

## Getting Started

### Becoming a Match Official

Being a Rugby League Match Official provides you with a great opportunity to be involved in our great sport.



Whether you are a student, parent, player, fan or just have an interest in sport, there is a suitable level just for you. See below for the Match Official pathway.

#### PATHWAY FOR MATCH OFFICIALS



To get started, all you need to do is complete a Mini-Mod Course (Fundamentals) and then you can get started.

You might even go all the way and make it as a professional!

## Joining an Association

Contact the NZRL Referees Manager or, if you know them, get in touch with your local Referees Association, who will help you get started.

You can also visit [www.nzrl.co.nz/referees](http://www.nzrl.co.nz/referees) for more information.

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### Fun, fitness, friendship

Being a Match Official has many benefits—it will help you to stay active, fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

You can also make many great friends in the game of Rugby League, many who are also Match Officials.

Most of all, you can enjoy yourself, have fun and make a positive impact on the game you love!



## Gain new skills

You can gain and learn new skills as a Match Official that will help you in many areas of life:

- Develop confidence in yourself
- Improved decision-making and communication
- Responsibility and management
- Be a leader and gain respect



### Recognition and reward

As a Match Official, you can gain different forms of recognition and rewards. Some examples include:

- Extra money for your efforts
- Referee in your local Grand Final
- Be an official at a National Tournament
- Respect from the Rugby League community
- Opportunities to travel in NZ and overseas
- The chance to make it your career!

**DON'T DELAY, GET INVOLVED TODAY**

## Goal Setting

Setting goals is a very useful way for you to improve your career as a Match Official.

You can set goals at any level of the game, and they can be short-term goals (eg. get fit for the start of next season) or long-term goals (eg. Referee a Test Match).

Write down your goals and then work hard to achieve them!



**MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN**

## The Rugby League Pledge

I am committed to growing rugby league in New Zealand.

I will do my best to improve the image of our game, as such I am committed to only positive behaviour on our fields and sidelines.

The safety of all who participate in our game is my first priority.

I will respect the traditions of our game, I will play hard and I will play fair in any role that I have, and I will always act with honour both on and off the field.

**INTEGRITY** Integrity in everything we do

**RESPECT** Earning and giving respect

**LEADERSHIP** From the top down will make us winners from the ground up

**COURAGE** We will have the courage to think differently

**PASSION** Nothing great gets accomplished without passion

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