



Position Title: Referee Analyst/Content Creator Student Placement

Duration: November – May 2026

Location: Clearer Twist National Football Stadium at Windsor Park

Reporting To: Interim Head of Refereeing

Role Overview:

This student placement offers an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience within the Irish FA Refereeing Department, supporting referee development and performance analysis.

As a Referee Video Analyst placement student, you will assist the refereeing team by reviewing match footage, identifying key incidents, and contributing to evidence-based insights. You will learn how video analysis supports coaching, training, and referee development, while being guided and supported by experienced staff throughout the placement.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support the review and coding of match footage to identify key refereeing decisions and incidents.
- Learn to integrate referee match audio into game footage for review purposes.
- Assist in creating educational and training materials for workshops and seminars.
- Help maintain a database of incidents for benchmarking and performance tracking.
- Gain experience using video analysis and editing software.
- Learn to tag, code, and categorise match events accurately.
- Support the integration of video content into referee training and development platforms.
- Observe how video analysis contributes to referee coaching, feedback, and assessment.

Training & Support:

- Induction to refereeing standards, protocols, and performance frameworks.
 - Training on the Laws of the Game and their application in video analysis.
 - Guidance on tagging, coding, and categorising match incidents.
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- Ongoing support from senior referee coaches and analysts.
- Regular feedback and review sessions with the Head of Refereeing.
- Access to video analysis tools and historical incident databases.
- Opportunities to attend referee development workshops and match debriefs.

Person Specification:

Essential

- Strong interest in football and refereeing.
- Basic understanding of the Laws of the Game and refereeing principles
- Familiarity with video editing or analysis tools.
- Excellent attention to detail and ability to work under time pressure
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Willingness to learn and take initiative.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and impartiality.

Desirable

- Previous experience in refereeing, coaching, or sports analysis.
- Experience using video analysis software (e.g., Hudl, SportsCode).
- Familiarity with performance analysis frameworks and coaching methodologies.

Benefits:

- Gain practical experience within a national football organisation.
- Develop video analysis and content creation skills in a professional environment.
- Receive mentoring and support from experienced referee coaches and analysts.
- Network with professionals across the Irish FA refereeing team.
- Apply academic learning in a real-world performance analysis setting.

How to Apply

To apply for this placement, please visit the Irish FA website (Placements Section) and complete the placement application form.

Closing Date: 31 October 2025 at 10:00 AM

Please note: Late applications will not be accepted.