



CRA Level 4 New Entrant FAQ's

1. What do I need to do to become a referee?

New applicants will need to complete an online Laws of the Game education quiz which contains modules on each law. After completing that, applicants need attend a full day Level 4 workshop where you will be educated on practical application to refereeing. This also covers all administrative matters regarding refereeing with CRA and CDSFA. For more information visit www.canterburyreferees.org.au/become-a-referee or email development@canterburyreferees.org.au

2. What is the minimum age to become a referee?

New applicants with the CRA must be 13 years of age when they sit the Level 4 workshop. If an applicant is not yet 13 years of age, they can request to referee Miniros (Under 6-9) fixtures with their local club. Please contact your local club.

3. Do I need to know how to play football to become a referee?

No. You will learn everything you need to know about football and how to referee through the online modules and at the Level 4 workshop. It does, however, benefit referees if they have played in understanding team tactics, practical application of the laws and dealing with players and teams having already been involved.

4. Do I have to be available to referee every weekend?

Referees control the amount of time spent refereeing each weekend by letting the CRA know when they are available to be appointed to games. Referees can make themselves available as much or as little as they like.

5. What is the time commitment apart from refereeing?

Outside of refereeing on the weekend referees are expected to attend training on Monday evenings during the season. Training will develop knowledge and understanding of the laws and assists with practical application to the game. It is also an opportunity to develop a friendship network with other members.

6. Do I have to be a centre referee?

No. Junior referees are able to act as the centre referee on games up to 2 years below their age group, however if you would rather exclusively act as an assistant referee (linesman) you can request this. In the same fashion, females can request to only referee female fixtures if they wish.

7. Can I referee with my friends?

Yes. Although it may not be possible every week the CRA does work to create teams of referees who are often appointed to games together. If you join with friends from your (CDSFA) football team it is more likely you will referee together before and/or after your team's games.

8. Can I referee only at my local club or field?

Junior referees are able to select a zone within which they are available to referee. While you can not select a single ground, selecting a zone will ensure that you stay close to home.

9. Can I referee at the same ground as my game on the same day?

Referees can opt to be appointed to games at the same ground (and usually the same field) as where they play on games before and/or after their own playing game to minimise travel. Referees will never be appointed to more than one ground on the same day.

10. How much does it cost to become a referee?

The cost for a new referee in their first year is Junior \$490(-18)/Senior \$500 (+18). Unlike other referee associations in NSW, this is an upfront, one-off payment before the season commences with no other charges during the season. This covers the following costs:

- **Course Fee \$60** – Fee to cover costs of the Level 4 Entrance Course. A similar fee charged by all Associations across Australia
- **Uniform Fee \$250** – This cost covers all uniform provided to new referees. This includes a bag, 3x referee shirts, shorts, socks, presentation polo, tracksuit, rain jacket, red + yellow cards set, pen, whistle, notepad, coin, watch, flags set and cap. Everything required for the field except black boots.
- **Annual Registration Fee Junior \$180/Senior \$190** – This is an annual registration fee charged to all members which covers costs of education, venue hire, coaching reports, FFA and Football NSW affiliation fees, Insurance etc.

New referees can recoup the upfront cost within their first few weeks of refereeing, depending on how many hours they are available to referee. Each year thereafter, referees only pay the Annual Registration Fee for the season (\$180/\$190).

Payment Plans are available to applicant's who wish to pay the upfront initial cost over a number of weeks. This can be organised through our Treasurer. The CRA do not want to put financial barriers in the way of new applicant's joining.

11. I'm not sure I want to be a referee but I'd like to do the course? How much does that cost?

The CRA currently only offers the course as inclusive of registration as a CRA referee.

12. Is extra support & training provided throughout the year?

Training is offered every Monday evening throughout the season to continue to develop your skills as a referee. In addition, coaches will attend games during the season to offer match-day support and advice.

The CRA also runs a mentoring program in which junior referees are paired with mentors who offer support and guidance.

The branch coach, development officer, and female liaison officer are all available to provide support throughout the season.

13. How much do I get paid per game?

The referee fees are set by the CDSFA each year. Referee's get paid in cash prior to the commencement of each game and is non-taxable. The fees increase per higher age group you referee as tabulated below. Assistant referees receive approximately half the referee fee.

Grade/Division	Referee Fee	Assistant Referee Fee
Under 10	\$30.00	\$10.00
Under 11	\$30.00	\$10.00
Under 12	\$40.00	\$20.00
Under 13	\$40.00	\$20.00
Under 14	\$40.00	\$20.00
Under 15	\$50.00	\$30.00
Under 16	\$50.00	\$30.00
Under 17	\$60.00	\$30.00
Under 18	\$60.00	\$30.00
Under 21/WIL	\$70.00	\$34.00
All Age	\$70.00	\$34.00
Over 30W	\$70.00	\$34.00
Over 35's	\$70.00	\$34.00
Over 45's	\$70.00	\$34.00
BBC/GMT	\$80.00	\$40.00

14. Can refereeing be selected as an activity toward Duke of Edinburgh?

Yes. Refereeing can be selected as an activity for Duke of Edinburgh. To receive official sign-off from the Branch Coach for contribution to the activity, the applicant must:

- Attend a minimum of 12 training sessions during the season; and
- Have refereed most weekends during the season.

15. Can I use Active Kids Voucher for my registration?

Yes. This can be used when registering on Play Football to reduce the overall registration cost. Only one application of the voucher can be used.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to email development@canterburyreferees.org.au.