

BECOMING A NORFOLK FA REFEREE

STEP BY STEP PROCESS



NORFOLK COUNTY FA
REFEREES DEPARTMENT

STEP 1

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

If there are no courses available, you can express your interest in the FA Referees Course [HERE](#).

STEP 2

PRE COURSE PREPARATION

It is a requirement before you attend face to face training that you have completed the Online Guide to the Laws of the Game and the appropriate online safeguarding course which can be found below:

- Complete the [Online Laws of The Game Module](#)
- Complete [FA Safeguarding Children Workshop](#) (16 or over) or [FA Safeguarding For All](#) (under 16)
- If U18 ensure that a parent / guardian has created a FAN and you have been linked together [HERE](#).

STEP 3

BOOK ONTO A COURSE

To book your space on The FA Referees Course in Norfolk, click [HERE](#).

Ensure you check you can make all the times and dates that are listed as you will need to attend them fully to then be able to become a qualified referee.



STEP 4

ATTEND COURSE

Enjoy the course, ask questions of our experienced and knowledgeable tutors, and mix with other trainee referees.

You will also be provided with a full Nike Referee Kit and all the Referee Equipment needed for match day.

STEP 5

POST COURSE

After the course you will be sent a Learner Resource along with relevant information about refereeing in Norfolk.

STEP 6

HOW TO QUALIFY

To become a fully qualified Referee, you must complete five training games as a referee.

The matches can be in any of the below categories:

- Development Football: 5v5 and 7v7
- 9v9 (U11 & U12)
- 11v11(U13+)

The 5 Games can be in one category or a mix of the 3.

STEP 7

HOW TO GET MATCHES

There are a variety of ways to get matches so click our preference form [HERE](#) for more information.



STEP 8

SUPPORT

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

STEP 9

COMPLETED YOUR 5 MATCHES?

Once you have completed your 5 training games you must fill out a 5 Game Form [HERE](#). Once this has been checked, the RDO will then send out your FA Certificate as well as changing your refereeing status from Trainee Referee to either a Level Y (Youth) Referee if under 16 or to a Level 7 Referee if 16 or over.

STEP 10

NEXT STEPS

As a newly trained referee you will receive monthly emails from the Referee Development Officer to ensure everything is going well with your referee.

You will also be invited to a call back evening with your fellow referees from the course 2 months after your face to face training.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR REFEREEING
& WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING YOU**

