

Mike Riley

Referee Development Director

Japan Football Association

Profile

After a successful career in finance and as a Premier League and international referee, Riley led the transformation of PGMOL, the company which provides refereeing services to the Premier League, EFL, Women's Super League and the Football Association for 14 years. With a global reputation for the quality and integrity of its match officials PGMOL has continually delivered outstanding performance.

Riley now leads MGE Sports Consulting Ltd, providing strategic, operational and officiating advice and support to a number of world leading sports organisations and commercial companies. This includes strategic support for the Irish Football Association. He works with PGMOL to deliver a project to promote greater equality, diversity and inclusion in officiating.

Education

BA (Hons) Economics and Accounting, Leeds University	1986
Chartered Accountant (BFP ACA)	1988
ICAEW NED Certificate	2022

Date of Birth 17 December 1964

Birthplace Leeds, England

Current posts

- Consultant, Northern Ireland Football Association
- Member of the IFAB Technical Panel
- EPIC ProSport Advisory Board
- Mentor on the Women Ahead programme
- UEFA Referee Observer

Employment

Managing Director	PGMOL	2009 - 2023
Director	MGE Consulting Ltd	2003 - Present
International Referee	FIFA	1999 - 2009
Premier League Referee	PGMOL	1996- 2009
Finance Director	Nelson & Colne College	1996- 2003
Finance Director	White Rose Environmental	1994-1996
Group Financial Planning Manager	Yorkshire Water plc	1992 -1994
Senior Manager	Price Waterhouse Coopers	1986 -1992

Professional Referee

Over 30 years' experience as an active match official, including

- 13 years as a Premier League referee
- 10 years as a FIFA international referee
- Over 300 top class matches in England

Major domestic honours include

- FA Cup Final - 2002
- Carling Cup Final - 2004
- Football League Championship Play-Off Final - 2005
- FA Community Shield in 2000.

International honours include

- UEFA European Championship Finals - 2004
- UEFA Intertoto Cup Final - 2002
- UEFA European Under 21 Finals - 2000
- Kirin Cup - 2003
- Qatari King's Cup - 2005
- Hong Kong FA Cup Final - 2007