



## **Futsal Referee course – cash back offer**

Northamptonshire FA, with support from the For Futsal Fund, are pleased to offer £70 cash back on completion of a futsal referees course this September.

### **When is the course?**

The course will be held on Saturday 1st September at Crown Hills Community College in Leicester, LE5 5FT, from 9am – 5pm. The cash back offer is available for this course only.

### **Who is eligible to apply for one of cash back places?**

- Football referees currently registered with Northamptonshire FA (2018/19 season)
- Northamptonshire football referees whose registration has lapsed within the last 2 seasons
- Individuals who have played futsal within Northamptonshire

### **How do I apply for one of cash back places?**

Write an email to [stuart.smith@northantsfa.com](mailto:stuart.smith@northantsfa.com) and [luke.scott@northantsfa.com](mailto:luke.scott@northantsfa.com) stating your FA Number (FAN) and the reasons why you want to become a futsal referee (no more than 150 words).

The deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

A limited number of places are available. The 150-word personal statement will be used to determine which candidate(s) are chosen.

### **What do I need to do to complete the futsal referee course?**

- Aged 14+
- Attend FA Futsal Referees course – Saturday 1 September
- Complete match evaluation form
- Evaluator is satisfied the candidate is a competent futsal referee
- Return the match evaluation form to County FA
- Completed online assessment and achieved a mark of 22/30 or higher
- Completed online safeguarding children course (if aged under 16)
- Attended FA Safeguarding Children certificate (if aged 16+)\*
- Undertaken an FA Criminal Records Check

\* A free FA Safeguarding Children course is included within the course on Friday 31 August (6.30pm – 9.30pm) – also at Crown Hills Community College if required. Candidates that have completed the safeguarding children course within the last 3 years don't need to attend this date.

### **What's the process for applying for a cash back place?**

1. Submit an application before the deadline of Wednesday 15 August to Stuart Smith & Luke Scott at Northamptonshire FA.

2. You will receive a decision from Stuart Smith or Luke Scott by Friday 17 August.
3. Book onto the course with Leicestershire FA and pay the £70 course fee
4. Complete the course
5. Receive £70 cash back from Northamptonshire FA by BACS.

### **What are the aims & objectives of the futsal referee course?**

To provide learners with an introduction to refereeing, identifying the skills required to effectively referee games of Futsal. Following the initial training the candidates will be expected to referee a minimum of six games before their knowledge of Law will be assessed.

### **What happens after I complete the course?**

After all elements of the course have been completed and you are a registered referee, you will receive the £70 course fee back. The deadline for completion of the course is 31 December 2018.

### **When I complete the course what level referee will I be?**

Referees aged 16+ will be level FUR4 – County Futsal Referee

Referees aged 14-16 will be level FUR6 – Youth Futsal Referee

### **The course is being held in Leicester, do I have to go to Leicester to referee?**

No, Northants FA are working in partnership with Leicestershire FA for this course. Northamptonshire-based referees can referee the matches required to pass within Northamptonshire – predominantly Kettering and Northampton.

### **Is there a referee pathway for futsal? Can I progress up the ladder?**

Yes, absolutely! FUR4 is the starting level for adult futsal referees. After gaining experience, referees can progress onto FA National Futsal League fixtures and work towards promotion to FUR3. There are numerous opportunities for futsal referees including FA National Futsal League matches, University & College Leagues, the English Football League (EFL) Trust Futsal programme, the Premier League futsal programme, England regional futsal camps and international fixtures!

### **Who can I contact to find out more information?**

Futsal in Northants – [stuart.smith@northantsfa.com](mailto:stuart.smith@northantsfa.com)

The course in Leicester – [megan.selby@leicestershirefa.com](mailto:megan.selby@leicestershirefa.com)

Refereeing in Northants – [luke.scott@northantsfa.com](mailto:luke.scott@northantsfa.com)