

# NORFOLK FA REFEREE PARENT GUIDANCE

## QUALIFICATION

### HOW TO QUALIFY

To become a fully qualified Referee, each referee must complete five training games. Once the 5 training games are complete then a 5 Game Form needs to be completed [HERE](#). Once this has been checked, the RDO will send out an FA badge & Certificate and change the referees status from Trainee Referee to either a Level Y (Youth) Referee if under 16 or to a Level 7 Referee if 16 or over.

## SUPPORT

### REFEREE MENTOR

We will aim to have a Referee Coach at 2 of each referees' first 5 training matches. Each referee must ensure that they let us know when the games are by filling out the form [HERE](#) and then if a Referee Coach is appointed, they will make contact, before the match.

## SAFEGUARDING

### YOUR CHILDS WELLBEING

We take safeguarding of all our young referees very seriously and if ever you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Officer Ken D'Rosario:

Ken.D'Rosario@NorfolkFA.com 07777 607567



## MATCH DAY

### TRAVEL & CHANGING FOR U18's

On some occasions referees may require transport to and from matches and this may be provided by other officials allocated to the match. We would recommend all arrangements are agreed with the parents/carer of each referee and that they speak to the official/s who would be providing transport.

As a referee if you feel unsafe or something doesn't feel right, do not feel obliged to travel with that person. You have the right to say no.

At a match U18 officials should change separately from anyone over the age of 18. We recommend you take it in turns to use the facilities. Never be forced into a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable.

## U18 ARMBANDS

### RAISING AWARENESS

We are delighted that every U18 Referee will be provided with a Green Armband to raise awareness of young referees in the game and enable them to be identified when they are officiating to help improve the environment that they are refereeing in.



## YRG

### YOUNG REFEREE GROUP

All young referees will be invited to development & support meetings during the season. Referees can join the Norfolk FA Young Referee Group on Facebook.

## CLIMBING THE LADDER

### DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESSION

The opportunity for promotion is available to every referee and details can be found on our [website](#). The FA's County and National Centre of Refereeing Excellence (CORE) programme is also available for referees who demonstrate that they have the potential and opportunity to progress.

## REGISTRATION

### MAINTAINING QUALIFICATION

Once a referee is qualified, they will need to register each season as a referee with Norfolk FA. Referee registration costs £20 per season and opens on 1st June each year.

## DBS

### DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECKS

All referees who are 16 years old or over will need to complete a DBS check before they can referee youth football.

## NEED SOME HELP?

### USEFUL CONTACTS & DOCUMENTS

Harvey Newstead – Referee Development Officer  
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## Information for Match Officials Booklet

