



NNSWF Youth Referee Academy

**NORTHERN NSW
FOOTBALL**

The NNSWF Youth Referee Academy is a new and important step along the Northern NSW referee development pathway.

The best performing match officials at the Talented Official Program (TOP) Camps, held in conjunction with the NNSWF Girls' and Boys' State Championships and the NNSWF Champion of Champions Tournament each year, will be selected by the NNSWF Referees Technical Committee for the NNSWF Youth Referee Academy.

The members of the NNSWF State Referees Academy will receive during the year interactive education and development sessions to help build their knowledge and skills. The NNSWF Youth Referee Academy Coach will provide the referees in the Youth Referee Academy with regular coaching and mentoring to improve their officiating.

The best performing referees from the academy will progress into the NNSWF Referee Talent Pool, where match officials enter a competitive selection process to referee at the FFA National Youth Championships.

The best performing referees at the FFA National Youth Championships are then eligible for selection for the FFA National Talent Pool, which opens the door to selection on the Westfield W-League, National Youth League and Hyundai A-League referee panels in future years.



<p>Selection</p>	<p>Each year all football zones and referee branches across NNSWF are invited to send match officials to attend the NNSWF Talented Official Program (TOP) Camps and the Champion of Champions Referee Development Camp.</p> <p>For interest in being nominated, referees should speak to their Zone Referee Coach or Match Official Development Officer, or their Referee Branch Coach, about their interest.</p> <p>The best performing match officials at the Talented Official Program (TOP) Camps, held in conjunction with the NNSWF Girls' and Boys' State Championships and the NNSWF Champion of Champions Tournament each year, will be selected by the NNSWF Referees Technical Committee for the NNSWF Youth Referee Academy.</p>
<p>Cost</p>	<p>The program is free to the referees selected in the NNSWF State Referees Academy.</p>
<p>Benefits of the program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education sessions with the Youth Referee Academy Coach and other leading referees, assessors and instructors • Interactive education and development sessions to help build knowledge and skills • Recognition as some of NNSWF's most talented match officials and being on the pathway to selection for the NNSWF Referee talent pool and FFA National Talent Pool