

EFOA Q & A

Q: How much time will I have to devote to officiating?

A: As much time as you can afford or want to. Some of our officials work over 100 games a year, but most average about 45 between mid August and late October. Just let us know when you can be assigned to games and we'll fill in the blanks!

Q: Do I get paid for my time?

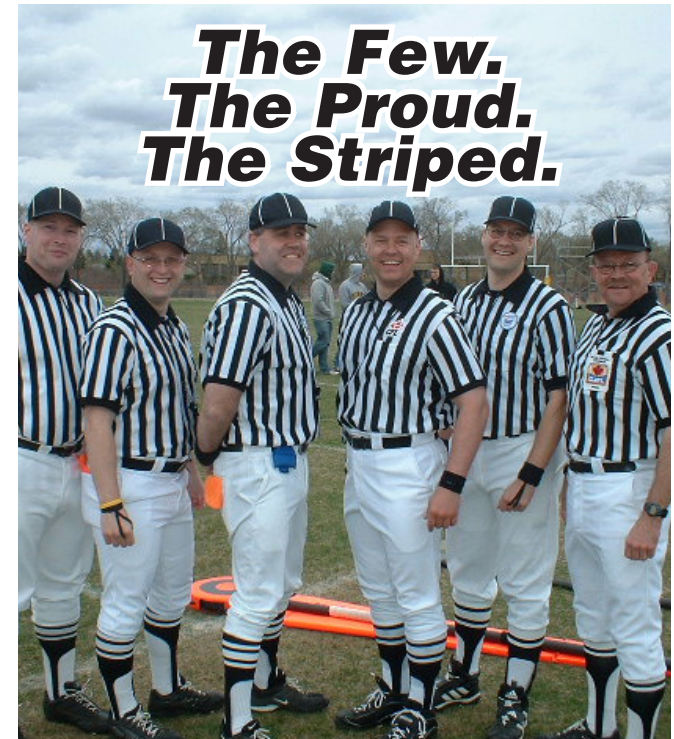
A: Absolutely! The rate of pay varies depending on the level of football, with the Head Referee of a University game making over \$100 per game. Pay rates for High School games are in the \$40 range and slightly less for younger levels of ball. As well, there are gas subsidies for games that take place in Leduc, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and other locations more than 20 km from Edmonton's City Centre. You're not likely to make a living from your work on the field, but it will more than pay for your gas and uniform costs and the odd "Double, Double" on the way to the field on one of those beautiful Saturday mornings in the fall!

Q: Do I have to be an ex football player to be a good referee?

A: Not at all. Some of our best referees have played little, if any organized football. The only requirement is that you love the game and want to become as good as an official as you can possibly be. Some of our members did play High School and Junior Football and a couple actually made it to the University Leagues. Although being an ex-player helps in your development, you still have to invest time and energy to learn the many rules of the game to be able to perform to the high standards our Association and Leagues demand.

Q: How will I ever remember all the rules?

A: It takes years to learn every rule in the Canadian Amateur Football Rule Book, but the basics tend to come very quickly. As well, your positioning on the field is critically important to being able to see the action and the players properly, and we provide ongoing learning and training opportunities along the way. The more you study and dedicate yourself to rule study, the faster you will be on your way to being a competent football official.



Become an Edmonton Football Official Today!



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Edmonton Football Officials Association



LOVE FOOTBALL?

YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE BEING A REFEREE!

One of the Capital Region's fastest growing sports is Tackle Football and this extraordinary growth, particularly in the High School and younger age groups, has created a shortage of trained officials to ensure these games take place in a safe and regulated environment.

As a result, we are actively recruiting men and women of all ages to join our Association of dedicated officials who supply services to the following leagues that conduct games in the Capital Region.

The Canadian Intercollegiate Football League (University of Alberta)

The Prairie Junior Football League (Edmonton Wildcats and Edmonton Huskies)

The Alberta (Senior) Football League (Edmonton Stallions + Edmonton Seahawks)

The Edmonton High School Football League (Both Senior and Junior Divisions)

The Capital District Minor Football Association (Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee and Atom Divisions)

How do I get started?

First off, you need to let us know you're interested. Simply go to our website (www.efoa.ca) and you'll see a tab near the top of the home page (fifth from the left) that you can click and email us a message. We'll contact you within a few days and let you know when the next training seminar will be held. It's usually a day long event that will allow you to learn the very basics of what we do, but enough so that when you get on to the field for the first time, usually at the Pee Wee and Atom Divisions, you'll find a minimum of pressure and a positive environment to begin your journey towards the higher levels of football. With greater experience and confidence, you'll gradually be assigned to the Bantam and Midget Divisions, and then on to High School football, which tends to be a very fast paced brand of ball with some very talented athletes.



Check our website for more information or to let us know you're interested in becoming a member of our Association!



Be Careful. You may get promoted to the CFL!!

Robert Skaggs (L) and **Rob Hill** are two of the CFL's best young referees and both are graduates of the Edmonton Football Officials Association.

In fact, our Association has sent a disproportionately high number of officials to the country's most elite level of football and currently, no less than 7 CFL officials call the Edmonton region home. Between them, they have worked more than 1100 CFL Regular Season Matches, including 14 Grey Cup Games.

	Years	Games	Cups
Bud Steen	25	425	6
H. Brademann	15	257	3
Darryl Baron	12	220	4
Grant Collard	8	132	1
Rob Skaggs	5	71	0
Larry Butler	3	33	0
Rob Hill	1	7	0

You don't have to have CFL ambitions to work with the EFOA of course, but if you do, we're the right place to get started.

Our Association also provides services at all Edmonton Eskimo home games as sideline officials, ball boys, instant replay personnel, scoreboard and timing officials and uniform enforcement representatives.