g. a governance role or season long injury.

Any appeal may be considered by Council, who are the final arbiters.

Administration

The USRFR Operations Committee will supply a list to the Honorary Secretary at the end of each season. The Admin Committee will review and present findings to the Management Committee at the first meeting of each season when other contributions and special considerations are considered.

Referees who are found not eligible for reward will be advised by the Honorary Secretary and may appeal to Council.

This list of those eligible for reward will then be used by the Admin Committee for ticketing allocation.