

Referee Pathway – Overview

Level	Level 1 (new)	Level 2 (previous grade 3)	Level 3	Level 4	National
What is it?	This is our entry level course. And is the first step on the Referee pathway.	Once Referees have completed L1 they can progress to L2 immediately. The new L2 replaces the previous Grade 3.	Once you've passed L2 and accrued enough match experience it's on to L3.	Once you've passed L3, and accrued enough experience you're on to L4.	Once you've achieved Level 4, you can be eligible for promotion to National Level.
Highest Level I Can Referee?	Youth League, Regional Leagues, Recreational Events, Student Sport League.	Division 2 National League as 1 st Ref and D1 as 2 nd Ref.	Division 1 National League as 1 st Ref and Premier as 2 nd Ref.	Premier Division as 1 st and 2 nd Referee.	Nominated for International appointments.
Training	Complete the 6 hours online course, split across two evenings + online exam with 70%+	Once you've completed the online course from L1, you attend a 1day in-person training course + exam with 85%+. Here there will be practical experience and feedback from our Referee Coaches. Mandatory annual referees forum. This will be held in pre-season.	Mandatory annual referees forum. This will be held in pre-season. Pre-assessment feedback match, with higher level referee as 2 nd referee appointed by VLY RMC.	Mandatory annual referees forum. This will be held in pre-season. Pre-assessment feedback match, with higher level referee as 2 nd referee appointed by VLY RMC.	Mandatory annual referees forum. This will be held in pre-season. Pre-assessment feedback match, with higher level referee as 2 nd referee appointed by VLY RMC.

Annual Exam*	Not mandatory, however it is highly encouraged. You must score 85% + on the annual referee test to be eligible for an assessment to L2.	You must score 85% or more on the annual referee test.	You must score 85%+ on the annual referee test.	You must score 85%+ on the annual referee test.	You must score 85%+ on the annual referee test.
Assessment	No	Yes, at a VLY tournament or approved League match appointed by VLY RMC.	Pass the practical assessment carried out over 2 games (1st and 2nd referee in Division 1 games or equivalent).	Pass the practical assessment carried out over 2 games (1st and 2nd referee in Premier league games or equivalent).	Practical Assessment as 1 st and 2 nd Ref. at the Cup Finals assessed by 3 assessors or International Referees appointed by VLY RMC.
Experience	No	No	Minimum of 20 Games in the last 24 months (10 as 1 st Ref & 10 as 2 nd Ref) and active for the last season.	Minimum of 50 games in the last 24 months (25 as 1 st Ref & 25 as 2 nd Ref) and active for last 2 seasons.	Minimum of 100 games in the last 5 years (50 as 1 st Ref & 50 as 2 nd Ref) and active for last 3 seasons.
Other stuff	Garda Vetting & SG if officiating u18s.	Strategic tournaments organised to increase number of assessments completed.	Downgrade possible due to inactivity or failed exam.	Downgrade possible due to inactivity or failed exam.	Downgrade possible due to inactivity or failed exam.

* A mandatory annual exam will be introduced this season.