



The Football Association

2021/22 Criteria for Promotion from Level 5 to Level 4.

This also applies for those referees going from Level 6 to Level 4 via Level 5



To be eligible for nomination, referees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Senior County Referee (Level 5) as at the 30th April 2022
- Have received at least 5 Observer reports via the County Football Association (If some County FAs can only achieve 3/4 observer reports then the top 50% of the club mark merit table criteria will remain) during the period 1st July 2020 - 30th April 2022
- Achieved an average observer mark of 70 or above.
- Refereed a minimum of 20 adult male/female matches in total during the period 1st July 2020 – 30th April 2022. **Under 18 football may be included but must not constitute more than 20% of candidate's total matches as a referee (any youth football below Under 18 will not be considered).**
- Have completed a minimum of 10 appointments as Assistant Referee on adult male/female matches during the period 1st July 2020 – 30th April 2022 (It is recommended that as many as possible are at Step 5/6 of the National League System). **Under 18 football may be included but must not constitute more than 20% of candidate's total matches as an assistant referee (any youth football below Under 18 will not be considered).**
- Be prepared and regularly available to referee Saturday and Midweek matches.
- Attend one of the regional in-service nomination training Sessions, delivered by The Football Association in season 2020/21 or 2021/22.
- Successfully complete an examination on the Laws of the Game set by The Football Association.
- Successfully complete a Contributory League Assistant Referee Fitness Test **between 1st June 2020 – 30th April 2022**, prior to nomination. The minimum standard to be attained is:
 - 12-minute Continuous Run - minimum distance completed 2,600 metres
 - 2 x 50 metre sprint – max 7.5 seconds for each sprint

As the Level 5-4 observer mark criteria is very clear with a minimum requirement, the referee's copy of the observer form MUST have the mark on it.