



NORTHANTS FA

THE VOICE OF THE YOUNG REFEREE

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NEGATIVE TOUCHLINE COMMENTS

YOU SAID...

A large number of referees reported issues with parents on the touchline or touchline behaviour in general.

WE DID...

We decided to investigate this further and did this in the form of respect visits to monitor behaviour on the touchlines. It also highlighted best practices in terms of touchline behaviour to parents on match days in a live environment.

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MENTORING SCHEME

YOU SAID...

A small number of referees highlighted they wanted to be watched more often and given more advice.

WE DID...

We introduced a more comprehensive and robust mentoring scheme this season and recruited more mentors to support this.

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LAWS OF THE GAME

YOU SAID...

Referees requested a thorough briefing on the laws of the game changes for the upcoming season.

WE DID...

This season we ran ample workshops at different geographical locations across the County, and also in partnerships with leagues to ensure every referee had opportunities to upskill themselves.

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YOUNG REFEREES SUPPORT

YOU SAID...

Referees and parents desired more assistance and 1v1 support and advice to report concerns.

WE DID...

A Monday night drop in session was created to encourage more reporting of poor practice. Thereby, informing our support interventions.

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NFA CORE ACADEMY

YOU SAID...

Feedback suggested that the referees wanted more practical sessions.

WE DID...

We ensure that our monthly meetings consist of at least 1 hours worth of practical training as this is the type of training they prefer.

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U18 REFEREE ARMBANDS

YOU SAID...

There has been a desire to see an improvement in behaviour on the touchline towards all referees but particularly U18 referees.

WE DID...

We introduced the yellow armbands for U18's to wear when officiating in order to highlight to those people watching the match that the referee is a child and hopefully reduce abuse.