

Scottish Football Association: Refereeing at SCQF level 7 (Course Code: GA51 47)

SCQF Level 7 (16 Credit Points)

Why study Refereeing?

This course will take the sport you love and provide you with an opportunity to become involved in refereeing and broaden your football knowledge. This course will suit you if you enjoy participating in football either as a player or as a spectator.

Undertaking the SFA Refereeing course will provide you with a broad range of skills that extend beyond football. It nurtures personal development, leadership qualities, and a sense of responsibility, all while providing opportunities to stay involved in the sport and positively contribute to your community.

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the PE Department. However, it is important to consider the following:

Age: You should typically be at least 16 years old.

Physical and Health Requirements: As refereeing involves physical activity, a certain level of fitness is required.

Football Knowledge: A basic understanding of football may be beneficial, though not always a strict requirement. However, you should have an interest in learning about football rules and officiating.

What will I study?

The course covers both practical and theoretical elements. There are two units:

Unit 1: Laws of the Game - This is mainly theoretical and focuses on identifying and interpreting the 17 laws of the game.

Unit 2: Practical Refereeing - This requires pupils to apply theoretical knowledge to interpret situations, and includes a fitness component, report writing, and the opportunity to referee a match.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through a combination of practical and theoretical elements. Here's a breakdown of how the course is typically assessed:

Unit 1:

- An online multiple choice, closed book exam comprising of 40 questions with 100 marks available. These questions are based on all 17 laws of the game. There is an **80%** pass mark for this.

Unit 2:

- Identify and analyse the formal controls and procedures used in a football match.
- Produce misconduct and match reports in both formal letter and pro forma styles.
- Achieve the fitness standard required by the Scottish Football Association.
- Referee an 11 aside football match using formal controls and procedures as defined in the Laws of the Game.

Study Materials

- [International Football Association Board | Laws of the Game | IFAB](#)
- [The first ever IFAB official mobile app presenting the Laws of association football | IFAB](#)