

January 2019

All Level 5 Referees

**REFEREE PROMOTION SEASON 2019-2020  
LEVEL 5 – 4**

Dear Colleague,

This is the time of the year when, if you wish to be considered for promotion in season 2019/2020 you should firstly ensure that you will be able to meet the criteria laid down by The FA, particularly Fitness which is shown in the Annex to this letter.

Before applying for promotion to **Level 4**, it is important that you fully understand the commitment that is required. You will be expected to make yourself available on a regular basis, both at the weekend, which may include the occasional game on a Sunday and on weekdays. The amount of travelling will rise considerably. Unless you have closed the date, do not be surprised if you receive a last minute call to pick up an appointment, which you will be expected to accept.

Hampshire FA has been concerned for sometime at the ever increasing dropout rate of promotion candidates and more importantly the drain on resources. Therefore the Hampshire Referees Committee, and in line with recommendations made by the FA Referees Committee, it was decided that all 5-4 promotion candidates would be required to pay a refundable fee of £40. This fee will be refunded provided the candidate completes the whole package, whether promotion is achieved or not. Also should the candidate withdraw through injury (on the production of a Doctors certificate) or through extenuating circumstances then again the fee will be refunded.

**Payment     Do not send payment with your application. You will be invoiced for the sum of £40.00, the invoice will be created on the Whole Game System and can then be paid online, or should you wish you can pay by cheque. You must ensure that the invoice is paid within the time frame stipulated on the invoice otherwise your promotion application will be withdrawn. Please however insure that your application is returned to Hampshire FA by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

As a Level 5 Referee you should not apply for promotion unless you are able to pass the standard fitness test laid down by The FA, which comprises of the following:

- A 12 Minute run covering a distance of 2,600 metres
- Complete 2 x 50 metre sprints each of 7.5 seconds
- You are allowed a maximum break of 15 Minutes between the 12 minute run and the sprints

- Attend the Hampshire FA Promotion Seminar which includes an examination on the Laws of the Game.
- You will also be expected to attend an FA Seminar and pass an examination **on the Laws of the Game** (the dates and times of the FA Seminar) will be notified to candidates once this information is known.

Once you are satisfied that you will be able to meet the demands of the promotion criteria, then please complete the attached proforma and return it directly to the Referee Development Manager, Andy Moisey, at the address shown on this letter OR by email to [Andy.Moisey@Hampshirefa.Com](mailto:Andy.Moisey@Hampshirefa.Com).

**All applications MUST be received by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTION RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**The promotion season runs from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 through to 30 April 2020.**

The Referees Committee has agreed to provide TWO promotion seminars on the following dates and venues:

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	- Thornden School, Chandler's Ford
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	- Hampshire FA, Basingstoke

There will also be further Level 5-4 Workshops throughout the promotion season, which you will be expected to attend.

The Fitness Tests will be conducted on the following date(s); to which you will need to make yourself available you will have two attempts to successfully complete the fitness test:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

These tests will be conducted at the Winchester Sports Complex.

**No further dates will be provided for fitness tests.**

**Should you currently be on the promotion trail for season 2018-2019 you should still apply at the level you are currently at and the relevant action will be taken as soon as the promotion board has completed its deliberations on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The Referees Committee will take into account the following criteria, when making their recommendations to the FA:

- Good Correspondence – all communications whether by phone, email or letter – must be attended to immediately on receipt and without delay.

- Regular Availability – ensure all relevant appointment secretaries, which will include the County office and the County observer co-ordinator, are provided with your availability.
- Misconduct Report Writing – ensure reports are completed correctly and submitted without delay to the disciplinary department. If in doubt as to the content of the report, then speak to a refereeing colleague to assist you. You are also expected to attend the disciplinary hearings, as and when required.

**Please be aware, that should you be successful in your promotion to Level 4, that the FA will expect you to attend In Service Training sessions at your own expense.**

A number of promotion candidates are continuing to play as well as officiate. Apart from the obvious risk of injury, it should be pointed out that any disciplinary offences that occur whilst as a player or as a match official could, place your application for promotion in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely

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**FA PROMOTION CRITERIA**

**LEVEL 5 – 4**

- Must operate as Referee on a Senior League as decided by the County Referees Committee (Currently these are the Hampshire Premier League Premier Division / Wyvern Combination League.

**Note:** You will receive notification from the respective league to which you have been appointed.

- Must have completed a minimum of 20 (11 v 11) appointed matches as referee (only in the leagues above).
- Must have completed 10 (11 v 11) appointed matches as an Assistant Referee (on a Supply League or equivalent).
- Must have received a minimum of 5 observations as a referee.
- Must pass the standard fitness test as detailed previously.
- Meet the standards required, as outlined earlier, for both correspondence and availability.
- Attend the Hampshire FA Promotion Seminar which includes an examination on the Laws of the Game.
- **You will also be expected to attend a FA Seminar and pass an examination on the Laws of the Game (the dates and times of the FA Seminar) will be notified to candidates once this information is known.**

**Note:** You will be invited to attend Referee Development sessions, during the season, to prepare you for the next step to Level 4.