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Ready2Ref

Ready2Ref: Your First Step into Refereeing Rugby Union

Whether you're a player, coach, parent or passionate fan, Ready2Ref is the perfect way to start your journey as a rugby union match official.

This entry-level course is designed to be accessible, practical, and tailored to prepare you for real match environments.

The course blends online learning with a practical, in-person training day, helping you build confidence in areas like safety, communication, the set-piece, and the laws of the game. E-learning modules cover topics including the tackle and breakdown, scrum, space management, and effective communication - all at your own pace.

Once you've completed the online learning and practical session, you'll be ready to referee across age grades, formats like 7s and 10s, and community-level games.

After qualifying, we encourage all new referees to join their local referee society for further support, development, and game appointments. You can find more about that [here](#).

Get involved, give it a go, and get Ready2Ref!

To find your local Ready2Ref course, visit [GMS Course Finder](#) to get started. Looking to host a course? Head over to our [Recruiting Match Officials](#) page on England Rugby.com to find out how to get more officials in your environment.

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