



DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REFEREE TASTER SESSIONS & REF CLUB

If you are keen to become involved as a referee, or just want to know what it will be like to make the decisions then the DCFA referee taster sessions and Ref Club is an ideal way to start.

This programme allows you to understand what it would be like to become an FA referee before you decide to sign up for the full referee's course.

Who is this suitable for;

Current players from both the Female and Male competitions who may be unsure if this is really something that would suit them.

Under 18's who actually want to get out and referee on a regular basis.

Underrepresented groups including those with disabilities and people from ethnic minority backgrounds

Clubs who want to really support and grow their referee volunteers

YOU CHOOSE HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO

Referee and support your local youth team

Join the DCFA Youth Centre of Referee Excellence Programme

Get promoted and referee at the higher levels of the game

Referee in the FA Women's pathway and gain promotion.

Referee a wide variety of formats of the game including youth, men's, women's, disability and walking football



This is what will you need to do to join;

Complete the FA Safeguarding Children course or the FA Safeguarding for all course.

Complete the FA Laws of The Game on line module.

Complete an FA DBS check if you are over 16.

The above requirements would need to be completed if you wanted to complete the full FA Referees course, so this gives you a head start.

Cost of joining the DCFA Ref Club and Taster Sessions is £25.



What you will receive as a member of the DCFA Ref Club.

DCFA Mentor list.

The DCFA Referee Mentor Panel has been designed to support fully qualified/registered referees. They are expert in their advice and most importantly superb in their support. If you are just wanting to ask about how to progress, or if an incident happened when you were refereeing then the mentors will be able to support you.

Additional on line training.

As a member of Ref Club you will receive 4 on line training sessions and the current DCFA referees news. This is the same information which is sent to the qualified / registered county referees.

A personal referee pathway designed for you.

When you join we will offer you advice on the most appropriate way forward as a referee, this is completed through conversations and can be adapted to suit the individual at any time.

Opportunities to referee before you are qualified.

This will be achieved by utilising the CFA contacts to guide candidates towards those clubs who are seeking volunteers to referee for them.

The chance to reserve a place on forthcoming FA Referee courses.

By joining the DCFA Ref Club and by getting involved actively this gives us a clear indication of your intentions. We will always look to encourage those candidates who are working in the Ref Club to become a fully qualified FA referee. **By fulfilling the criteria** of Ref Club you are guaranteed a place for the full FA referees course.



In the first instance please contact;

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You will then be directed to the FA links for safeguarding and the on line laws of the game modules. The RDO will also support you with your first steps into refereeing.

If you are a club wanting more advice or support, then please contact the RDO who will be able to advise you on all matters relating to refereeing at your club.

To comply with our Safeguarding Policy, if you are under 18 always copy a parent or guardian into any email correspondence to us, as we will to you.