

EPSB Training Course FAQs

Questions relating to refereeing on the World Snooker Tour

How long will it take me to become a professional referee?

The first thing to understand is that this is *not* a training course for professional referees (that does not exist). On completion of this course, you will be an EPSB Class 3 referee and can begin your journey as a qualified, registered amateur snooker referee. You may one day get the opportunity to referee professional snooker. However, this will be based on your amateur refereeing experience.

When should I resign from my current job?

You absolutely should not do this. It is a misconception that professional snooker refereeing is a full-time paid occupation, only a very select few professional referees actually work full time. That notwithstanding, it requires a great deal of experience refereeing at the amateur level, even to begin refereeing on the World Snooker Tour.

When will I referee on TV?

That is impossible to say, but only highly skilled and highly experienced referees attain this honour. This is *not* a training course for TV referees (that does not exist). On completion of this course, you will be an EPSB Class 3 referee and can begin gaining experience and refining your skills, refereeing the amateur game.

When can I referee at the Crucible?

It would be better not to focus on this. Whilst this is not out of the question, it is many years away at best. Only a very select few referees ever attain this honour.

Questions relating to EPSB pay and expenses.

Is there a day rate/what will I be paid?

What expenses can I claim?

Will accommodation/hotels be provided for events.

The EPSB pay referees £35 per day to referee events and pay mileage on a return journey basis as 25p / mile. Accommodation is not required as referees are selected on a local basis.

Where do I source refereeing equipment, ball markers, triangle, gloves?

These are individual things, but the best place to start can be Amazon, eBay, etc. Also, your EPSB mentor may have some advice in this area.

Where do I find the rules of snooker/rule book?

The WPBSA website is the best place to find the rules along with the rule books. Here's the link. <https://wpbsa.com/rules/>

What constitutes a training match?

Any match at an official EPSB event

Any local league match (minimum 3-frames required) thus if league matches are over 2 frames, then two matches count as 1 of the 6 training matches. If league matches are single frame matches, then 3 matches count as 1 of the 6 training matches.

In the absence of EPSB and league match opportunities, other training match formats can be agreed between trainee and Mentor.