

Who is the Introduction to Match Officiating for?

The Introduction to Match Officiating course is an entry level programme and qualifies you to referee rugby in the youth and adult game (S1/U13 and above).

Match Officials must be minimum 15 years of age to complete the course.

What is covered on the course?

The Introduction to Match Officiating course aims to equip match officials with fundamental refereeing skills and tools.

By the end of the programme you will...

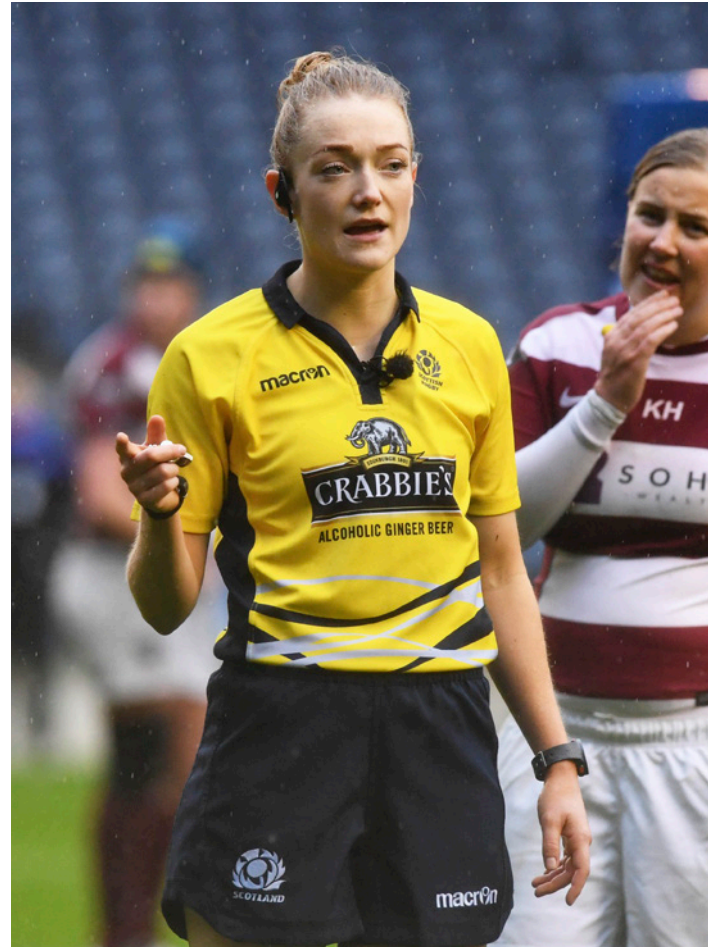
- Understand the fundamental refereeing skills
- Apply the essential laws of the game
- Promote player welfare and manage player behaviours during a game
- Appreciate the principles of refereeing

How long is the course?

During the 2020-21 season, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Introduction to Match Officiating course will be delivered via a mixture of taught online and face-to-face practical modules:

- Module 1 – Taught online (2.5hrs)
- Module 2 – Taught online (2.5hrs)
- Module 3 – Taught online (2.5hrs)
- Module 4 – Face-to-face practical (3hrs)

The face-to-face practical module will be delivered when it is safe to do so.



INTRODUCTION TO MATCH OFFICIATING

Cost - FREE | Find your nearest course [HERE](#)

Workshops & Webinars

In addition to the Introduction to Match Officiating course, Scottish Rugby are delivering a number of online workshops and webinars throughout season 2020-21. Please check out these sessions [HERE](#).

Safeguarding

As government restrictions ease and we gradually move out of lockdown, supporting children and young people to reintegrate back into rugby will be a key focus for your club.

No PVG = No Youth coaching - There will be no alteration to the standards in place pre-covid-19, therefore PVGs will still need to be in place for designated roles, or new recruits to roles prior to any activity resuming with children and young people.

MINIMUM MATCH OFFICIAL STANDARDS 2020/21

All match officials in the youth and adult game must have completed the following to officiate a match:

- Completed the new Introduction to Match Officiating or the old Referee Level 1 courses (as a minimum).
- Covid-19 Return Rugby E-Learning Course (<https://bit.ly/covid-19elearning>)
- RugbyRight - those who completed this in 2019-20 do not need to complete it again. (<http://bit.ly/RugbyRight>)