
Chatswood Junior Rugby Club



Refereeing at Chatswood Second Edition, February 2017

Document purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the information about refereeing at Chatswood Junior Rugby

Our Goal as a club from a Refereeing Perspective

As a club we want to grow the number of referees in our ranks. This includes parents, senior players from the under 13s and up, past-parents and community supporters.

When we say referees we mean on-field Referees who officiate games as well as Assistant Referees (i.e. touch judges) who run the sideline.

Why is that our Goal?

- Rugby can't be played without a referee – so no referees = no games
- The kids have a better game experience if the referee is trained and qualified
- We have more control of our own destiny. We aren't totally dependent on referees appointed by Competition organisers and can cover gaps as they appear – access to our own referees reduces the risk of games not being played
- Refereeing is itself a pathway in the game – so it's an option for kids who aspire to continue involvement in the game beyond Juniors into adulthood
 - There are private schools in Sydney that offer refereeing as a sport and scholarships to assist with training
- The referee education process produces better players. Senior players who have been through the process indicate how much better their knowledge of the Laws becomes, which leads to better players on the field
- We want to give our referees from our player ranks the opportunity to earn some pocket money - \$10 a game for minis games and "proper" money once you get into the juniors games
- In the Junior ranks, from the under 10s and up, each team must provide a qualified Assistant Referee (i.e. a touch judge) to earn bonus points. This can be the difference between playing finals or not

How to get Qualified

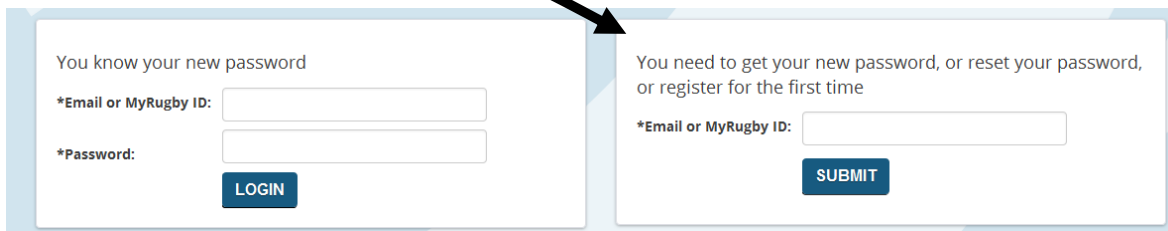
The qualification process can be confusing. To decipher the complexity refer to the table below:

What?	How to get qualified?
Referee an under 6s to under 7s minis game	Turn up to the game with a whistle. There is no specific qualification ... although we recommend the Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 course or Coaching Kids Rugby
Referee an under 8s minis game through to an under 12s juniors game	Course name: Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 Type: in-person for 3 hours and online exam. Pass mark: 90% or more is required to pass. Valid for: 5 years Requalification: re-do the whole course NOTE: Completing the course includes Smart Rugby qualification Who? Anyone 13 years or older
Referee an under 13s juniors game and up	Course name: Foundation Course - Rugby Type: in-person for 8 hours and online exam. Pass mark: 90% or more is required to pass. Valid for: 4 years Requalification: re-do the whole course NOTE: Completing the course includes Smart Rugby qualification Who? Anyone 15 years or older
Be an Assistant Referee (i.e. touch judge) for under 8s to under 12s game	Course name: Assistant Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 Type: online course with exam. Pass mark: 90% or more is required to pass. Requalification: re-do the whole course Who? Anyone 13 years or older
Be an Assistant Referee (i.e. touch judge) for and under 13s and up game	Course name: Assistant Referee Level 1 Accreditation Type: in-person for 3 hours and online exam. Pass mark: 90% or more is required to pass. Valid for: 4 years Requalification: online course Who? Anyone 13 years or older

How to enrol in a Course or Exam

The ARU run a portal called the Rugby Learning Centre. The portal is accessible by visiting https://rugby.force.com/rugbyportal/RL_Login

The first time you visit you'll need to register for a login by providing your email address:



You know your new password

*Email or MyRugby ID:

*Password:

LOGIN

You need to get your new password, or reset your password, or register for the first time

*Email or MyRugby ID:

SUBMIT

Once you're registered you can login and search for the course you're interested in and then proceed to booking courses.

Courses cost money but the club will cover your costs

How to get a refund for your training and accreditation costs

- Any course with an exam or competency assessment – simply pass the exam or assessment and gain qualification and we'll give you a refund
- Any course without an exam component – simply show you've done the course and we'll give you a refund

Send an email, attaching your course certificate, to Tony Re, our Treasurer, at treasurer@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au. Tony will organise your refund.

How to stay up to date with the club

Send an email to Phil Austine, our Referees Coordinator at referees@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au. Phil runs a email distribution list and is a point of escalation for anything referee related.

How to get Refereeing Appointments to Games

- **Junior Games**

The SJRU organises the referee appointments for all junior games (u10s and up). They do this by co-ordinating with the various refereeing associations. The refereeing associations are regionally based and there is information later in this document about them.

If you've gained qualification and want to referee junior games then join the referees association for our area (Sydney North Rugby Referees Inc – "SNRR" – contact details later in this document). Once you're a member use the association's appointment process to get allocated games.

The referees association will take into account where you live and your availability requirements when allocating games.

- **Minis Games**

Minis games (u6s to u9s) are played on Saturday mornings across the North Shore. Games are organised by Gordon Junior Rugby and involves the 8 Village Clubs, from Hornsby to Lane Cove, as well as Norths Districts Clubs; Hunters Hill, Northbridge and Mosman.

There is no centralised allocation of referees. There is a spreadsheet that is available online <https://goo.gl/v6zu4A> - any qualified referee can access the spreadsheet and choose games that are gaps.

Mike Green co-ordinates this. Send him an email at wahroonga.referee@gmail.com requesting to be added his distribution list. He sends a weekly email and the link to the Google Drive spreadsheet (above) to nominate yourself for a game.

We recommend that our Junior Players who have done the Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 referee these minis games

Our Juniors who referee these games get \$10 per game – paid by the canteen at each venue

Refereeing Associations

NSW Rugby Referees Association (NSWRRA) is the largest referees association in Australia. NSWRRA appoint referees to a small number of Junior games, all of which are high school matches.

Sydney North Rugby Referees <http://snrr.org.au> is the association that coordinates referees for Junior matches across the North Shore. They only appoint Junior qualified referees to SJRU controlled games (i.e. u10s and up). If you're qualified and want to referee these games then join the association and become part of their appointment process. They have no involvement in Minis matches.

The annual membership fee for SNRR is 2 x match fees (which means 2 x \$25). That fee can be fully or partially waived by attending SNRR's monthly Education Nights during rugby season. Education Nights are usually held on the second Tuesday of every month from April to August inclusive.

Many accredited rugby referees belong to more than one referees association. The various associations are regionally based and if you're willing to travel to other parts of Sydney you'll get access to a larger selection of matches.



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Contact Details for more Information

We have our own Referees Co-ordinator, Phil Austine. His role is to grow our referees cohort, liaise with competition organisers regarding referees, assist teams in filling gaps when referees are needed and to answer questions regarding education and training. Basically, he's our Refereeing Guru.

Phil's contact details are referees@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au and 0414 207 011.

Phil maintains a register of all accredited Referees and Assistant Referees associated with Chatswood Junior Rugby. If you're qualified please contact him to be added to the register.

Other important refereeing contacts:

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Additional Information including more details on the various courses

- **Smart Rugby**

<http://www.aru.com.au/coaching/smartrugby/programfeatures>

Smart Rugby is an on-line course that is an essential for anyone stepping onto the field in a non-playing capacity. **All Chatswood coaches must be Smart Rugby qualified.** Also if you are asked to referee U8 and above you must hold this qualification. Many of the courses include Smart Rugby by default.

Qualification lasts two years as it is regularly updated for changes in the way the game is played and refereed. Over the ten years since its inception catastrophic injuries have declined markedly.

Smart Rugby can be found in the Rugby Learning Centre (<https://rugby.force.com/rugbyportal/>). You can search for it under "browse learning" by name or by delivery type (online).

- **Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 (RKR)**

Upon completion of RKR you are qualified to referee all Pathway rugby matches – this means games for u6s through to u12s.

There is a 3 hour face-to-face course to complete. The RKR course includes a Smart Rugby accreditation. Following the course you must complete a 70 question "open book" Theory Exam where the pass mark is 90%.

Prior to being appointed to u10, U11 or U12 matches the SNRR will have a qualified Referee Coach observe the new referee officiating at one or more U8 or U9 matches in a safe and competent manner.

- **Level 1 Referee**

This involves attending a full day (8 hours) "Foundation" Course. It is a face-to-face course and includes Smart Rugby accreditation. Following the course you must complete a 100 question online "open book" Theory Exam where the pass mark is 90%.

- **Level 1 Referee ... continued**

The Foundation course is common to Coaches and to Referees but the work that has to be undertaken after the course differs for Coaches and Referees. Referees must undertake a Field Test which means being observed by a Referee Coach whilst officiating at an u13 match and controlling all aspects of the game in a safe manner.

You must be at least 15 years old to attend the Foundation course. You must be 15 years old to hold a Level 1 Referee accreditation. Upon completion you are accredited to referee all age groups from u6 right through to adults. However, the SJRU regulates that there must be a 2 year age gap between the players and the referee.

- **Level 2 Referee**

This involves attending a two day face-to-face course. You must already hold a Level 1 Referee accreditation and following the course you must complete a 100 question on line “open book” Law Exam where the pass mark is 90%.

NB. There is a Level 3 Referee accreditation however this is usually only held by Super Rugby and International referees.

- **AR-KR (Assistant Referee - Kids Referee)**

The AR-KR course is now available online. This is the second online-only course that the ARU has produced for the new Rugby Learning Centre (the other online-only course being Smart Rugby).

Completion of the course will qualify you to be an Assistant Referee for Pathways (u8-u12) games under SJRU competition rules. It takes 45-60 minutes and costs \$15 (all funds to the ARU to fund the new Rugby Learning Centre).

NSWRU hosts each of the courses described above at city and country locations right across NSW from February through to June each year. Enrolment in all courses is through the Rugby Portal (<https://rugby.force.com/rugbyportal/>), refer to earlier parts of this document about how to register.

- **Level 1 Assistant Referee**

There is a 3 hour course that needs to be completed. Once you've done the course you can enrol and complete the assessment exam online. You must be 13 years old or older to hold a Level 1 Assistant Referee accreditation. Upon completion you are accredited to be an assistant referee for any junior game. The SJRU has rules that each participating team must provide a qualified Assistant Referee to each game. If a team can't do this they forfeit a bonus point for each game.