



Meet the Referee

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Q1 - Name (including any nickname)

Catalin-Sebastian Stan

Q2 - Category

Cat 5

Q3 - Why did you become a referee?

Firstly to help a friend that was running a referee course and didn't have enough people. Then I liked it and decided to stay involved in football after realising won't make it to professional as a player

Q4 - What challenges do you find in refereeing?

Working on my own as I started refereeing in Romania (a country where all games at all levels are covered by a minimum of 3 officials)

Racism...both towards me and players

Officiating people I know, friends, colleagues.

Q5 - What's your most positive memory within refereeing?

Will be a funny one... U14's United game, one kid had laces undone, I asked him to tie them up and he replied "I can't!" Looking at me with an innocent face... I kneeled and tied them. All parents and officials from side-lines started clapping...

Q6 - What's your most prestigious appointment?

Refereeing a Dundee FC first team friendly with Graeme Bowman and Jamie Reekie as my assistants.

Q7 - If you could change any Law within football, what would it be?

Hand ball - I would rather sanction only the most deliberate hand ball offences with yellow or red cards, depending on the situation.

Q8 - What's your secret talent that no one knows about? ☐

Really not talented but not too many know that I play volleyball

Q9 - Who is your role model within the refereeing movement?

Nicola Rizzoli - referee

Octavian Sovre - assistant referee

Q10 - What is your ambition within refereeing?

I don't have limits, I want to try and reach as high as possible.

