

SmartRugby Course

SmartRugby is Rugby's occupational health & safety program. SmartRugby is a bi-annual qualification in which all persons who referee tackle Rugby must attend prior to the season commencing. This is a 'train-the-trainer' course with the focus being on technical safety aspects of the game of Rugby.

Foundation Course

(also known as Level 1 Accredited Referee Course)

Course units are: Rugby - The Game, Balance & Stability, Attack, Defence, Tackle/Ruck/Maul, Game Elements, Scrum, Kick-offs and Restarts, Lineout, Coaching and Role of the Referee. Accreditation can include the completion of a Level 1 Referee Competency Assessment Manual, a Law Examination and a Competency Assessment "field test".

Level 1 Touch Judge Course

The level 1 Touch Judges' course is the first step to becoming an official of the game. The course is designed to give all attendees a better understanding of the Laws, improve individual communication skills and ultimately award each individual with a Level 1 Touch Judge accreditation.

Want more information?

For more information on Referee Training Courses, visit the following websites.

SA Rugby Union Referees Association

www.sareferees.rugbynet.com.au

SA Rugby Union

www.sarugby.com.au/officiating.html

Australian Rugby Union

www.rugby.com.au/officiating_landing_page,40501.html

**Anyone can become a referee
so contact us and begin on your
refereeing pathway today!**

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**Experience Rugby Union
Refereeing
in South Australia**



As participation in Rugby in South Australia continues to grow, so too does the need for qualified referees, touch judges and referee coaches.

Whatever your interest, refereeing Rugby provides you the chance to have fun and enjoy the game at a level that suits you.

How to become a Rugby Union referee or assistant referee (touch judge):

Level of Refereeing	Requirement	Assessment
U12 and below	SmartRugby Course	N/A
U12 – U16, Div 3 & 4, Women	SmartRugby Course Level 1 Touch Judge Course	Assessed until competent
U18, Div 1 & 2	Foundation Course (also known as the Level 1 Accredited Referee Course)	Assessed until competent

U12 and below

For players aged 7 to 12 years, the games of Walla (7-8 years), Mini (9-10 years) and Midi (11-12 years) introduce players gradually to the game through modified Laws. Referees of these games attend a SmartRugby Course that provides them with the necessary information to officiate at these games. This is an ideal starting point for the young teenager or the parents of players participating in these games.

Junior Games (U19 Laws)

For players aged 13-19 years, there are modified Laws that incorporate safety elements for the developing player. Attendance at a SmartRugby Course and a one day Foundation Course will provide the necessary training to officiate at these games. Ideally you should be aged 15 years or above to referee at these levels.

Senior Games

There are a range of games played at different levels in local club competitions that can cater for the all levels of Referees. As your skills and experience grow you can move to higher level club matches with opportunities for talented Referees to advance to the highest levels of the game.

As we know, Rugby has inherent risks, and as such each coach and referee must ensure a safe environment as practically possible for the players. Therefore underpinning the training programs for Referees and Referee Coaches is the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) SmartRugby course which provides all coaches and referees with the best practice principles for all the contact elements of the game.

Attendance at a SmartRugby Course and a one day Foundation Course and assessment of five refereed matches will provide the necessary training to begin officiating at these games. For those referees wishing to move to higher levels there is a two day Intermediate (Level 2) Accredited Referee Course provided by the ARU.

Touch Judge

Touch Judging offers an alternative way of getting involved in the game that can also be very rewarding. There are no age restrictions for touch judges. This is an ideal way for younger people to be involved or for mums, dads, brothers and sisters to help out with the junior games. A three-hour, Level 1 Touch Judge Course will get you started on your Touch Judging career.

