

Referees

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I book onto an FA Referee Course?

Review the information [on our website](#) about the prerequisites that need to be completed before you can attend the face to face course (the online Guide to the Laws of the Game and the relevant Safeguarding course for your age). Once these are done on your own FA account, you can then submit an Expression of Interest Form. We will then advise on dates and locations for upcoming courses.

Where do I get referee appointments in Hertfordshire?

Details of Referee Contacts who appoint officials to games for the various Hertfordshire based leagues can be [downloaded from the main Referee page our website](#).

Can I change my contact details?

You can update your personal details in Whole Game System. When logged in simply click on your name in the top right corner of the homepage to see the details that are currently saved for you. You can then click 'edit details' and amend anything that needs changing.

Do I need a valid DBS to referee?

Any referee aged sixteen or older who is officiating in any form of youth football (Under 18 and below) is required to have a valid FA DBS check. Contact Hertfordshire FA using referees@hertfordshirefa.com for more details of how to start the process.

What age groups am I allowed to officiate in?

The FA regulations say that 14 and 15 year olds can only referee in matches for age groups at least one year younger than they are. Therefore a 14-year-old referee can only referee matches up to Under 13's for example. Those aged 16 and over can referee any age groups in football (including adults).

How do I report a Safeguarding concern?

See the Safeguarding FAQ document for more about raising any concerns over the festive break. For general information about reporting safeguarding concerns [visit our website](#).