



Referee Starter Pack

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If you have any questions, please contact refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk

Introduction

Thank you for expressing an interest in refereeing - korfball in Scotland simply can't happen without people like you! All the information to begin refereeing in the Scottish Korfball League (SKL) is provided in this document, but if you have any questions please contact our Refereeing Officer at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.

In order to remove barriers for anyone wishing to become a qualified SKL referee, the SKA is able to provide a whistle and card set free of charge for the 2024/25 season.

There are two aspects to becoming a qualified SKA referee. These are Theory Qualification and Practical Qualification, which are explained in full in this document.

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 2024 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, which could be done by:*
 - *Shadowing a more experienced referee with them explaining their decisions*
 - *Asking a more experienced referee to watch you and provide feedback*
 - *Note - if your club has no qualified referees, the SKA will be able to assist*



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. Before sitting the test you should familiarise yourself with The Rules of Korfball 2024.

Details of the test are as follows:

- *The test is closed book and should take up to 1.5 hours to complete*
- *The test can be found [here](#)*
- *You can sit the test using the exam code: BB5F-65E3-69A0*
- *This code will be valid until 30/04/2025*
- *The test comprises 100 multiple choice questions*
- *70-84% is a Pass and 85-100% is a Merit.*

Basic Practical 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, any prospective referee should:

- *Gain practice in training sessions*
- *Seek informal feedback from qualified referees at their club (if your club does not have a suitably qualified referee, then the SKA can assist with this)*
- *Familiarise themselves with the Basic Assessment Form and Guidance Summary*
- *Revise the Rules of Korfball and Referee Signals.*

Your club must inform the SKA Refereeing Officer in advance of your assessment, who will appoint an assessor and provide them with the appropriate assessment documents.

Higher Practical 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, any prospective referee should:

- *Continue to practise in training sessions and at matches*



- *Seek informal feedback from Higher or Elite referees at their club (if your club does not have a suitably qualified referee, then the SKA can assist with this)*
- *Familiarise themselves with the Basic Assessment Form and Guidance Summary*
- *Revise the Rules of Korfball and Referee Signals.*

Your club must inform the SKA Refereeing Officer in advance of your assessment, who will appoint an assessor and provide them with the appropriate assessment documents.

Elite Practical 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 Officer 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 Officer at refereeing@scotlandkorfball.co.uk.