



FA REFEREES COURSE 2023 AND BEYOND

1. Overview

The FA Referee Course is designed to equip new referees with the key skills and knowledge they will need to be able to referee grassroots football matches safely and effectively. **The minimum age to attend the FA Referee Course or Complete online Learning is 14 years of age.** For those under that are under 16 years of age, please ensure that your Parent or Guardian is aware that you wish to undertake referee training, as they will be required to Link their FAN to yours. For further information on FA Numbers (FAN), please see below. ***If you do not complete the Link of your Parent or Guardian for those that are under 16 years of age, you will not be able to complete the online training and will not be called forward to attend Face to Face Training.***

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2. Important

Can you please ensure that the information held against your FAN, once you have logged into your FAN, please click **The My Account Icon**, then check that your **personal information is correct, including your address, email address and mobile number**, if not can you please kindly update this prior to **submitting an application**. As all of your online learning will be linked to your account, therefore it is important that this information is correct.

In the event you have an issue then please email Cameron.Davis@HampshireFA.Com outlining any issues.

The Course comprises online learning on the Laws of the Game and face to face training. **Learners must complete the online learning** before attending the face to face training (normally one evening (3 hrs) and one day 8 hrs).

The course is for those who want to referee mini soccer, 9 v 9 and 11 v 11 football.

3. Expression of Interest

So that the FA can better track candidates can you please complete the following form – please ensure that this Form is completed correctly. Please before submitting this form that you have ensured that your FAN matches the information that you submit as part of the process.

[Referee Course Expression of Interest Form](#)

4. Cost to attend the Course

Please note that the cost to attend the FA Referees Course is £145.00

Once you have submitted your expression of interest, **please ensure that you complete the [online learning Laws of the Game](#) and also [Safeguarding \(complete the Safeguarding For All\)](#)**; until you have completed this you will not be called forward to conduct the face to face training - **BOTH THE ONLINE LEARNING (The FA Guide to the Laws of the Game) and Safeguarding MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE A CANDIDATE CAN ATTEND FACE TO FACE TRAINING. It is therefore suggested that you complete this as soon as possible so that you can then attend Face to Face Training. You will only be invited to attend a course having completed both.**

4. **Course Content**

The online learning can be accessed [at this link](#) and is free of charge. Candidates will require a FAN and password to complete the online course content, this cannot be the parents FAN (unless the wish to take the course themselves).

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Guidance for 14 and 15 year olds accessing the course can be found below:

[My child who is under 16 wants to complete the FA Guide to the Laws of the Game; how do I create a FAN for them or link their FAN to my FAN?](#)

[I am under 16 years old and have a FAN, how do I access the FA Guide to the Laws of the Game course?](#)

[I am under 16 years old and don't have a FAN, how do I access the FA Guide to the Laws of the Game course?](#)

5. **Online Learning**

The online learning has five sections (modules) and will take approximately 90 minutes to complete. There are lots of videos to demonstrate how the Laws should be applied, activities to help reinforce the important points and, at the end of each module there are some questions to test what you have learned!

- **Module 1 – Before the Match**
This module covers the referee's pre-match responsibilities and includes ensuring players' kit is safe, how to carry out the coin toss and what a referee needs to take to a match with them.
- **Module 2 – Signals and Communication**
This module contains short video clips which show every signal the referee and assistant referee might give during a match.
- **Module 3 – 'Getting it Right'**
This module deals with foul challenges, violent conduct, hand ball, unsporting behaviour, Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO) offences and advantage. It uses video clips from football at different levels to show how the referee should manage common scenarios.

- **Module 4 – Offside**

This module also uses video clips, this time to demonstrate what is and isn't offside and how the referee should manage offside offences. The clips, like those used in the 'Getting it Right' module are voiced over to explain the decisions the referees make.

- **Module 5 – Managing Restarts and Set-Pieces**

This module covers restarts and set-pieces, including goal kicks, corner kicks, throw-ins, free kicks and penalty kicks. It uses both video and illustrations to clarify what players must do at each restart and set-piece and explains what the referee should do if players don't comply with the Law.

6. **Safeguarding.**

Before attending the Face to Face training, learners must also have completed the appropriate online safeguarding training. [Safeguarding \(complete the Safeguarding For All\)](#);

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7. **Face to Face Training**

There is 11 hours of face to face training (normally one evening (3 hrs) and one day 8 hrs); which mixes training room work with practical activity on a pitch. Key messages from the online learning are reinforced throughout. The training room work includes:

- Fun, interactives quizzes.
- How to establish rapport and build relationships with players and coaches.
- Recognising and deal with foul challenges and handball.
- Managing Offside.
- Dealing with inappropriate behaviour.
- Managing players.

On the pitch, you will have the opportunity to turn your knowledge into skills through refereeing game-based scenarios. You will practise:

- Communicating decisions.
- Cautioning and sending off techniques.
- Managing the kick off, free kicks, penalty kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins
- Positioning in open play and at restarts.
- Being an Assistant Referee.

8. We are now delivering face to face training and you will be contacted to attend the face to face sessions. Should you have any further questions then please contact

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