



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FA REFEREE HUBS

PART OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE FA REFEREING CORE

PARTNER CLUB INFO

ABOUT HUBS



Cambridgeshire FA is committed to developing Football for All within the County. As part of this aim, and commitment to developing referees it is aiming to work clubs to create a HUB within different areas of Cambridgeshire.

The thought? To help support clubs development by providing qualified/trainee referees to help support the development of their football, and to help and support referees in their own development, by creating safe environments and the provision of mentors at each HUB.

This further helps develop refereeing and playing to improve the safeguarding aspect for all involved. All trainee officials must complete a Safeguarding Workshop or Online Course (age dependant). All referees over the age of 16 also require a valid CRC to referee youth football.

The development of the HUB will ensure that as many games as possible at both mini-soccer and colts level are covered by qualified, safeguard trained referees, limiting the risks involved that can occur when a non-qualified official takes charge.

The benefits for the referee? Alongside the improved safeguarded environment, it creates an area for young referees, to learn, develop and improve in a safe, secure environment with a trained senior member of the refereeing workforce there to support as a mentor. It also enables the County FA to review and support the development of referees further and ensure that we can progress, retain and develop referees in the County, hopefully limiting the numbers of officials who leave the game.

Referees will come from the course, straight into a supported and committed environment aimed at development of young footballers and referees in a like-minded manner. Yes mistakes will happen, just as they do for young players, but the supportive manner that both the mentors, the County FA and clubs are encouraged to offer, will inevitably lead to better refereeing throughout the County.

The benefits for clubs long term will see a greater number of mini-soccer and colts games covered by trained and qualified referees. In the short term, it will see the HUB's benefit from an increased presence of referees at their venues, allowing coaches to coach, parents to support and encourage, but most importantly, for all to enjoy.

If this is something that you feel your club could support fully, in the right, safe environment, then please contact Referee Development Officer, Sam Anderson, on sam.anderson@cambridgeshirefa.com

HOW WILL HUBS DEVELOP?



Initially, referees straight from the course will be directed to the HUB's to complete their 5 games, required to complete the course. These supported by the mentor, are a key part to their training. These 5 games from the course, must be 9v9 or 11v11. Although that is the case, we encourage the referees to also take part in mini-soccer football, to help develop their understanding of the Laws, and to make them feel comfortable refereeing, and as such, these games of 9v9 or 11v11 may only be once or twice a month, with the rest of the month being involved in mini soccer refereeing.

Because of this, each team will see a clear rotation of referees and won't become too familiar a particular team. Referees will be advised which fixtures they are officiating in advance, and clubs will be advised of the referees in advance as well to ensure preparations can be best suited.

We can't guarantee that every home fixture at your club will be covered by a trainee or qualified referee, particularly initially, however, this season we have two mini-soccer referees courses and 3 full courses scheduled, so we hope to see an increase in coverage throughout the season.

For all future courses, the mini-soccer and full course will be merged, to give every referee the full skills and training required to benefit football locally.

By the end of November 2018, we expect to see nearly sixty new referees involved within these HUBs, add to that the twenty-six trainee referees and the thirty-two qualified 14 and 15 year old referees, the twenty-three 16 year olds that we have in the County, we hope to have a positive impact on these individuals to encourage them to continue with refereeing, that would see hopefully 142 youth referees within the HUB community.

If you've already sourced a minisoccer trained referee for your home fixtures this season, then that is not a problem. They will also be able to benefit from the mentoring and support that the HUB is creating, hopefully, encouraging them to complete the conversion course and continue their refereeing as they progress.



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