



Do you want to be a Referee?

These are the simple steps to follow:

- 1) **Find a course.** They are advertised on the VI website under the Referees section. If there are none you can ask your club's secretary or contact the Referees Commission directly at referees@volleyballireland.com.
- 2) **Attend to the course and pass the exams.** The course is typically carried out over 2 days during a weekend. At the end there is one theory and one practical exam. The cost is 50€ (40€ for unwaged) and includes jersey and whistle. When passed, you will be a Grade 3 referee.
- 3) Complete a **Code of Ethics** (also called Child Safeguarding) course. These are carried out by the local sport partnership offices. You can complete it before the Referee course.
- 4) Complete and submit the relevant documentation for **Garda Vetting**. Documents and guidance can be found here <http://www.volleyballireland.com/documents.html>. Please note that this process will take a few weeks. It can be done before the Referee course.
- 5) **Register** with the VI at https://www.myclubfinances.com/memlist_m.asp?ll_id=1564#topp
- 6) When the registration is complete and you have received your Referee ID number you will be eligible to officiate games.

Maintaining your referee licence

- 1) You cannot referee a game if:
 - a. Your licence has expired
 - b. Your Garda Vetting has expired
 - c. Your Code of Ethics (CoE) has expired

- 2) Renewal of requirements:

Requirement	Validity
Referee licence	1 calendar year (Jan to Dec)
CoE	4 years
Garda Vetting	5 years
Refresher course	3 years ¹

- 3) In order to be considered an "active" referee, you must officiate at least 5 games per calendar year².
- 4) You can find games to officiate in the following ways:
 - a. Ask you club's secretary.
 - b. Ask other clubs directly.
 - c. Contact the commission. There may be games outside the League / Championship / Cups that require referees. They may not be paid but it is a good way to build experience.
 - d. Join the [Volleyball Ireland Referees](#) and the [Volleyballers in Ireland](#) groups on Facebook and look for requests from clubs.
- 5) Not renewing your licence or refereeing few or no games for a long period of time may result in re-grading or a re-assessment.

Upgrading

- 1) Keep records of the games you referee. There is a minimum number of games (15, of which a minimum of 8 as 1st ref) and time (1 year) required to request an upgrade. In special cases requests for acceleration of upgrades not meeting this criteria will be considered.
- 2) Upgrading is carried out by an assessment during a game of an appropriate level. Contact the Referees Commission to arrange a suitable event.

¹ The first refresher is required 3 years after the initial assessment to Grade 3

² The meaning of "active" referee and implications of not being active are described in the VI Competition Rules