

# Job of The Week

Football  
Referee

## Key Skills

- concentration skills
- the ability to work well with others
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

**Salary**  
Variable

**Working hours**  
36 – 38 a week/variable  
Evenings/ weekends  
Must be Flexible

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# Football Referee

## Routes to become a referee...

To start, you'll need to register with your local County Football Association and complete a Basic Referee's Course

You'll also need to complete 11 hours of face-to-face training that includes classroom-based learning and practical activity on the pitch

You would usually start to referee at youth football level then progress as your experience grows. You can do further training with the FA to help you move on to referee at higher levels in both the men's and women's game

You can become a referee through a structured training programme run by the Football Association (FA)

The course is a mix of online and face-to-face training. You must complete the online learning and do safeguarding training before you complete the face-to-face module

The online learning covers the laws of football, including:

- pre-match responsibilities
- signals and communication
- how to manage common issues
- the offside rule
- managing game restarts and set pieces

### Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- pass enhanced background checks
- be over 14 years of age

## Career path and progression

With experience, you could train to become a referee training instructor, match assessor or referee development officer with a County FA

You could also use your knowledge and experience to move into related areas, like sports development in the community

## Day to Day tasks:

- inspect the pitch and markings
- caution or send off players
- manage the kick off and follow the game
- meet with team managers and brief your assistants
- communicate with your assistants to help with rulings
- check items like stopwatches, cards and radio equipment
- supervise restarts, off-side, free-kicks, penalties and throw ins
- make sure equipment like goalposts and nets are safely set up
- deal with inappropriate behaviour on the pitch and the sidelines

## Working conditions

You could work on a sports field. Your working environment may be physically demanding, outdoors in all weathers and you'll travel often. You may need to wear a uniform.



# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.  
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Sports coaches, instructors and officials	
Weekly Pay <b>£460</b>	Annual Pay <b>£23,920</b>
Hours/Week <b>36h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£13</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>0.9%</b>	Replacement <b>57.9%</b>
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,100 jobs. In the same period, 57.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 66,900 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Sport & recreation Education Gambling Employment activities Other personal service	
<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Clear card</a>

Physiotherapists	
Weekly Pay <b>£750</b>	Annual Pay <b>£39,000</b>
Hours/Week <b>34h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£22</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>6.9%</b>	Replacement <b>52.8%</b>
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 4,700 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 36,200 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Health Residential care Social work Public admin. & defence Sport & recreation	
<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Clear card</a>

Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors	
Weekly Pay <b>£930</b>	Annual Pay <b>£48,360</b>
Hours/Week <b>30h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£31</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>4.3%</b>	Replacement <b>55.3%</b>
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 4.3% over the period to 2027, creating 3,800 jobs. In the same period, 55.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 49,900 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Advertising, etc Publishing activities Arts & entertainment Sport & recreation Film & music	
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## Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists plan and apply massage, promote and encourage movement and exercise, use hydrotherapy, electro-therapy and other technological equipment in the treatment of a wide range of injuries, diseases and disabilities in order to assist rehabilitation by developing and restoring body systems.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines medical reports and assesses patient to determine the condition of muscles, nerves or joints in need of treatment;
- writes up patients' case notes and reports, maintains their records and manages caseload;
- plans and undertakes therapy to improve circulation, restore joint mobility, strengthen muscles and reduce pain;
- explains treatment to and instructs patient in posture and other exercises and adapts treatment as necessary;

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## Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Sports coaches, instructors and officials work with amateur and professional sportsmen and women to enhance performance, encourage greater participation in sport, supervise recreational activities such as canoeing and mountaineering, and organise and officiate at sporting events according to established rules.

Common tasks in this job:

- coaches teams or individuals by demonstrating techniques and directing training and exercise sessions;
- controls team selection and discipline and recruits ancillary staff such as coaches or physiotherapists;
- monitors and analyses technique and performance, and determines how future improvements can be made;
- deals with administrative aspects such as arranging matches, contests or appearances for athlete or team, and organising required transport and accommodation;

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## Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors

Jobholders in this unit group investigate and write up stories and features for broadcasting and for newspapers, magazines and other periodicals, evaluate and manage their style and content and oversee the editorial direction of these types of output and publication.

Common tasks in this job:

- determines subject matter and undertakes research by interviewing, attending public events, seeking out records, reviewing written work, attending film and stage performances etc.;
- writes articles and features and submits draft manuscripts to newspaper, magazine, periodical or programme editor;
- selects material for broadcast or publication, checks style, grammar, accuracy and legality of content and arranges for any necessary revisions;
- liaises with production staff in checking final proof copies immediately prior to printing.

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### Useful Websites

[County FAs | The Football Association \(thefa.com\)](#)

[FA Referee Course \(thefa.com\)](#)

[The Referees' Association - The Referees' Association | Home \(the-ra.org\)](#)

[Referees - Run | England Football](#)

[FA referees department: Contacts \(thefa.com\)](#)

[Careers in the Football & Sport Industry - UCFB](#)

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

A day in the life



[A day in the life of a Premier League referee | Video | Watch TV Show | Sky Sports](#)

Being a referee is...



[Being a referee is... - YouTube](#)

What it takes to be a Referee in the World Cup



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nE193oqf\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nE193oqf_w)

Training to be a Referee



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38N1U9pHUBw>

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