



By now you will have seen a few games in the Under 17 Women's World Cup and probably have noticed that all the Referees and Assistant Referees are females. If you are a female player, would you like to **travel the world first class** and stay in 5 star hotels like they do at no expense?

Refereeing is a very viable option for females here in New Zealand as well. In fact there are so few females actively involved in refereeing at the moment that the pathway to the top can be very quick with the necessary ability and fitness (Jacqui Stevenson from Wellington is an Assistant Referee in this U17 World Cup).

I urge all females involved in the game, from teenagers upwards, to add this refereeing pathway to their football options without meaning you have to stop playing. I believe in many cases a female can represent her country as a referee before she will ever do as a player.

Males also welcome to attend this course. This course qualifies you for the 2009 Club Based Referee schemes, both junior and senior.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2008

Time: 6pm – 10pm

Place: English Park

Cost: \$10

Please contact **Wayne Stapley** to enroll for the Christchurch Introductory Referee course on 4 December now and see what you can do

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