

## How to become a Korfball Referee

A fully qualified Korfball Referee must be both theory and practically qualified. There are four levels of Korfball referee in the UK:

- 1) Theory qualified – this is the lowest level of qualification and is achieved by those people who score more than 60% on their theory test. A theory qualification lasts for 3 years unless the person undertakes a practical referee assessment, otherwise the qualification falls away.
- 2) Practically Qualified – this is the lowest level of full qualification and is achieved by those players who have passed their theory qualification and have passed a practical referee assessment.
- 3) National League Qualified – this is the highest level of domestic qualification and is required for referees of National League matches.
- 4) International Referee – this is the highest level of referee qualification and is required for referees of international matches.

The following sets out how the first two of these different levels of qualification can be achieved and what you and your club need to do in order to achieve these. These instructions are a summary of the BKA's how to be a referee guide (<http://www.korfball.co.uk/refs/referee.pdf>).

### Theory Assessment

Anyone can take the BKA's referee theory exam under exam conditions but in order to increase your chances in passing the exam it is usual to attend a theory course. There is currently no regular programme of theory courses and it is up to you, your club or area association to organise a theory course. The rules of the game can be downloaded from the IKF website <http://www.korfball.org/knowledge-bank/137/684-the-new-rule-book>. Note that there are updates to the rules and you should check the IKF site for any additional changes <http://www.korfball.org/knowledge-bank/137>.

To organise a theory course you will need to carry out the following.

Step 1: Contact the EKA ([secretary@englandkorfball.co.uk](mailto:secretary@englandkorfball.co.uk)) for the contact details of the EKA's Referees Committee.

Step 2: Contact the EKA Referee's Committee and ask them to provide you with the contact details of people in your area that are able to run a referee theory course.

Step 3: Identify someone who can lead the course (the course instructor) and identify a suitable date or dates to run the course on. The taught element of the course takes around 3 hours and the exam takes around 1 hour. The course can be delivered over a day (10.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00), or over two days, i.e. two week nights.

Step 4: Book a suitable sized room (should be able to seat 10-15 people). The course instructor may require a projector, whiteboard or flip chart. Liaise with the course instructor to determine what they need to successfully deliver the course.

Step 5: Set the cost of the course. The money raised from the attendees will go towards the cost of the hire of the room and the expenses of the course instructor. Guideline costs for the course instructor are £60 for the 4 hours, plus travel expenses. Note that the LKA will help to subsidise the course, but will not cover all the costs. Attendees are expected to meet a proportion of the costs, if only to increase the likelihood of attending. Note also that to be eligible for LKA funding the course would need to be open to other LKA clubs. Contact [lka.treasurer@googlemail.com](mailto:lka.treasurer@googlemail.com) for information on LKA financial assistance.

Step 6: Generate interest in the course from your immediate network of contacts, i.e. your club, other clubs or area association. Advertising the course on relevant websites such as Korfball Forums, the LKA or EKA website is also a good idea.

After taking the exam at the end of the theory course your results will be recorded and sent out to you.

## **Practical Assessment**

A practical qualification is achieved by being assessed by a National League qualified referee, not from the same club as the person being assessed, and being found of a suitable standard over 1 hour of match time. The assessment can be conducted as many times as is required.

As with the theory qualification an assessment can take place at any time but it is advisable for the person being assessed to build up some experience and seek feedback from other qualified referees. This experience can be developed at your club's training sessions or at other club's training sessions, at lower level league matches or at tournament matches.

To arrange a practical assessment you will need to carry out the following:

Step 1: Identify a date, or a set of dates, that you can be assessed at.

Step 2: Identify a local National League referee from the list of qualified referees that your club has.

Step 3: Arrange for someone to carry out the assessment. Note that it might be worth looking for games that you can referee, or can offer to referee that are at the same venue and either prior to just after a National League game.

Step 5: Pay the assessor. The LKA will pay the expenses and fee of the referee assessor for each assessment carried out. In order to claim the money the assessor has to submit a completed copy of the referee assessment form (which can be downloaded from the reference section of the LKA website <http://www.londonkorfball.co.uk/> to the LKA treasurer (lka.treasurer@googlemail.com).