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## **EPIC for Girls, J’s Braintrust to launch next “Girls Ref the World” Cohort, Empowering Young Women in Sports Officiating**

*(Omaha, NE)*- Omaha Sports Nonprofit EPIC for Girls, in partnership with J’s Braintrust Consulting Services, has announced that registration is now open for the next Girls Ref the World cohort. This dynamic program is designed to empower young women, ages 14-18, to step into the world of sports officiating.

This initiative offers participants hands-on training, skill-building workshops, and opportunities to secure paid officiating positions, breaking barriers in a traditionally male-dominated field. In addition to mastering the technical aspects of officiating, participants will develop confidence, leadership skills, and professional growth.

“Officiating is a fantastic way for young women to take on leadership roles and build a career in sports,” said Jeffrey Williams of J’s Braintrust. “Through this program, we aim to inspire young women to become changemakers in the sports industry.”

“Representation matters and Girls Ref the World is an opportunity to create and grow a pipeline of BIPOC female officials, ensuring women of color have a place in sports administration and inspiring young women to take a path less traveled,” said Kimberly Thomas, EPIC for Girls executive director.

The comprehensive training includes officiating techniques for various sports, soft-skill development, and career preparation. Registration is available now at [epicforgirls.org/girls-ref-the-world](https://epicforgirls.org/girls-ref-the-world) Interviews will be from Nov. 1-8, and classes will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Omaha North High School, 4410 N. 36th St., on the following dates: Nov. 12, 14, 19, 24; Dec. 3, 5, 10, 12; and makeup/snow days are Dec. 17 and 19.

For more information, visit [epicforgirls.org](https://epicforgirls.org) or contact [racquel@epicgirls.org](mailto:racquel@epicgirls.org) or [j.williams@jsbraintrust.org](mailto:j.williams@jsbraintrust.org).

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**About EPIC for Girls**

Dedicated to empowering girls and women of color through sports, EPIC for Girls funds 25 partner programs that enhance athletic skills while building essential life skills. Through initiatives and programming, the nonprofit organization strives to create equitable and inclusive opportunities in sports and beyond.

*To request an advance interview or learn more about EPIC for Girls and its programs, please contact Josefina Loza at [office@lozafina.com](mailto:office@lozafina.com) or visit their website at [epicgirls.org](http://epicgirls.org)*

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