

REFEREE (FOOTBALL)

The Referee in football is the final decision-making authority on all facts connected with play. He or she is the match official with the authority to start and stop play and impose disciplinary actions (such as fouls, yellow and red cards and penalties) against players during a match.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You like different types of physical activities
- You like to work outdoors
- You are an effective communicator
- You are comfortable working with groups



To be a referee you have to clear the referee tests which do not require any money. Once you become a CAT 5 referee, the courses are freely offered by AIFF (All India Football Federation)

SCHOLARSHIPS

• **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes offered by different departments, UGC/AICTE Schemes and State Schemes*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

• Scholarships are also available in the Institutes based on merit*

*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA).

• Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.

• All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in any stream
2. Register yourself on the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) website through the Referees Administration System of India (RASI) portal.
3. Clear the referee examination which is held in four parts once or twice every year, after which you will be recognised as a category 5 referee

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Football Referee officiating National Level Matches ranges between **INR 21,000 – 25,000*** per month

Source: <https://bit.ly/3jsX2GS> (The Economic Times)

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: You can work in all state level matches, exhibitions, friendlies, national level matches and so on.

Work Environment: You have to always work outdoors and be active in this job. The timings are flexible and are dependent on the time duration of the matches.

Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Category 5 (Beginner Level) →
 Category 4 (Moderate level) →
 Category 3 (Advanced level) →
 Category 2 (National level) →
 Category 1 (Top-level in India, officiates ISL and I League matches) →
 FIFA (Nominated by AIFF, limited referees get a chance to become

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

One can graduate from any of the recognised educational institutes in the country after which you can sit for the referee exams.

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Muringothumalil Santosh Kumar is an Indian professional football referee who officiates primarily in the I-League and Indian Super League. In 2012 he was one of three referees in India to be made professional by the All India Football Federation.*

Source: <https://us.soccerway.com/referees/mb-santosh-kumar/271564/>

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Search keywords...



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