



Volleyball Ireland Refereeing Policy 2020-21

Aim

Volleyball Ireland Refereeing Commission is committed to the development of the Lifelong Involvement in Sport and Physical Activity of Volleyball, with continuing development in the role of Refereeing Volleyball.

Objectives

- Annual Referee courses
- Referee Pathways in line with LTPD programme
- Host Referee Seminars/Workshops nationwide, as part of Referees Continuous Profession Development (CPD).
- Support Referees that are registered within Volleyball Ireland, who are referring teams in the National Leagues at all levels.
- Review of Volleyball Ireland Referring Curriculum.

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Referee requirements.

- All Referees need to be registered with Volleyball Ireland to referee in the National Leagues - Premier, Division 1, Division 2, Development League, U16 National leagues, Cup and Shield games.
- Referees can obtain qualifications through Volleyball Ireland referring courses.
 - a) Grade 3 - Cost €50 and includes an Assessment.
 - b) Upgrades to Grade 2, 1 and National are done by way of Assessment after refereeing numerous games at each division as 1st and 2nd referee to gain experience.
 - c) Upgrade to International referee is dependent on the FIVB/CEV accepting the application of the individual.
- To referee, all Referees need to :
 - Be registered with Volleyball Ireland (annually)
 - Be Garda Vetted (every 3 years)
 - Have completed a Safeguarding 1 course (every 4 years)
 - Have completed a Referees Refresher course (every 3 years)
 - Wear the correct Referees attire
 - Bring the appropriate Referees equipment to all matches
- It is the individual Referees' (and their appointing Clubs) responsibility to ensure that these are up to date, not the VI or the Commissions.

Registration.

- Referee licences run calendar year January 1st – December 31st at a cost of €20.
- Participants on a course post June 1st will receive the rest of the year plus the following year when registering through Go membership.
- Participants on a course pre-June 1st will only receive a licence to the end of that calendar year.
- Registrations can be completed through Go membership.
- Referees refereeing u18 must have safeguarding Level 1 and Garda vetting completed before they can register for a licence.

To find out more on Referee courses and Safeguarding/Vetting please visit our website www.volleyballireland.com

Referee CPD.

As part of our continuous profession development (CPD) we request that all Referees partake in a Referees Refresher course every 3 years.

All Referees will be asked to submit details of their experience of refereeing as 1st and 2nd referee when requesting an upgrade and assessment.

Registering as a Referee with Volleyball Ireland with Overseas Volleyball Qualifications.

To register as a Referee with Volleyball Ireland with a qualification from a different federation, (except for Referees with FIVB grades, please see the bottom of the page), you must be given a Volleyball Ireland referee grade.

You can gain a Volleyball Ireland referee grade in three ways:

- By attending a Grade 3 Volleyball Ireland referee course
- Upgrade by Assessment
- Or by sending in evidence of holding an overseas refereeing qualification and being given a Grade 3 Volleyball Ireland refereeing grade, subject to an upgrade by assessment

If you have an overseas refereeing grade and want to referee in Ireland, you will need to send the following information to the Volleyball Ireland Refereeing Commission email:

educationtraining@volleyballireland.com.

All documents need to be translated to English if required.

- A copy of your relevant Volleyball Refereeing qualifications (hard or electronic), which should include the following information:
- The name of the awarding body/national federation
- The level of the course

- The date the course was passed
- A copy of the course syllabus (breakdown of the hours, modules and content covered)

When you have provided us with this information, and your Certificate has been validated, Volleyball Ireland will automatically give you a Grade 3 qualification. You will then be assessed as a 1st Referee at a Division 2 game. Following a recommendation from the Assessor, you could then be fast tracked to Grade 2 or Grade 1 with a further assessment at a higher level game. It is also compulsory that you attend a Referees Refresher course within a 6 month period.

For Referees with FIVB qualifications, you will only need to send in a copy of your Certificate and your FIVB grade will be printed on your Referee registration card after you have registered as a Referee with Volleyball Ireland.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact **educationtraining@volleyballireland.com**