

Green Card Referee Course

Target Audience: Transition year and senior cycle students

Target Numbers: 24 students in a school or in each county

Suitable For: 2nd level schools who participate in Camogie competition and schools who do not participate in competition

Aim: The aim of the course is to educate teenagers on the basic skills of refereeing and to increase the number of Go-Games referees in a county.

Course content:

The course contains three modules:

1) Theory Course (4 hours)

The Theory Course is classroom based with an element of practical role plays. It takes 4 hours to complete. Course is delivered by a qualified Referee Tutor. Participants receive a handout of course content and Camogie playing rules.

2) Written Assessment (1 hour)

One week after the theory course has been delivered participants return to central venue to complete a 1 hour written assessment on the theory course they attended. Participants are questioned on every element of the Green Card course.

3) Practical assessment (3 hours)

The third module of the course provides each participating student with relevant refereeing experience.

How is this achieved? Two weeks after the written assessment each school is asked to bring a first year Camogie team to participate in a blitz which the newly qualified students will referee. On the blitz day referees will get the opportunity to referee games as well as completing umpire and lines person duties.

The following is how we will roll out the scheme to interested students, teachers and schools:

4 weeks:

Agree a host school in a central venue in the county.
Book facilities.

Contact all targeted schools in designated county by email and letter.

- 2 weeks: Contact County Board in designated county
Promote Green Card course through all Camogie clubs in county.
Phone school contacts who have not returned applications.
Arrange Referee Tutor for Theory Course
- 1 week : Confirm attending schools
Ensure Handouts and course content for Tutor is available
Arrange required gear and equipment
- 2 days: Prior to the Blitz day (Practical Assessment). Confirm attending schools and green card referees. Outline a games schedule and designate Green Card participants to each pitch.

All participants receive a red and yellow referee card, a whistle and a notebook.

An Cumann Camógaíochta award an official Green Card Referee certificate to all participants who complete and pass all three modules of the course.