



ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE AWARD (ELRA)

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *How much does the ELRA cost?*
The current price is £50 as of the 1st of July 2008. There is no discount for large group bookings. This cost covers all parts of the 2 day course basic ELRA course. Should you wish to do the mini/ midi element as well the cost is £60.
2. *Do candidates have to do all parts?*
The ELRA course is a two part course which must be completed in full to get the qualification. Usually the course is split into two days of approximately 6 hours, but on occasions some of the sessions can be broken down into 3 hours. All parts must be completed in order. It is possible to do part 1 and then do part 2 up to 12 months later, but this should be advised on the booking or to the trainer during part 1. There is no certification for doing only some of the course.
3. *Where can I find out more about the courses?*
Further information is available through the website (www.rfu.com/referee) including course calendar with times and venues, contents of the course and other useful documents. If you require more information please contact your regional Referee Development Officer ([RefDO Contacts](#))
4. *How do I book on a course?*
If you haven't already got an application form, these can be downloaded from the RFU website ([Accessing an ELRA Course](#)) or please contact your RefDO. Alternatively please contact Lindsay Piper at Twickenham (0208 8316637 or lindsaypiper@rfu.com)
5. *What refereeing can I do with the qualification?*
The ELRA course is designed to give everyone a better understanding of how to referee and helps you for all levels from 13 up to and including senior rugby. You will not be able to cover senior league games, except in emergency until you join a Referee Society. With the Mini/ Midi element of the course you will have more of the tools required to referee rugby at any age group.
6. *What is the minimum and maximum age to go on the course?*
The minimum age to do the course is 14. There is no maximum, but be aware of what refereeing you intend to do and your fitness levels to be suitable for those games.
7. *Can we arrange a course for our club or school?*
In most instances the answer to this would be yes. It shouldn't conflict with any pre-arranged courses and the minimum number to hold a course is 10. If your club or school has a fair number and it can be opened to the wider community then it will help to generate the minimum numbers. Please contact your RefDO for details on how to do this.