



ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP FOR  
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS



## CLASS 3 – EPSB REFEREE TRAINING COURSE PROGRAMME

This course is endorsed by 1st4sport qualifications and achieves 6 CIMSPA points when successfully completed.

**VENUE** - Online

**Please note: It is the responsibility of the delegate to attend all aspects of the course and have access to Zoom or any other required online platform.**

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### **Week 1 - Part 1 – REFEREE TRAINING**

- Welcome to the EPSB Referees Training Course Programme - introduction and overview.
- Who are UK Coaching, 1st4sport qualifications and CIMSPA?
- Learner Mentoring and Support for you throughout your EPSB Referee training course.
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities once you are qualified and active, with UK Coaching, NSPCC, AND CPSU.
- Safeguarding and Child Protection - a guide for sportspeople delivered in partnership with UK Coaching, NSPCC, AND CPSU.
- The EPSB Referee & officials code of conduct.

### **Week 2 - Part 2 - REFEREE TRAINING**

- Introduction to the current Rulebook – ‘The Official Rules of the Games of Snooker and Billiards’ published by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA).
- Understanding the rules - to become a proficient and competent referee it is key that you understand the rules and how to interpret them during a snooker match.

This will allow the match to be played in line with the laws of the game enabling the players and yourself to enjoy the experience.

- Mentor support - you will be appointed a mentor to support you throughout your training programme.

### **POST COURSE ACTIVITY**

1. You will be set various rules/match scenarios and it will be up to you to research using the rule book or any other method such as the internet or past experience to take a view, form an opinion and make a decision what you would do as a qualified referee with each question.
2. Begin to research and locate your venues and matches for your referring experience during weeks 4-10.
3. Begin your CPD plan.

### **POST COURSE ACTIVITY DEADLINE - Part 3 of the course**

#### **Week 3 - Part 3 - REFEREE TRAINING**

- Review as a group and discuss the post course exercise from part 2 of the course.
- How to conduct yourself as a referee Before, During and After a Snooker match
- Preparation for weeks 4-10

#### **WEEKS 4 – 10 - POST COURSE REFEREEING EXPERIENCE- THREE MATCHES**

- You will then go out in the field and referee three matches completing the match evaluation and reflection process identifying any areas which you may feel you need any help, support, or mentoring.

#### **What constitutes a Snooker match?**

- We operate in challenging times at the moment, so it is key that you discuss with Chris Lovell the acceptable criteria for the level of snooker match in which you wish to complete your refereeing experience.
- All matches must be played in England and within the rules of the game laid down with the WPBSA rule book which has been taught within this course programme.
- The match will be recognised as an official match organised by the following:
  - Snooker Club/Venue.
  - EPSB/WST Snooker competition.
  - Established and recognised snooker league.
  - Established and recognised league associated competition.
  - Independent recognised snooker competition.
- The length of the match to get you the best possible practice needs to be up to but not exhaustive 6/7 frames and can be of multiple players.

### **Week 11 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW, MENTORING AND SUPPORT**

The group reassembles online to discuss their matches and experiences supported by their team mentors. Throughout the course and in particular during this process, there is one to one support available at any time.

### **Week 12 – 15 - FURTHER REFEREEING EXPERIENCE - THREE MATCHES**

**Please note that if situations arise where you are not able to complete the refereeing practice element of the course, you have up to 12 months to complete to the course in full.**

### **Week 16 ONWARDS – ASSESSMENT - TO BE ARRANGED BY YOURSELF**

Once you have completed your training programme and refereed your matches and you feel confident and ready you should arrange a match for your assessment.

The details need to be agreed with your assessor and supported by your mentor. The match will need to be recorded with the permission and consent of all parties involved without breaks and be up to one hour in length.

Once you have recorded your assessment it will need to be emailed to your assessor who will complete an online assessment within seven days and then communicate the outcome including constructive feedback.

You will need to successfully complete an online rules examination.

Should you not yet be successful at any aspect of the examination process then you will be given the opportunity to resist any aspects up to three times.

If you have been unsuccessful your assessor will discuss an action plan with you to help you to achieve the required level.

When you have successfully completed both aspects, you will then receive your EPSB Referees kit and details of how you will be added to the EPSB Referees list and the opportunities which are available to you.

### **Certification**

Once you have successfully completed your assessment, it will be verified internally, and your Certificate of Achievement will be requested and sent to you within 28 days from 1st4sport.