

## **Panel Member Application**

### **Voluntary Role, hours as required**

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a Commission Member with the Amateur Football Alliance.

Discipline Commissions or panels, consist of three persons: a Chairman and two panel members or 'wingmen'. One of these persons is an Independent Member – this means that they are not an employee or Council member of any County FA. The role of the Independent Panel Member is to sit as either Chairman or Panel Member, and assist in hearing the cases.

Independent Members are from all walks of life in football – coaches, referees, players or club volunteers – and it is their unique experience that we look for as they will often be able to provide a different perspective on certain incidents.

A Panel is required when an individual, club or league have been charged with a breach of The FA Rules & Regulations. The Panel will consider all evidence presented to them at a hearing, including written, verbal, photo and video evidence, from all parties involved. The Panel also has the opportunity to ask any questions as they see appropriate which will help them to establish certain facts relating to the case.

The Panel will then determine whether the charges are proven or not proven, and also where appropriate impose a sanction, such as a suspension or fine.

Personal hearings are usually held on Wednesday and/or Thursday nights at Islington Town Hall, and non-personal hearings are held online via a WebEx on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

If you are interested in becoming a Panel Member, please email [discipline@amateur-fa.com](mailto:discipline@amateur-fa.com) for further information, and one of our Football Services Team will be in contact with you soon.

**Please note:** this role is voluntary, however travelling expenses are paid. You would need to attend training from The FA, and sit on at least three hearings per year.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully you joining our team in the near future.