



FA Mini Soccer Referees Course

Saturday 15th February 2020 9.30am – 3.30pm

At Herefordshire FA HQ, Widemarsh Common, Hereford (behind Lads Club)

- A new course provided by The Football Association for those who wish to referee in Mini Soccer Matches either with local youth leagues or with their clubs.
- ***The Mini Soccer Referees Course is ideal for those who wish to get an Introduction to Refereeing and is also designed for Parents and Coaches as well as younger age groups (minimum age is 14 years). If you are currently taking an educational and/or Duke of Edinburgh Award or want a general refereeing qualification, then this course is suited for you.***
- A guided learning modular course with opportunities to referee during the course. The course will cover everything about Mini Soccer including the ethos of mini soccer, your role as an educator and how your role can develop in the game.
- At the conclusion of Module 5 you will be registered as a FA Mini Soccer Referee.
- If you then decide that after refereeing in 5v5 and 7v7 football that you wish to step up and become a Referee for 9v9 and 11v11 football, then there is a 6-hour bolt on module to complete to add to your qualification.
- The cost of this course is £50.00, and this includes Safeguarding Children and CRC (Criminal Records Check) which are mandatory.
- Total learning hours are 12 and the minimum age is 14 years of age.
- **To book your place visit www.herefordshirefa.com/referees/development-and-courses/the-fa-mini-soccer-referees-course**
- If you have any questions or would like any more information please email Sean Dipple, Referee Development Officer – sean.dipple@herefordshirefa.com

Course Information

- **9.30am – 3.30pm: Times of Modules 1-4**
- The initial four units will be as follows:
- **Understanding your role in Mini Soccer** – outlining the background to the game and the important role you play as referee within it.
- **Developing your role** – helping to create a safe learning environment and considering the practical applications of the laws
- **The realities of the role** – considering the need to deal with players, parents and coaches and the general management of the game
- **Your role as an educator** – considering how to educate players as well as refereeing the game
- These Four Modules will be delivered during the day and on successful completion of any CRC (Criminal Records Check – over 16 years only) and Safeguarding requirements (please see below) you will be required to referee a minimum of five



Mini Soccer games, completing your Match Day Log. Once this has been completed and returned to the Course Tutor, you will be invited to attend a two-hour Module 5.

- **Module 5** – Mini Soccer Review Evening (2 hours) at which you will complete the Assessment of Law paper. Upon successful completion of this paper you will be registered with your County FA as a Mini Soccer Referee.
- **Safeguarding Children.** If you are 14-16 years of age you will need to complete an online FA Safeguarding Children workshop. If you are over 17 years of age you need to attend a FA Safeguarding Children Workshop. This is a mandatory part of refereeing.
- **If you are under 18 years of age:** We require your Parents/Guardians email and contact telephone as correspondence will include them if you also have your own personal email.
- **FA Criminal Records Check (CRC)** If you are over 16 years of age you must complete a CRC and details of how to do this will be sent to you as it is a mandatory part of refereeing.
- **PLEASE NOTE: This course will only qualify you to referee Mini-Soccer.**

The course includes the following;

- The FA Mini Soccer Referees Course Learning Journal which contains advice on Refereeing
- Match Notebook with Red & Yellow cards, Pencil and Match record pad. Whistle
- Course delivery by FA Referee Tutors
- Introduction to Partner League for your first five games – Herefordshire Junior League & Girls League
- Registration to Herefordshire FA as a FA Mini Soccer Referee
- Certificate and F.A. Referees Badge following your five games and completion of the Laws of the Game Assessment.
- FA Safeguarding Children Training and FA CRC (Criminal Records Check - *if you are 16 years or over*)
- Information on purchasing a Referees Kit
- You will receive a match fee of £7.50 when you first start your first five matches on a Herefordshire Junior Boys or Girls League.