**Qualifications Guidance – Season 2021-2022 (Updated July 2021)**

**Unless you satisfy at least the minimum requirements you will be unable to participate in your role.**

**Coaches**

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| **Position** | **Minimum Requirement** |
| New coaches and managers in under 18 teams. (Each team must have at least one lead coach with these qualifications). Also applies to assistant coaches if they will have sole charge of team. | 1. Online Introduction to Coaching Football [take the course](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/introduction-to-coaching-football) 2. In-date DBS 3. In-date online Safeguarding Children Course [take it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-children-course) Valid for 2 years. 4. In-date online Introducing First Aid in Football (IFAIF) [take it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/introduction-to-first-aid-in-football)  Valid for 2 years. |
| Continuing coaches and managers in under 18 teams. (Each team must have at least one lead coach with these qualifications). Also applies to assistant coaches if they will have sole charge of team. | 1. Level 1 In Coaching Football or new Introduction to Coaching Football [take the course](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/introduction-to-coaching-football) 2. In-date DBS 3. In-date Safeguarding Children Course - [take it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-children-course) or [recertify here](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/online-safeguarding-children-re-certification). Valid for 2 years. 4. In-date Introducing First Aid in Football (IFAIF) [take it or recertify here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/introduction-to-first-aid-in-football)  Valid for 2 years. |
| Assistant coaches who do nt have sole charge of team at any point, parents who help out with teams. | 1. Playmaker – [take the course](https://www.thefa.com/bootroom/learning/qualifications/the-fa-playmaker) 2. In-date DBS |

**Referees**

**(all referees must have a safeguarding qualification even those not intending to officiate youth fixtures, as open age teams may have U18 players)**

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| **Position** | **Minimum Requirement** |
| New Referees who intend to officiate in youth football | 1. Referee Qualification 2. In-date DBS (if over 16 years of age) 3. In-date Safeguarding Children Course - [take it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-children-course) Valid for 2 years. 4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age) |
| Continuing referees who intend to officiate in youth football | 1. Referee Qualification 2. In-date DBS (if over 16 years of age) 3. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate, when this expires recertify on the online Safeguarding Children Course [take it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-children-course) 4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age) |
| Referees who do not intend to referee in youth football (will need a basic safeguarding qualification as open age teams may have U18 players) | 1. Referee Qualification 2. In-date Safeguarding for All (free) – [take it here.](https://falearning.thefa.com/enrol/index.php?id=1774) 3. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age) |

**Committee Members**

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| **Position** | **Minimum Requirement** |
| New League/Club Welfare Officer | 1. Welfare Officers Workshop – [take the course](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/fa-welfare-officers-workshop) 2. Safeguarding Children’s Course – [t[ake it here.](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-children-course)](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/fa-safeguarding-children-workshop) 3. In-date DBS 4. Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://falearning.thefa.com/enrol/index.php?id=77) |
| Continuing League/Club Welfare Officer | 1. Welfare Officer Workshop – [take the course](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/fa-welfare-officers-workshop) 2. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate - [recertify here](https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/online-safeguarding-children-re-certification) 3. In-date DBS 4. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://falearning.thefa.com/enrol/index.php?id=77) |
| New and existing Club Committee Members – Secretary/Chairperson/Treasurer | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://falearning.thefa.com/enrol/index.php?id=77) |