

# THE REFEREE'S JOURNEY

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## Introduction to Refereeing (Level 1)

- A basic introduction to refereeing for parents, supporters, new fencers and coaches.

**i** This is not a qualification.  
• Run by the Home Countries.

## Further Development of Regional Referees (Level 2+)

- Mentoring and seminar experience offered in conjunction with the Home Countries, Regions and British Fencing.

**i** Aims to continue development of refereeing skills and knowledge in preparation for BF Level 3 Referee Assessment.

- This is a development opportunity, not a formal qualification.

## EFC C Grade

- Awarded by the European Fencing Confederation following 4-5 observations at European Cadet competitions.

**i** Required in order to be entered for the FIE referee qualification.

## FIE B

- Awarded by the FIE, after a theory, video and practical exam.
- Qualified to referee at international satellites, Junior World Cups, and be selected for Cadet, Junior and Senior Championships by the FIE.

**i** Can be submitted to EFC Master List.



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## Regional Referee (Level 2)

- General and weapon-specific seminar and theory assessment, followed by a practical assessment.

- Supported by mentors to gain practical experience.

**i** Successful candidates will be able to referee county and regional competitions.

**i** Wheelchair refereeing modules are a new addition to this level.

- Run by the Home Countries.

## National Level Referee (Level 3), Pathway Entry & International EFC Competitions

**i** Entry level to the British Fencing Referee Pathway Program and EFC international competitions.

- Required level for referees at BF National Championships.

**i** Theoretical, video and practical assessment process.

- Run by British Fencing.

## Senior National Referee (Level 4)

- One day theoretical and practical assessment run by BF (often with invited senior FIE referees) in preparation for FIE exams.

**i** Able to referee to final rounds of large opens and BF National competitions.

- Highest level assessed by BF.

**International  
Championship Referee**  
FIE selected referees for Olympic and  
Senior Grand Prix Circuit