



Does sport have a part to play in making the world a fairer place?



Let's look at this week's story



FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) has announced three female referees will officiate at the men's World Cup tournament for the first time ever later this year in Qatar. Stephanie Frappart of France, Rwanda's Salima Mukansanga and Yoshimi Yamashita from Japan have been selected as part of FIFA's official list of 36 referees for the tournament, which starts on 21st November.



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How does it make me feel?



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Read through the information below about the three women, who have been chosen as referees for the upcoming men's World Cup.

Yoshimi Yamashita



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36-year-old Yoshimi from Japan officiated at the 2019 Women's World Cup and at the delayed 2020 Summer Olympics that were held in Japan.

Yoshimi, from Tokyo, said she felt "pride and responsibility" after being named as one of three female referees for Qatar.

Stephanie Frappart



@UEFA twitter

The 38-year-old from France has been on the FIFA International Referees List since 2009, becoming the first female official of a men's Ligue 1 match in April 2019.

When Stephanie trained to become a referee, she was the only female on her course. Stephanie's favourite sport (after football!) is skiing.

Salima Mukansanga



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The 33-year-old from Rwanda became the first female referee at the Africa Cup of Nations finals, taking charge of the group match between Zimbabwe and Guinea.

Salima is also a qualified nurse and midwife and she wanted to be a basketball player growing up.

I would hope that in the future, the selection of elite women's match officials for important men's competitions will be perceived as something normal and no longer as sensational.

They deserve to be at the FIFA World Cup because they constantly perform at a really high level, and that's the important factor for us.

Pierluigi Collina, Chairman of FIFA's referees' committee

Did you know?

There hasn't previously been female referees in the men's World Cup?

Does this fact surprise you?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about what a referee is.

A referee watches the game or match being played very closely to make sure that all of the rules are being followed. This helps to make sure the game is fair and safe. Sometimes the people who do this job are also known as umpires.



Referees keep a record of the time. They also communicate with players in a variety of different ways such as hand signals, a whistle and talking to them.



The referee keeps a record of the score and any other important information in a book or on a card.

This person is refereeing a boxing match. It is very important that everyone knows, understands and keeps up to date with the rules of the game. This includes the referee, the players and the coaches.



In some sports, the referee uses yellow and red cards for players who might not be following the rules. The yellow card is a warning, sometimes the player might need to sit out for ten minutes. The red card means they are no longer allowed to play and they must come off the pitch.



Do you think you would enjoy being a referee? Why?



Look at the resource below, where some people share how they feel about the role of referees in the games they play or spectate.

My daughter plays her football matches on a Saturday morning. The coaches referee the matches. Most are very fair but there has been the occasional team we have played when I think the referee was on their side! I actually think the children are very honest and let the referee know when the ball is knocked out of play by them. They could almost referee themselves!

Nadia



I play basketball at quite a high standard. Winning is really important as the more well-known our team gets, the more sponsorship we seem to receive. Our league is very competitive. We all want to win. Whilst I don't always agree with decisions made by the referees, I respect them and I would not want to compete without them there setting out the standard and ensuring players stick to the rules. I imagine it could become quite dangerous!

Joel

We play lots of board games in our family and Monopoly is our favourite. I sometimes wish we had a referee to watch the game very carefully and make sure everyone sticks to the rules. It could save lots of arguments!

Bareerah



**How important do you think a referee is in each of these games?
Which game needs the referee the most/least? Why?**

Reflection



Sport has the power to unite people behind a common goal. It can promote respect and tolerance through bringing together people of different genders, races, religions, ages and backgrounds.





Rule of Law

Referees enforce the rules of the game, which helps make it fair and safe. If players do not follow the rules, there can be consequences and they may even be asked to stop playing.





UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to enjoy sport regardless of gender, age, disability, religion, nationality, race or background. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

