



# GET INTO RUGBY SCHOOLS RESPECTING AND SUPPORTING REFEREES

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# What are the roles of a Rugby referee?

1. Brainstorm the roles of a Rugby referee.
2. Watch [NSW Rugby Referees slideshow](#) and add any additional jobs/roles you see the referees doing.



# How did you go?

## Rugby referee roles and responsibilities

### Referee

#### Responsibilities

- Referee matches
- Learn the rules
- Make decisions on the rules during a game
- Liaise with the Rule Keeper and the Timekeeper but make own decisions
- Be firm, fair and consistent
- Trust your initial instincts
- Blow the whistle loudly and signal when a rule is broken
- Speak firmly, clearly and with volume so that players and spectators can hear the decision
- Explain your decisions to the team captains if necessary
- Report players who break rules or display poor sporting behaviour





# What would happen if the referee didn't show up?



No Ref No Game

Watch the video about two football teams who decide to referee their own match when the referee doesn't show up.

1. Did the teams follow the rules?
2. What happened when the rules weren't followed?
3. What happens when rules aren't followed in organised sports?
4. How important is the role of the referee?
5. What value is highlighted at the end of the video?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvxYQq3wWf4>

# Play a Rugby game with and without a referee!

Play a five minute modified Rugby game **with a teacher or student referee**. Then play another five minute Rugby game but this time **without a teacher or student referee**.

After the game discuss the following:

1. What did it feel like on the field with/without a referee?
2. Were any rules followed with/without a referee?
3. Was fair play demonstrated with/without a referee?
4. Which game felt the safest?
5. How important is having a referee?



# What pressures do referees face?



# How could you support and respect Rugby referees?

1. Follow the Rugby Australia's [Code of Conduct](#)
2. Learn the rules of Rugby - [World Rugby](#)
3. Participate in a referee course - [Referee Courses](#)



# Initiatives to support and respect referees



[Coloured shirt programs](#)

[Sports Rage – A prevention guide for referees](#)

[FA Respect program](#)

Could you use one of these ideas at your school?





# Worksheet fun

### Funny Rugby referee photo captions

Write down what these Rugby referees and players could be thinking or saying! Share your ideas with your class.

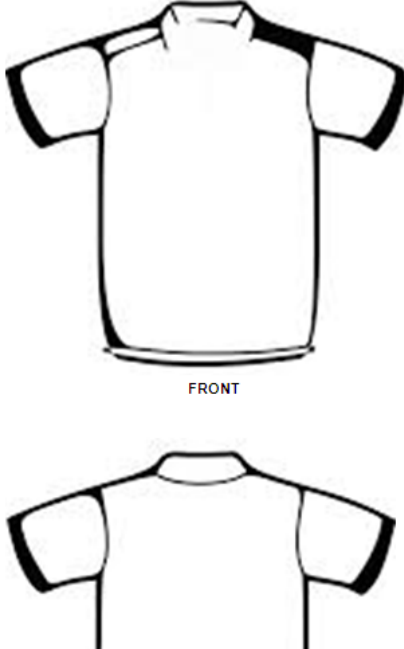


**Extension Activity!**  
Make up a story which includes what might have happened five seconds before the photos

Lower Primary

### Design a Junior Rugby Referee Uniform

Coloured shirt programs (like the one below) are often used by sport clubs to let players and spectators know that junior referees are **in training**!



Here is your chance to design a junior Rugby referee shirt (front and back) which includes:

- Words identifying that the junior referee is learning / in-training
- A catchy and positive message to players and spectators
- Bright colour/s which make the junior referee stand out.





Be as creative as you can!

**Extension Activity:**  
Could your ideas be used at your

Middle Primary

### Mixed up order – Referee scenario!

The order of how the scenario unfolds is mixed up! Can you look for words and clues to put the scenario in its proper order?

Mixed up order of the "Spectator threatens a referee" scenario		Correct order (1-4)
	One spectator is particularly aggressive and promises to take the matter up with Greg after the game. Greg stops the match and asks the Club President of the home team to stop the sideline abuse.	
	The aggressive spectator refuses to leave the ground but agrees to watch the remainder of the game away from the club rooms. He is advised that any further threats to the referee would result in the police being called to attend the ground.	
	The coach of the player issued with the red card loudly questions the decision. A number of the team's supporters, encouraged by the coach's outburst, shout obscene comments at Greg.	
	Greg regularly referees soccer matches in his local association. During one Saturday morning game Greg issues a red card to a player following what he considered to be a reckless tackle resulting in an injury to another player.	

Upper Primary

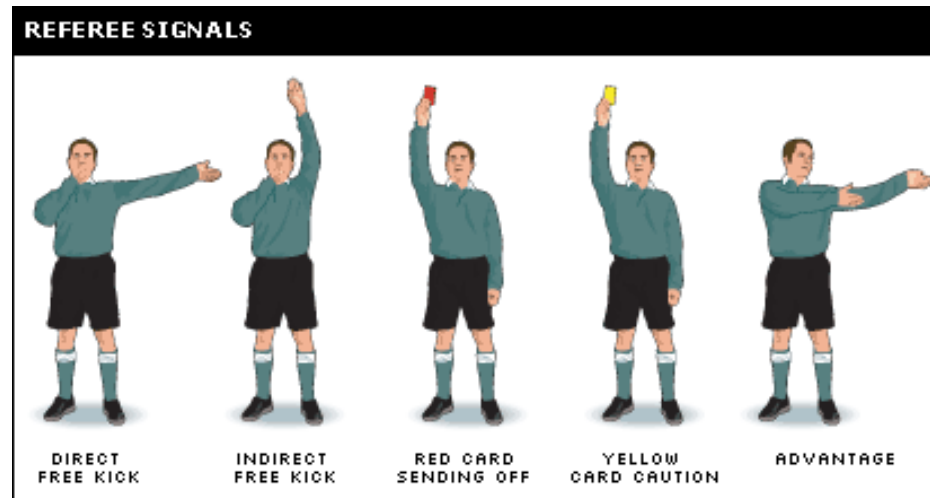
# Assessment ideas: Lower Primary

Draw a picture of a female or male Rugby referee.

Put words and drawings around the picture which illustrate all of the important jobs a referee has before, during and after a Rugby match.

# Assessment ideas: Middle Primary

Develop a one-page brochure for parents and students outlining some of the basic Rugby referee signals and their meanings.



# Assessment ideas: Upper Primary

Write two or three paragraphs putting forward a proposal about how to better support junior student referees in school and club sport.

