

10 Steps to become a Respect League



1. League to contact Respect League Officer (RLO) at County FA for more information about the programme.
2. Respect Lead Officer to meet with League committee to run through the practical elements of the programme and answer any questions and discuss any financial and practical implications (e.g. rule changes and discipline) as well as County FA support available.
3. League to go away and discuss if they are ready to commit to the programme. Need firm commitment and consensus amongst league committee before proceeding with clubs.
4. League to complete the League Sign Up Form and return to RLO to process with The FA. RLO to issue Respect guide for Leagues, Operational Respect League criteria, Guide to Respect Resources, Best Practice Guide and most recent update from The FA.
5. RLO to order the necessary resource packs (clubs and referees) for the league and to register the League as a Respect League with The FA on CAS.
6. League to arrange a meeting with member clubs. Date to be agreed with County FA staff (RLO, Welfare Officer and Referee Development Officer) so they can present.
7. Host Information Evening - CFA staff to present to member clubs *1. League Committee to lead meeting and vote at the end whether to commit to the programme.
8. If member clubs commit their support, RLO to guide league through start up process *2 . RLO to update CAS to state that they are now a Respect league
9. The FA to issue League with Respect certificate and RLO to arrange publicity in local press/The Fa.com
10. RLO to monitor league progress and provide ongoing support for the league including adding them to distribution list so they receive Respect updates and information.

*1 RLO to run through Respect presentation (local and national perspective), RDO to cover Respect and Refereeing and CWO to run through role of Club and League Welfare Officers in the programme.

*2 This will include ordering of any Respect barriers and additional resources such as t-shirts and badges, adding/embedding Respect info into handbook, website and registration processes, arranging the Referee Respect Training and discussing Respect promotion strategy e.g. Events.