



Referee Starter Pack 2023-24

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Introduction

Thank you for expressing an interest in refereeing – korfball in Scotland simply can't happen without people like you!

Minimal equipment is required to start refereeing and all the information you will need should be available here, but we welcome any further questions to refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk. In order to remove barriers for anyone wishing to become qualified at a practical level, the Scottish Korfball Association (SKA) is able to provide a whistle and card set free of charge for the 2023-24 season (please enquire at the email above).

Improving Your Refereeing

Whether you are preparing for a practical qualification or simply wish to develop your knowledge and skills, there are a number of ways to improve your refereeing:

- Revise the [Rules of Korfball 2023](#) and [Referee Signals](#)
- Test your knowledge with the [SKA Theory Practice Questions](#) and [Answers](#).
- Practice refereeing in training sessions, making sure to critically evaluate your performances and identify areas to improve in. You could begin by shadowing a more experienced referee so they can explain their decisions, or by asking them to watch you and provide feedback afterwards. If your club does not have any qualified referees then the SKA can assist with this.

Theory Qualification

The first step to becoming a referee is to obtain a refereeing theory qualification. A theory qualification remains valid for 3 years after assessment and it is the responsibility of referees to ensure that their theory qualification remains up-to-date. The test comprises 100 multiple choice questions: 70-84% is a Pass and 85-100% is a Merit.

Before sitting the test you should familiarise yourself with [The Rules of Korfball 2023](#).

The test is closed book, takes 1-1.5 hours to complete, and can be obtained by contacting the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.

Basic Qualification

Basic Qualification is the first level of practical qualification and allows referees to officiate fixtures in SKL Divisions 2 and 3. Assessment at Basic level requires a full competitive match which will be overseen by a Higher referee, either in person or remotely.

Before assessment, referees should gain practice in training sessions and seek informal feedback from qualified referees at their club (if your club does not have a qualified referee the SKA can assist with this). Familiarise

yourself with the [Basic Assessment Form](#) and [Guidance Summary](#), and revise the [Rules of Korfball](#) and [Referee Signals](#) where appropriate. Your club must inform the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator in advance of your assessment, who will appoint an assessor and provide them with the appropriate assessment documents.

Higher Qualification

Higher Qualification is the second level of practical qualification and allows referees to officiate fixtures in SKL Division 1. Qualification at Higher level requires two full competitive SKL1 matches, with a positive recommendation by a different assessor on each occasion.

Before assessment, referees should continue to practise in training sessions and at matches and seek informal feedback from Higher or Elite referees at their club (if your club does not have a suitably qualified referee the SKA can assist with this). Familiarise yourself with the [Higher Assessment Form](#) and [Guidance Summary](#), and revise the [Rules of Korfball](#) and [Referee Signals](#) where appropriate. Your club must inform the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator in advance of your assessment, who will appoint an assessor and provide them with the appropriate assessment documents.

Elite Qualification

Elite Qualification is the highest level of practical qualification offered by the SKA. Assessment requires a suitable, full-length SKL1 match, is performed using guidance provided by the International Korfball Federation (IKF), and is undertaken by an individual of an appropriate level, either from another National Governing Body or an IKF referee.

Individuals pursuing qualification at Elite level should contact the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.

IKF Qualifications

The SKA has the opportunity to put forward nominations for the IKF Referee List and Talent Referee List. For queries or to register interest in future nominations, please contact the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.

Resources

Contact the SKA Refereeing Co-Ordinator at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk

[The Rules of Korfball 2023](#)

[Referee Signals of Korfball](#)

[SKA Referee Structure 2023-24](#)

[SKA Theory Practice Questions](#) and [Answers](#)

[SKA Basic Assessment Form](#)

[SKA Higher Assessment Form](#)

[SKA Assessment Guidance Summary](#)

[SKA Disciplinary Policy](#)

[SKA Disciplinary Report Form](#)

