

British American Football Referees' Association

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20 reasons to become an American football referee

1. It's an excellent way to get involved in a sport even if you aren't particularly athletic.
2. American football referees don't get abused like soccer refs do.
3. The referees have the closest view of the action without having to wear pads.
4. American football is one of the fastest growing team sports in Britain.
5. We provide excellent induction training for new members who have never been involved in the sport or officiated before.
6. It will help you keep fit and active.
7. You will get paid for each game you referee.
8. It's excellent on the CV – shows integrity, commitment and responsibility.
9. Refereeing American football is a team activity – you're never on your own; you always have at least 3 colleagues with you for support.
10. You will be assigned a "buddy" to help you through your training.
11. We have two seasons in Britain, so you can referee games all year round if you want to, or just in the summer or just in the winter.
12. Part of your training will come from top-notch referees from the USA with Division 1 college and even NFL experience.
13. There are currently 200 vacancies for American football referees in Britain.
14. Joining BAFRA is the first rung on a ladder that can lead to officiating the top games in Britain, European tournaments, and even the World Championships.
15. American football refereeing is open to men and women, but you have to be 18 or older.
16. American football can be exciting in ways that other sports can't match.
17. Striped uniforms make you look slimmer.
18. Britain has some of the top American football referees in the world outside America; for example, five BAFRA members were employed by NFL Europe.
19. As well as contact football, we also provide officials for the increasingly popular flag football variant of the sport.
20. American football referees are the nicest bunch of people you would ever want to meet.

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