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**GET INTO REFEREEING**

*Norfolk County Football Association*

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**WHY PEOPLE TAKE UP REFEREEING**

# WHY PEOPLE TAKE UP REFEREEING

- *Great way to be involved in football*
- *Opportunities for everyone*
- *Remain active in the game following injury or retirement from playing*
- *Make new and lasting friendships*
- *Pivotal in ensuring players enjoy their match experience*
- *Fitness*
- *Transferable Skills*
- *Money*
- *The best seat in the house*





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**DETAILS**

**THE FA REFEREES COURSE**

# ***DETAILS - THE FA REFEREES COURSE***

- *The training is usually an evening and a day of blended learning*
- *Cost is £125*
- *Includes all training modules, Equipment, Norfolk FA Badge and 1st Season Referee Registration*
- *The course covers Mini Soccer, 9v9 and 11v11*
- *To qualify: Referee 5 Matches = FA Certificate*

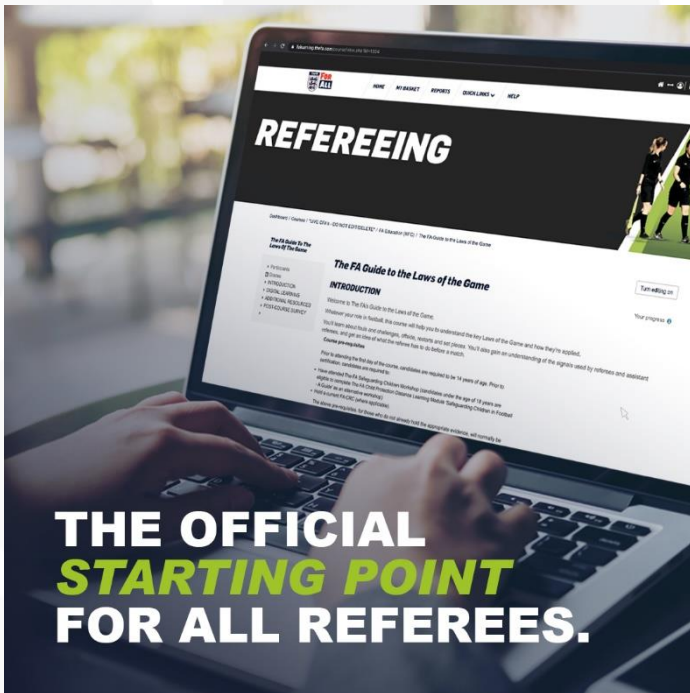




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**ONLINE GUIDE TO  
THE LAWS OF THE GAME**

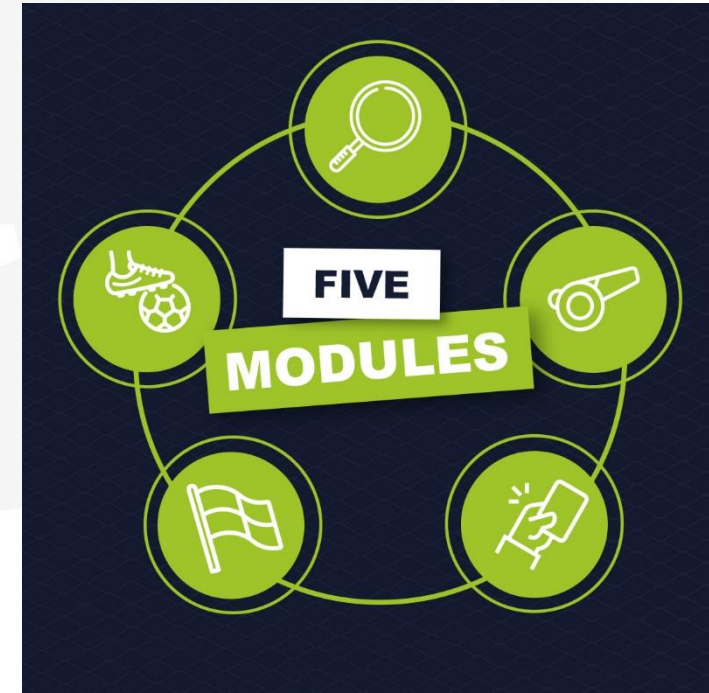
# ONLINE GUIDE TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME



## KEY FEATURES

<b>Age:</b> 14+		<b>Who it's for:</b> Open to all
<b>Price:</b> Free		<b>Duration:</b> Two hours
<b>Sign Up:</b>		

[bit.ly/FALawsOfTheGame](https://bit.ly/FALawsOfTheGame)



*Prior to the face to face course the Online Guide to the Laws of the Game and the appropriate online safeguarding course must be completed*





# 5 MODULES

- **Module 1:** *Before the Match-* covers the referee's pre-match responsibilities.
- **Module 2:** *Signals and Communication of Referees and Assistant Referees.*
- **Module 3:** *Getting it Right - deals with foul challenges, violent conduct, handball, unsporting behaviour, DOGSO offences and advantage.*
- **Module 4:** *Offside.*
- **Module 5:** *Managing Restarts and Set-Pieces-* covers restarts and set-pieces, including goal kicks, corner kicks, throw-ins, free kicks and penalty kicks.





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# **CONTENT**

# **THE FA REFEREES COURSE**

# ***THE FA REFEREES COURSE***

## *Topics Covered:*

- *Being an effective referee*
- *Recognising Foul challenges*
- *Rapport & Relationships*
- *Decision communication*
- *Cautioning Procedure*
- *Managing Players*
- *Handball*
- *Start and re start management*
- *Offside*
- *Being an assistant referee*
- *Dealing with inappropriate behaviour*





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**SUPPORT**

# ***COUNTY FA SUPPORT FOR REFEREES***

## ***After Attending a Course...***

- ***Post Course Learner Resource***
- ***Support with finding matches suitable for you/Appointments Team***
- ***Referee Mentor Scheme – someone to call and talk with***
- ***Referee Mentor at games***
- ***Facebook Groups***
- ***Online Follow up evening***
- ***Regular Email & Phone Contact***





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# **DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRESSION**

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- *Monthly CPDs hosted by County FA*
- *Young Referee Group*
- *County 'Centre of Refereeing Excellence'*
- *Norwich City Academy Matches & Tournaments*
- *County Cup Finals*
- *Referee Progression Pathway*





# REFEREEING PATHWAY

## MEN'S GAME







# REFEREEING PATHWAY

## WOMEN'S GAME





**SO, WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE THE NEXT MICHAEL OLIVER OR SIAN MASSEY-ELLIS,  
OR YOU WANT TO BE A GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL REFEREE,  
WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU**



# FAQs

## **Are there any Additional Costs:**

*If you are 16 years old or older and wish to referee youth football, you must have a valid and in date DBS. Getting a DBS with Norfolk FA costs £10.00 which is valid for three years.*

*Referee kit*

*At the beginning of each season you must also re-register and this costs £20.*

## **Are there any age limits re: the course?**

*Anyone aged 14 or over can become a referee. There is no upper age limit but candidates need to be able to fully participate in practical sessions. Until you reach the age of 16, you will only be able to referee games involving children at least 1 year younger than yourself.*



## **Are there any pre-requisites for the new referee course?**

*Yes, you must have completed and passed the Guide to Online Laws of The Game and completed your safeguarding. These course links can be found on the booking page.*

## **Where will I referee my first 5 games?**

*We will send all referees a preference form to find out what types of matches you want to officiate and what days are your preference. We can either appoint you to matches or we can help you find a local club to referee for. The appointments are flexible around your availability and you can close dates that you are unavailable for.*

## **How do I progress as a referee?**

*Norfolk County FA is keen to support and help referees develop and progress to achieve their full potential and as such, have a structured progression pathway for referees. The full criteria can be found on the Referee Promotion page of the website under Development.*





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