

The Minnesota Rugby Referee Society will be running two Level 1 referee courses on the dates listed below. We are also hosting an Intro to Rugby/ AR course on Saturday February 4th. All of the information is below for all three courses. Please feel free to contact me (Tammy Cowan) with any questions or concerns.
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Saturday February 4th – Intro to Rugby/AR course. This course is designed for any persons who are interested in running touch for your local team or who want to understand the basic laws of the game. This is a 2 hour class, open to anyone Please pre-register by February 1 so that we can make the appropriate number of materials). The cost of the class is \$5. Please dress for activity, as there will be some active demonstrations.

The class is at South High School 3131 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Enter door 1 at 32nd street and 20th Avenue.

To register – email Tammy Cowan at tamazon03@aol.com
The following information is needed.

Name-

Club affiliation-

Sunday Feb 26th – Level 1 Referee course – Winona State University 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both the classroom and Talbott Gym are in Memorial Hall. While there is only an address, at Winona State, for the Physical Plant, people could put into their GPS, 116 8th Street, Winona, MN 55987. This is an address directly across the road from the main entrance to Memorial Hall. See below for instructions on registration at USARUGBY.ORG

Saturday March 3rd –9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Level 1 Referee Course – University of Minnesota – Cooke Hall. 1900 University Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Referees in Minnesota get paid an average of \$50 a game plus mileage. Training is provided to all new referees. We will work with each new referee to figure out what his or her best path for development will be. Players and coaches are also welcome at the Level 1 clinic if the wish to understand what is going on behind the whistle.

The Level 1 Officiating Course is the basic refereeing course. There are no prerequisites for attending this course and it is the sole training vehicle for the education of entry level referees as certified USA Rugby referees. The Level One Course covers the referee's priorities, provides an introduction to the Laws, and examines scrums, ruck/ mauls, tackles, lineouts, offside, and advantage with focus on the critical parts and how to referee them. When a student has completed this

course and the accompanying on-line test, they are ready to begin refereeing safely. The objective is to ensure Law knowledge and to assure that the understanding of the course material has been met. However, this is just the first step in a referee's education, but it is the necessary beginning. The course by itself is useful for coaches and players, in addition to the goal of starting people as referees.

Individuals should be registered with USA Rugby (CIPPed). Course student candidates will register and pay online by going to the site www.usarugby.org and click on Referees and Register for a Referee Training Course then find this particular course. If you are not currently a USA Rugby member, you will be offered a chance to register during the registration process. In order to receive certification, you need to be current in your USA Rugby membership. The registration process will include taking the open book law exam online at <http://www.irblaws.com/> prior to the course. Students who successfully complete the online law exam prior to the course will be required to complete the five safety questions after the course. Also, students are encouraged to complete the IRB Rugby Ready on line study prior to the course at <http://www.irbrugbyready.com/>. Students should print out and bring to the class their certificates showing they have completed these online requirements.

Course fee is \$50 – it will be paid online in most cases, but if need be you can pay the day of the class.

Please wear clothing suitable for activity, as we will be having active sessions.

Upon completion of the course and successful passing of the open book test, you will be L1 certified and can begin to referee games.