

January 2019

All Level 7 Referees

**REFEREE PROMOTION SEASON 2019-2020
LEVEL 7 – 6**

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 which is shown in the Annex to this letter.

Before applying for promotion to Level 6, 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, decided that all 7-6 promotion candidates would be required to pay a refundable fee of £25.00. 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 £25.00, 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that the invoice is paid within the time frame stipulated on the invoice otherwise your promotion application will be withdrawn.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 1st March 2019.

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.

All applications MUST be received by 1st March 2019.

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

The promotion season runs from 1st March 2019 through to 30th April 2020.

The Referees Committee has agreed to provide TWO Promotion Seminars on the following dates and venues:

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

No further dates will be provided for Promotion Seminars.

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 1st 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.

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 match official could, place your application for promotion in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely

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FA PROMOTION CRITERIA

LEVEL 7 – 6

- A Level 7 Referee must have officiated as a Referee in a minimum of 20 games (a minimum of 14 must be in ADULT matches), in one registration period before applying for promotion. No Affiliated Association may impose any other qualification periods which cause delayed passage through the promotion pyramid.
- Once accepted for promotion a Level 7 Referee:
 - Must complete a minimum of 20 (11 v 11) appointed matches as a Referee, of which a maximum of 6 may be at Under 18 level.
 - Will have received a minimum of 3 observations as a referee.
 - Must have attended a Promotion 'In Service' Seminar.
 - Must have taken and passed a written examination in the Laws of the Game.
 - Meet the required standards, outlined previously, for both correspondence and availability.

Note: You will be invited to attend Referee Development Training, during the season, to prepare you for the next step to Level 6.