



Market Rasen & Louth Rugby Union Football Club Ltd

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REFEREEING WITH US

Have you ever considered becoming a referee in rugby union but been sure how to go about it? Here we explain the pathway to becoming a referee at Market Rasen & Louth RUFC, the processes and who to contact.

Why Referee

Referees have a central role to play in the development of Rugby Union. The old cliché “without the referee, there would be no game” holds true and it is acknowledged that the better the quality of the refereeing, the more likely players are to enjoy their match experience. Refereeing also provides an opportunity to give back to the sport, keep fit and join in with the social side that is so important to the game.

At Market Rasen & Louth RUFC we are committed to raising the numbers of qualified referees and the standard of their input through a process of qualification, development and mentoring. The aim of the club is to have a minimum of one qualified referee per squad.

Who can Referee?

Quite literally anyone. Adult or youth, male or female. You could be a parent, enthusiastic supporter, part of the coaching team or not currently associated with the club.

If you are interested in becoming involved but have no specific squad in mind please contact our Club Referee Co-ordinator - details can be found on the club's website – www.rasenrugby.com or you can email info@rasenrugby.com.

If you are interested in becoming involved with a particular squad then speak to the head coach of that group. If everyone feels it is appropriate he/she can start the process for you alongside our Club Referee Co-ordinator.

How to become a MR&L RUFC Referee

- 1) Contact your squad head coach or speak with our Club Referee Co-ordinator (contact information on club website) or email info@rasenrugby.com
- 2) Discuss what level of refereeing is appropriate and what, if any, course/s would be most suitable
- 3) Complete a CRB check by contacting the club's Child Safeguarding Officer (contact information on club website)
- 4) Complete and return the Coach/Referee Membership Application Form
- 5) Now go and become a referee!!!

The Refereeing Pathway

In line with our policies and our “Seal of Approval” accredited status we encourage all referees to hold a Rugby Football Union recognised qualification. To that extent most referee development is funded in one way or other via the club. In addition those involved or likely to be involved with our junior section will be asked to complete a CRB check.

For most club referees the **Entry Level Referees Award (ELRA)** is the best introduction and the ideal place to start your officiating career though for those with greater aspirations the RFU offers a whole development pathway. A whole wealth of information on refereeing is available on the RFU website at <http://www.rfu.com/TakingPart/Referee.aspx>

Entry Level Referees Award (ELRA)

ELRA covers the following areas:

Laws of the Game • Management and Control • Problem Solving • Refereeing the Key Phases of the Game • Positioning and Communication

There are theoretical and assessment activities in the course. Ideally the laws applying to the different phases of the game are delivered in a practical manner and this is reinforced through classroom presentation of the key learning points.

Stage 1

50% practical – main classroom activities are: Attitudes; Contextual Judgement; Materiality and Health and Safety Assessment – examination

Stage 2

50% practical – main classroom activities are: Identification of Problems and Management Assessment – practical

Stage 3 – optional for those wanting to referee Society matches

No course. Candidates referee 5 matches – one to be observed by a Referee Society member, candidate completes a self reflection log which is the assessment.

There is ample opportunity to present the course to cater for different learning styles.

Ongoing Support and Development

Club Refereeing

There are many thousands of referees who are not Society (see below) members, but who referee at their clubs some week in week out, others less frequently. They might be parents whose children are playing mini or youth rugby, coaches of junior teams or club members who referee their clubs' 3rd or 4th XV's on a Saturday afternoon.

As part of its commitment to the support and training of club referees, the RFU Referee Department has now introduced the Continuous Referee Development Award (CRDA) aimed specifically at those wishing to referee the game at club level only. The CRDA consists of a number of short modules covering key aspects of refereeing the game designed to be delivered in an evening.

1. Law & Principles
2. Match Preparation & PRDP
3. Understanding the Game
4. Communication & Management
5. Scrum
6. Lineout
7. Maul
8. Tackle/Ruck
9. Advantage
10. Practical Refereeing
11. Managing Captains & Coaches
12. Assistant Referee
13. Feedback & Debrief
14. Discipline Report Writing

These modules will be delivered by new RFU Club Referee Developers (CRefDs) who are experienced trainers and have a Society background. In addition they will look to observe and mentor club referees where possible.

NLD RFU Referee's Society

There are 38 Referee Societies in England, comprising in the region of 3200 referees. Society Referees are appointed to matches based on their ability and potential and are able to access a wide range of training and development opportunities through their Societies. **ELRA referees not wanting to be involved with Society refereeing can now join as associate members to access the experience and training programmes conducted across the three counties. First year membership is free.**