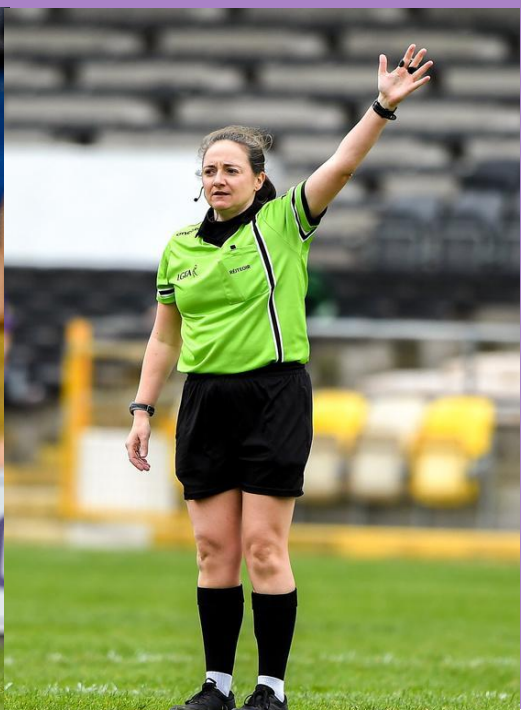
# Provincial Referee Accelerate Programme

## Information Guide



# What is the Provincial Referee Accelerate Programme?

The LGFA Provincial Referee Accelerate Programme is designed to support and develop ambitious club referees interested in reaching the next level by progressing to the Provincial Referee panel.

The Provincial Referee Accelerate Programme welcomes referees with a minimum age of 21 and a minimum four years of refereeing experience to apply for a place on this intensive course.

The course consists of 6 modules which focus on Technical, Physical, Mental and Tactical development as well as offering plenty of support and advice.

Referees that attend all days of the course and complete and pass all modules and assessments will then qualify as a Provincial Referee in their relevant province – Connacht, Leinster, Munster or Ulster. They will then be available to take charge of matches at that level.

# What do I need to do?

- Must be minimum 21 years old with minimum 4 years referee experience
- Upon acceptance referee must attend ALL Days
- Complete and pass all modules and assessments
- Attendance at all modules is Mandatory

# STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

**Online Introduction evening – Webinar**

Duration: 1 hour When: Evening 8.30-9.30pm **July**

- Introduction to program
- Expectations of the Referee
- Structure of the Programme
- What is expected from participants?
- Logging on and using webinars
- Explain Fitness test test and Fitness requirements

*Post Introduction, Referees must:*

- *Complete the online rule test prior to Module 1, must get 80%*

**Module 1 (face to face)** **Physical**

Duration: 2 hours When: Evening 7-9pm **August/September**

- Welcome
- Why do you referee?
- Physical Fitness test
- Rules Part 1
- Reflective Journal Learning

*Post Module 1, Referees must:*

- *Fill in reflective journal*
- *Complete follow-up module activities on Tobar*

**Game 1** **Assessment** **September/October/November**

- Referee at Competitions (Voluntary Day and Compulsory)
- These can be School Games/Province Club Games
- G4M&O national blitz September 2027
- Do the line at the Provincial club championship

*(You must referee minimum 2 matches in your county before Game 2 and include report cards)*

**Module 2 (ONLINE)** **Technical**

Duration: 1 ½ hours When: Evening 7-8.30p **September/October**

- Rules Part 1
- Application of the Rules – Decision Making (video based)
- Rules Part 2
- Signals (video and theory)

*Post Module 2, Referees must:*

- *Referee minimum of 3 matches in their county and submit copy of report cards*
- *Complete follow-up module activities on Tobar*
- *Fill in reflective journal*

**Module 3 (ONLINE)** **Mental**

Duration: 2 hours When: Evening 7pm-9pm **November**

- Communication Skills
- Conflict Management (scenario based)
- Report Writing
- Nutrition and Hydration

*Post Module 3, Referees must:*

- *Referee minimum 2 matches in their county before Module 4 and include report cards*
- *Send in proof of Safeguarding and garda vetting*
- *Complete online conflict scenarios & any follow-up module activities on Tobar*

**Module 4** **PROVINCIAL Pre-League Referee Day Face to Face**

Duration: 5 hours When: Saturday 10-3pm **January/February**

- Rules Assessment
- Fitness Assessment
- Introduction to 'Buddy System'
- Topics for all Provincial Referees

**Game 2** **Assessment** **February/March/April**

- Assessment at u14/u16/schools/blitz Fixtures (Compulsory)

**Module 5 Provincial Pre-Championship Referee Day Face to face**

Duration: 2 hours When: Saturday 10am-1pm **April/August**

*Duration: 5 hours*

- *Feedback from assessments*
- *Preparation for Championship*
- *Fitness and Rules Assessment for Sign Off*
- *Questions and Answers*

*Post Module 5, Referees must:*

- *Referee minimum 1 match in their county before Module 5 and include report cards*
- *Complete follow-up module activities on Tobar*

**Module 6 (ONLINE) Review performance in and how they are going provincially**

Duration: 1 hours **May/June**

- Assessor reports
- Review games on video
- Rules

*Post Module 6, Referees must:*

- *Reflect on your games to date and self evaluate*
- *Set goals for the next 12 months*

# Key Notes

- Referees may be cut from this panel at any time during the programme
- Participants must pass all requirements of the programme to progress to the Provincial Panel
- There is no payment or expenses for participating on the Accelerate Programme. This is at the referees expense
- Our aim is to progress all referees but this can only be achieved through full commitment from everyone involved
- Please Note: Attendance at all modules is MANDATORY. Non-attendance at modules will lead to expulsion from the programme and some of these modules will be conducted online