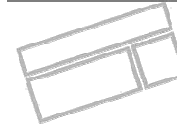




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**Attention All Rugby League Players**  
**Get an Edge**

**Learn the Rules, Play by the Rules, Enforce the Rules**

Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association are looking for Rugby League players, 14 years of age or older to join our ranks and contribute to the game in a unique and rewarding way.

Refereeing provides a challenging, yet rewarding way for players to become more involved in the sport you love. Not only will you be assisting to improve the safety and enjoyment of young players, you will give yourself an edge over your opponents and peers, and get a head start in a post-playing career.

How?

- A player who knows the rules and has experience in applying them is less likely to give away penalties and have a better rapport with referees;
- You will learn rules that most players don't know;
- A player or coach who understands the rules will also understand how to make the rules work to their advantage;
- Players are generally forced to retire earlier than referees. Refereeing will provide players with an avenue to continue to contribute to the sport long after their playing days.

Did you know:

- the comparative hourly rate for refereeing is better than working at most fast food outlets?
- you can still play and referee Junior League?
- there are career pathways to officiating in the National Rugby League for the right officials?
- referees are an integral part of Rugby League?
- five current NRL match officials began their careers refereeing in the Penrith Junior League?
- Three former NRL players are current NRL Match Officials?

There are weekend courses to be conducted in April and May. We are also holding a school holiday course for players who would like to become referees on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

In the attached article, former NRL and Test Match footballer Henry Perenara speaks of his transition from a player to an NRL Match Official.

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