Keen on becoming a qualified referee and want to know how?

There are two components	Theory assessment Practical assessment
There are three NZ qualification levels	District Regional National

Once you are a competent Regional referee you may want to attempt the ICF qualifacation

The first step to become qualified is to make contact with someone in the list below and ask them to help you sit the theory test. This should be able to be done somewhere within your region pretty much anytime during the year. Following the theory test there is a practical assessment. Your performance in both assessments determines your qualification level. Practical assessments for District level should be able to be done at a suitable local competition. Regional and National practical assessments will generally need to be done at competitions with high level games such as National League or Inter-regional's.

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Alternatively NZCPA will endeavour to make these assessments available at all the major tournaments such as National League, Inter-regional's and Schools Nationals. It would be worthwhile for anyone considering these qualifications at these events to at least attempt to get their theory beforehand – one less thing to do over what is generally a busy time.

A realistic first goal for someone who hasn't played the game much themselves but is doing some coaching / refereeing /supporting, is to attain a district level pass. Then most people would take some time/experience / effort to come up to regional standard.

A player who knows the rules well enough to play at a reasonably high level, but who hasn't refereed much before, is likely to find it much easier to progress quickly through the levels just due to better understanding of the game and personal experience.

Once qualified its easy to become a bit rusty if the skills you've learnt aren't used – so it pays to keep refereeing on a regular basis.

Once you've started refereeing, whatever level of qualification you have, you will come across situations in games where you wonder if you've done the right thing. You should then go back to the rules and reread the appropriate sections, if that doesn't settle the issue then discuss it with some of the other referees around you. Only in that way will you continue to improve the quality of your refereeing. Generally, knowledge brings confidence and consistent correct calls, which is what players most respect.