**Qualifications Guidance – Season 2020-2021**

**Coaches**

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| **Position** | **Current Minimum Requirement** | **Best Practice** |
| New coaches, managers and assistants in under 18 teams | 1. Playmaker – [take the course](https://www.thefa.com/bootroom/learning/qualifications/the-fa-playmaker)
2. In-date DBS
 | 1. Level 1 (if courses are available)
2. In-date DBS
3. Playmaker – [take the course](https://www.thefa.com/bootroom/learning/qualifications/the-fa-playmaker)
4. In-date Safeguarding Children Workshop (available October to December 2020)
5. In-date Emergency Aid Certificate (if courses are available)
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| Continuing coaches, managers and assistants in under 18 teams | 1. Level 1
2. In-date DBS (for DBS checks expiring between 1st March 2020 and 1st October 2020 the certificate has been extended for 12 months)
3. In-date Emergency Aid (Coaches whose EFAiF has expired or will expire between the 1 February 2020 and 27 February 2021 will have an extension applied on their FAN records until 28 February 2021)
4. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate (if have attended a face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop) – [recertify here](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261)
 | 1. Level 1
2. In-date DBS (for DBS checks expiring between 1st March 2020 and 1st October 2020 the certificate has been extended for 12 months)
3. In-date Emergency Aid (Coaches whose EFAiF has expired or will expire between the 1 February 2020 and 27 February 2021 will have an extension applied on their FAN records until 28 February 2021)
4. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate (if have attended a face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop) – [recertify here](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261)
5. Playmaker – [take the course](https://www.thefa.com/bootroom/learning/qualifications/the-fa-playmaker)
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**Committee Members**

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| **Position** | **Current Minimum Requirement** | **Best Practice** |
| New League/Club Welfare Officer | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course-)
2. In-date DBS
 | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course-)
2. In-date DBS
3. In-date Safeguarding Children Workshop (available October to December 2020)
4. Be an active member of the Safeguarding Online Platform – email safeguarding@northumberlandfa.com for access
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| Continuing League/Club Welfare Officer | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course-)
2. In-date DBS
3. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate (if have attended a face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop) - [recertify here](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261)
4. Welfare Officer Workshop
 | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course-)
2. In-date DBS
3. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate (if have attended a face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop) - [recertify here](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261)
4. Welfare Officer Workshop
5. Be an active member of the Safeguarding Online Platform – email safeguarding@northumberlandfa.com for access
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| New and existing Club Committee Members – Secretary/Chairperson/Treasurer | 1. In-date Safeguarding for Committee Members – [take the course](https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course-)
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**Referees**

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| **Position** | **Current Minimum Requirement** | **Best Practice** |
| New Referees planning to referee in junior football | 1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date DBS (if over 16 years of age)
3. Safeguarding for All certificate – [take the course](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=1774)
4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)
 | 1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date DBS (if over 16 years of age)
3. In-date Safeguarding Children Workshop (if face to face course is available and over the age of 16)
4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)
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| Continuing referees planning to referee in junior football | 1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date DBS (if over 16 years of age)
3. In-date Safeguarding Children Certificate (if have attended a face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop)- [recertify here](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261). If not, must complete Safeguarding for All certificate - [take the course](https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=1774)
4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)
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**Unless you satisfy at least the minimum requirements you will be unable to participate in your role. This guidance should remain in place until at least 28 February 2021, however Northumberland FA will inform you of any changes to requirements.**

**Links:**

Playmaker - <https://www.thefa.com/bootroom/learning/qualifications/the-fa-playmaker>

Safeguarding for Committee members – <https://help.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/7000041379-how-do-i-access-the-fa-safeguarding-for-committee-members-course->

Safeguarding for All – <https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=1774>

Recertify face to face Safeguarding Children Workshop - <https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=261>