

# The FA Charter Standard Club Programme Refereeing Recruitment and Development Policy



## Football Club Refereeing Recruitment and Development Policy

**There are three main advantages for clubs to develop their own referees:**

1. If a referee isn't appointed to your game you have someone within your club with knowledge and experience who can officiate.
2. If a referee is appointed to your game you have an assistant who is qualified as a referee.
3. You have someone available to assist in educating your club members and players with regard to the Laws of the Game, thus enhancing their enjoyment of football.

### **How to become a referee:**

All County Football Associations regularly organise referee training courses.

The course is now modular based, has a practical focus and includes refereeing six games as a trainee referee. The final module looks at the next steps to take to progress your refereeing. There are exams, both multiple choice and video analysis.

### **What happens next?**

On completing the course, you become a Level 7 referee. Under 16s are registered as a Level 8 referee and can only officiate in youth football. Many County Football Associations organise a mentoring or coaching scheme to support their newly-qualified referees. You can referee as often as you wish. For those who take to refereeing and enjoy the unique and important role referees play in football, there is a career pathway which could one day lead to games in semi-professional and professional football.

Promotion through the levels will be based on a referee's performance, assessments, attendance at in-service training events, and successful completion from time to time of exams on the Laws of the Game.

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### Refereeing onwards and upwards

Level 8 - Youth Referee

Level 7 - Junior County Referee

Level 6 - County Referee

Level 5 - Senior County Referee

Level 4 - Supply League Referee

Level 3 - Contributory League Referee

Level 2 - Panel League Referee

Level 1 - National & International List of Referees

Once you have got the refereeing bug  
- the sky's the limit!