

#WILTSHIRECOUNTYFACUPS



# WILTSHIRE COUNTY FA CUPS SEASON 23/24



**GUIDANCE FOR U18 REFEREES**



## Home Team – Duties and Responsibilities

The home team will confirm the match details with the referee's parent/guardian and not the referee.

The welfare of the referee is the responsibility of the Home Club once the referee arrives at the ground, during the game and after until the referee leaves the ground.

Home team will advise the Away team on their arrival at the ground that an U18 referee has been appointed to the fixture.

## Both Teams – Duties and Responsibilities

Both teams will inform parents and spectators that it is not only a breach of the laws of the game to verbally abuse the referee, but doing so to an U18 referee is a breach of the FA Safeguarding Standards and parents and clubs who are in breach of this will face possible disciplinary action as well as welfare related charges.



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## **Wiltshire FA – Duties and Responsibilities**

Wiltshire FA will only appoint registered referees who have completed their Safeguarding Children Awareness Course and where applicable a valid FA issued DBS check.

All Wiltshire FA communications, including Wiltshire County FA Cup appointments will be sent through the parent/guardian (PoG) contact details, unless the PoG has given permission for Wiltshire FA to use direct email/mobile contact for their child.

When appointing U18 referees the following guidelines will be followed:

14 year old referees can only referee U13 fixtures and below

15 year old referees can only referee U14 fixtures and below

16 and 17 year old referees can referee any age, including open age football

**Wiltshire FA will inform both clubs via the Club Secretary if an U18 referee has been appointed to their game.**



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