



HOW DO I BECOME A REFEREE WITH NWSFRA?

1. How old do I have to be to referee?

The minimum age to complete the Level 4 Referee's courses is 13.

2. What courses do I have to complete to become a referee?

You must successfully complete the following activities.

1. You **MUST** complete the **Laws of the Game** on-line course provided by FFA.
 - a. Go to [Laws of the Game](#) to register for the course and complete the tests throughout the course. **This course is free.**
 - b. Download your certificate once you have successfully completed the course and email your certificate to registrar@nwsfra.com.au.
2. **FNSW Level 4 referee ONLINE theory course** is compulsory for all new referees.
 - a. Football NSW offers the Online Level 4 theory course at a cost of \$100. Register at [Play Football](#).
 - b. Once you have successfully completed the course email registrar@nwsfra.com.au.
3. **NWSFRA Level 4 Referee practical course** is compulsory for all new referees wishing to referee with NWSFRA. **This course is free.** Details will be provided when Steps 1 and 2 are completed and the evidence has been provided to the Registrar.

Once you have completed all activities, you can apply to register as a referee and join NWSFRA. We will explain how to register at the end of the Referee Level 4 Practical Course.

3. How much does it cost to start refereeing with NWSFRA?

Total cost for 2021 is **\$155**, payable by EFT. This cost is discounted by \$30 to compensate for the increased cost of the FNSW Online Level 4 course.

(BSB 062161 Account 00901490 Account Name: NWSFRA Reference: Your Name)

This cost includes:

- Referee uniform (3x shirts, shorts and socks)
- Referee bag
- Referee Equipment (1x Whistle, 2x flags, 1x notebook, 2x cards)
- Payment is due before the referee gear is distributed in March. EFT is the only method of payment. Proof of payment via bank receipt is required.



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4. What do I need to start refereeing?

The basic equipment required to referee includes:

- A good quality wristwatch (you cannot use a mobile phone) that has a stop watch function or at least can count down (or count up) to a set time e.g. the length of a half of a game: 25 / 30 / 35 / 40 and 45 min and beeps or vibrates when time is up.
- A supply of pens to record match details.
- Coin
- Football boots, grass running shoes or another form of comfortable, safe and suitable running shoe. They must be **MAINLY** black. Brightly coloured boots are not allowed

5. How often will I referee?

That depends on you and your availability. It could be every weekend or you might restrict when and where you can referee. Our appointments system is very flexible and we have an online unavailability system that allows you to tell us when you are unable to referee.

6. What games will I referee?

That depends on your age and your ability as a referee.

- For juniors, normally we would aim for a 2 year gap between your age and the games you referee. For example, a 13 year old would normally referee U10s and 11s and a 16 year old would normally referee U10s to U14.
- Adults are able to referee all age groups dependent on their assessed ability.

7. How do I find out about what games I am refereeing?

Every Monday night during the winter season (unless there is an issue), appointments for the next weekend are uploaded onto the NWSFRA website. You will be provided with a user name and a password which you use that to access your appointments.



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8. What do I do if I get sick or injured before the game I am supposed to referee?

This happens so do not be worried – especially if you play on a Saturday morning and are injured. We will give you their contact details and the procedures to follow when you do the Referee Level 4 course.

9. Can I restrict my refereeing to only doing Assistant Referee duties i.e. what used to be called a linesman?

Yes, but you assistant referees will only earn half as much as the centre referee.

10. I am unable to commit to a regular schedule because my job includes shift work and the roster changes frequently – how can I referee?

We have a system that shows uncovered games, which you can pick up at, short notice if your circumstances change. We explain all of this in our Referee Level 4 courses.

11. I play with a team in NWSF already – can I referee with NWSFRA?

Certainly. Many of our referees play and referee. It is easy. We know where you are playing because your team is registered with NWSF and they provide us with the information about your draw that we import into our appointments system.

12. I play with a team NOT in NWSF (Spirit, Koalas, AYL, school & other associations) – can I referee with NWSFRA?

Yes. All you have to do is enter the times (including travelling times to and from the venue) that you are playing into the unavailability system so we know not to appoint you. We explain all of this in our Referee Level 4 courses.



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13. When will I be paid?

Juniors (13 years – 17 years) are paid twice a year (June and at the end of the season) and seniors are paid at the end of the season.

All payments are made by EFT. NWSFRA referees provide their banking details when they register (re-register) at the start of each season. Referee fees are not taxable.

Football NSW decides the fee structure. See the table below for match fees in 2021.

Fee structure for 2021:

Competition	Referee	Assistant Referee
PL & SL Firsts	\$73	\$36
PL & SL Reserves	\$63	\$32
All Age	\$63	\$32
O/30, O/35, O/40, and	\$63	\$32
O50 and Walking	\$30	N/A
Under 21	\$63	\$32
Under 18	\$63	\$32
Under 17	\$63	\$32
Under 16 & 15	\$40	N/A
Under 14 & 13	\$34	N/A
Under 12	\$31	N/A
Under 10 & 11	\$24	N/A