

# 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, which lasts for 12 hours usually over a six-week period, is complete once the potential referee has successfully undertaken an exam.

The new referee should then register with their local County Football Association.

#### What happens next?

On passing your exam, 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 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, successful completion from time to time of exams on the Laws of the Game and from Level 4 onwards successful completion of a promotion interview.

#### 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!