



Canberra District Rugby League Referees Association  
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People referee for many reasons. For some it is putting something back into the game they love, others find the rigours of physical contact too demanding, others make a career out of it, it is a good way to keep up your fitness and for some it is the perfect way of getting some extra pocket money. Finally for some it is the fact that the League is well organised with all Coaches, LeagueSafe, Trainers and First Aid Officers required to be accredited to a national standard.

The Canberra District Rugby League Referees Association provides Referees for all Rugby League matches conducted in Canberra and the surrounding Districts. We have approximately 125 members of which about Ninety (90) of these are active Referees participating each weekend.

As well as the Australian Capital Territory, our area includes Binalong, Boorowa, Braidwood, Bungendore, Crookwell, Cooma, Goulburn, Harden, Queanbeyan and Yass. On any weekend, our members will participate in games spread over 26 venues (16 Junior League venues, 4 Canberra Raiders Cup venues and 6 George Tooke venues). We will referee approximately 130 games of Rugby League each weekend. In addition to this we officiate at all ACT Schools Rugby League matches, Arrive Alive games and participate in a Referee Exchange with Western Suburbs. Our Association also provides Referees for the Peel School Cup Carnival in Tamworth. From 2010 we will be wearing the pink strip similar to the NRL Referees, which we feel brings greater recognition to our members.

### **Some objectives of the Association are to:**

- provide Referees for Rugby League within the area;
- administer the laws of Rugby League;
- promote interest in the knowledge of the laws of Rugby League;
- foster the interest of the Association;
- foster the game of Rugby League within the above framework;
- promote the social and other interests of the members.

Our Association maintains close links with the Canberra Region Junior Rugby League, and Canberra Raiders and are actively involved in promoting rugby league with these bodies.

## **Registering for a Referees Course**

Any person wishing to undertake the Referees Course should contact the Executive Officer via email on [executive.officer@canberrareferees.com.au](mailto:executive.officer@canberrareferees.com.au) or 6292 4996.

# Courses

The Association runs a number of Referees Courses throughout the year – Cost \$35 inclusive of manuals, DVD's, lunch. The course is broken up into several components.

## **1. Theory component**

9:30am - 4pm (including lunch)

Venue: West Belconnen Leagues Club, Holt ACT

## **2. Practical sessions – signals, whistles, positioning, review, exam**

6:30pm, Tuesday night

Venue: Northbourne Oval, Braddon

At this time you will receive a Certificate of Attainment to proceed to the next level. Should anyone not be able to make both sessions, this is not a problem, we can be flexible and reschedule the components.

Whilst there are different categories with Level 1 e.g. Touch Judge, School Teacher, Student Referee, Mini/Mod, International and Level 1, our Association runs courses at the highest level.

## **Level 1 Accreditation**

### **Stage 1 & 2.**

Formal Course Work and Self Study. Candidates will attend formal course work run over 1 day and practical sessions, where a number of modules will be delivered by the NRAS Provider and other members of the Referees Association. At the formal course you will complete all Modules 1 to 10. You will also be required to complete some Self Study. Course books and reading material is supplied to each candidate. You will complete Modules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 8 of the Workbook.

Successful completion of Stage 1 candidate attaining the 'Referee-in-Training' status. The candidate may then apply to join the Referees Association and proceed to Stage 2. The 'Referee-in-Training' is also required to maintain a Workbook.

### **Stage 3.**

Practical Assessment. Candidates will begin to officiate in matches. They will be formally assessed on at least three occasions by an appointed supervisor. They will also receive coaching from members of the Association and further education relating to practical refereeing and application of the Rules of the Game.

The 'Referee-in-Training' will continue to receive appointments throughout the year. In your first year you could expect to receive appointments in the Mini/Mod games, dependant upon your ability. If you are under the age of 18 years you will normally be appointed to games, no higher than two years younger than yourself.

### **Stage 4.**

Final Assessment. Candidates will again attend formal course work and answer a series of quizzes. The assessment will also take into account the On-Field Assessments and completion of the Workbook.

At the successful completion of Stage 3 you will be awarded Level 1 status.

## **Level 2 Accreditation**

Level Two Accreditation is available to referees, who have completed the prerequisites during their Level One time and wish to officiate at a higher level. As well as having satisfactory on-field assessments, you will undertake further rules revision, complete workbooks and learn more about practical refereeing, match preparation and other important subjects. Once accredited as a Level Two referee, and reach the age of 18 years, you may officiate in senior football (eg. District A Grade) and representative fixtures (eg. NSWRL Harold Matthews etc.).

Level Two Accreditation is conducted by our Association, however the final assessment is conducted by the NSWRL Referees Association in Sydney.

## **Level 3 Accreditation**

Accreditation Levels above Level 2 are required to officiate in matches outside of the Junior League Districts. For example NSWRL Graded competitions (Metro Cup & First Division) and the NRL Competitions require at least a Level Three Accreditation. Referees who wish to apply for these Accreditation Levels should contact their District NRAS Coordinator.

## **Level 4 Accreditation**

Is granted to those match officials who have officiated to First Grade (National Rugby League) appointments.

## **Level 5 Accreditation**

Is granted to referees and touch judges who have officiated in officially sanctioned test matches.

## **Uniform**

The Association supplies full uniform of it's members and it is mandatory that only approved uniforms be worn. The Association has a Gear Policy in place whereby new members receive Referees Jumper, Shorts, Socks, Polo Shirt, Gear Bag, Boot Bag, Dress Jacket and Spray Jacket as part of their issue. Upon attaining Level 1 and provided they have participated in 75% of weekend appointments, this gear is cost negative. Whistles & socks can be purchased.

*Note: The Gear Policy is reviewed Annually and subject to change with short notice.*

## **Appointments**

Appointments are completed each week. Members are required to notify the Director Operations prior to 8pm Sunday their availability for the following weekend. The Director Referees will then complete Senior appointments (U18's – A Grade) on the Monday and Deputy Director Referees will finalise the remaining appointments (U6's to U16's) on Tuesday night. The Association has a weekly newsletter and the weekend appointments are included with this when sent out by the Executive Officer each Wednesday. Members are required to continuously check their appointments as changes can occur up to Friday morning.

## Match Fees – 2010

Competition				Semi Finals		Grand Final	
	Duration	Centre	Line	Centre	Line	Centre	Line
A	2 x 40	\$ 90.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 110.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 80.00
B	2 x 35	\$ 60.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00
C	2 x 30	\$ 46.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 53.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 30.00
Interchange					\$ 20.50		\$ 20.50
University		\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 26.00
U16	2 x 30	\$ 33.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 25.00
U15	2 x 25	\$ 30.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 40.00	\$ 22.50
U14	2 x 25	\$ 26.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00
U13	2 x 25	\$ 24.50	\$ 14.70	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00
U12	2 x 20	\$ 20.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00
U11	2 x 20	\$ 19.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00
U10	2 x 20	\$ 18.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
U9	2 x 20	\$ 17.00	\$ 12.00				
U6 - U8	3 x10	\$ 17.00	\$ 12.00				

Referees are not paid for pre-season Trial Games.

Carnivals – Mini/Mod - \$8-\$15 per game

Junior League (U6 – U15)

Sunday mornings (9am – 1pm)

Junior League (U16)

Friday nights (6pm – 9pm)

Senior League (U18 – A Grade)

Saturday or Sunday afternoon dependant upon Raiders playing schedule

### Association Fees

Annual Affiliation Fee \$10

Active Membership Fee 10% of Match Fees

Travel is paid when in excess of 85km return trip between designated zones at a rate of 35c per kilometre, per vehicle.

Fees are normally paid October/November for the full season. Members who require more frequent payments can make arrangements with the Director Finance, however most members appreciate receiving a lump sum at the end of the year.

### Training

February – September @ Northbourne Oval, Braddon – Tuesday nights from 6:30pm.

### Meetings

AGM February

Pre-Season Seminar February/March

General Meetings 4 – 5 per year between March & September

Presentation Dinner October