



BLUE BULLS RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

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Registration No.: 311-781 NPO



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TRAINING PROGRAMME CANDIDATE REFEREES 2025

BLUE BULLS RUGBY UNION – BLUE BULLS RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION DOCUMENT

INTRODUCTION

The presence of sport in a person's life carries enormous benefits for social, physical and personal development while broadening cultural awareness. Rugby is a uniquely inclusive sport, and you as "the referee to be" hold a position of genuine influence over the player's safety and game enjoyment. Rugby is a sport which involves physical contact. Any sport involving physical contact has inherent dangers. It is very important that players play the game in accordance with the Laws of the Game and be mindful of the safety of themselves and others.

It is the duty of the referee to apply fairly all the laws of the game in every match.

Being a rugby referee is there for no easy task.

The Blue Bulls Rugby Union (BBRU) acknowledges that rugby referees have a very important and significant role to play in the game and referees are a valuable asset in the organization.

To be a qualified Referee in South Africa, SA Rugby requirements are as follow:

- Valid BokSmart accreditation
- Certified WR or SARU Level 1 Match Officiating
- A member of a Union Rugby Referee Association
- Passed fitness requirement
- Registered on www.whostheref.com

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidate referees are subjected to a selection process before being appointed as a member of the Blue Bulls Rugby Referees Association (BBRRA).

The selection process contains the attendance of a WR or SARU Level 1 Officiating Course, a Fitness Test and a Rugby Laws Examination. The candidate needs to be successful in all these activities.

The newly appointed referees will attend an Induction Course, where they will be informed of the functioning and operation of the BBRRA.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

New referees will be appointed as Assistant Referees for a few weekends in the 2025 season before they will officiate in school matches (Under 14 to Under 16). Referees will also be guided by Referee Coaches who will attend their matches and from there onwards, referees determine their own pace and progression.

As members the new referees will be required to be actively involved in all the activities of the BBRRA. There are monthly members meetings and law discussions, 3/4 x law examinations, 3/4 x fitness tests and advanced training sessions from time to time. New referees will receive a 2025-year program. New appointed members must buy their own kit.



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ASSISTANT REFEREE & RUGBY LAWS COURSE

Friday 17 October 2025

Loftus Versfeld, Auditorium

Registration 12h30

Course 13:00 – 20:00

Registrations close Monday 13 October @ 12h00

Cost R350

WR LEVEL 1 MATCH OFFICIATING COURSE (Certificate of attendance)

Saturday 18 October 2025

Loftus Versfeld, Auditorium

Registration 7h30

Course 8h00 – 16h00

Registrations close Monday 13 October @ 12h00

Cost R500

Please see the notes below with regards to the registration process.

Dates / venues are subject to change

FITNESS TEST (only for prospective new members)

Date and time to be confirmed

Bronco test (The test starts at the try-line and involves running to the 20-meter marker, back to the start, then to the 40-meter marker, back to the start, and finally to the 60-meter marker and back.

This sequence is repeated five times, resulting in a total distance of 1.2 km)

Minimum requirement – 06:10

BOKSMART COURSE

BokSmart certification card is required. Must be done on the SARU online website:
<https://My.BokSmart.com>

Once you have REGISTERED a profile, and have been verified, you will also be able to review, confirm and control your personal details on [My.BokSmart](https://My.BokSmart.com). Upload proof of BokSmart to your bullscoaching.co.za profile. The Course is free of charge.

Fees

Payments must be done prior to each course. Reference number will be provided upon registration on www.bullscoaching.co.za. (download PDF invoice)

CANDIDATE REFEREES WHO REGISTER WITH THE TSHWANE BLUE BULLS RUGBY REFEREE ASSOCIATION and a profile on WhosTheRef.com | Home WILL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE COURSE FEES. Send proof of your registration of Whostheref to angeliquej@bluebull.co.za & education@bluebullrefs.co.za to qualify for this allowance.





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CONFIRMATION

Please confirm your attendance for the program by not later than **Monday 29 September 2025**, close of business by email to education@bluebullrefs.co.za. Please complete the registration process on the www.bullscoaching.co.za website. If you are unsure about anything, please ask.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- You are required to study the rugby laws in your own time. Please visit the website <http://laws.worldrugby.org> for further training and up to date information.
- Please bring your own whistle, suntan lotion and cap, as we will be on field when practical session is presented.
- Referees need to be fit to referee and not referee to be fit. **PLEASE START TRAINING IMMEDIATELY!!!!** They also need to know and understand the laws of the game

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Go to www.bullscoaching.co.za
- Select Profile Registrations
- At Position/Designation, select **Referee** only if you are not a coach and select Referee/Coach if you are both.
- You will then be able to see the training dates for both Referee and Coaching.
- Select the Referee button and then you will be able to book for the relevant courses.
- You need to upload your:
 1. World Rugby Rugby Ready,
 2. World Rugby Laws of the game
 3. World Rugby Concussion for the General Public
 4. World Rugby Introduction to Match officiating pre-level 1
 5. Introduction to Assistant refereeing online
 6. Proof of BokSmart certification
 7. BokSmart Tackle height certificate
 8. World Rugby Safeguarding essentialsonto your bullscoaching profile – all valid 2 years. Example: date on your certificate is 26/01/2025 the expiry date will be 26/01/2027.
- For the World Rugby Online pre-requisite certificates you must register your profile on <https://passport.world.rugby/>
- Please use the same email address on all your profiles (Personal email preferred – not work email)
 - Select the Online certificate as indicated **above**. Do the online exam.
 - Upload these certificates to your www.bullscoaching.co.za profile.
 - Only when that is done and your certificates are accepted by the office with the correct expiry dates, you will be able to register for any course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I hope to meet you soon.

Kind regards,

Andre Botha

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