

### 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?

The Introduction to Match Officiating course contains 16 hours of face to face learning and live refereeing, split over 2 days.



## 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 the season.

### Safeguarding

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 2021/22

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).
- RugbyRight online (accessed via SCRUMS) - All Match Officials must complete.

## It's time to roll up our sleeves

Vaccinations for COVID-19 are underway



When offered the vaccine, please get it  
Visit [nhsinform.scot](https://nhsinform.scot) #WeAreScotland