

Qualifications Guidance for Youth Football – Season 2022-2023



Position

Minimum Requirement

COACHES/MANAGERS, ASSISTANT COACHES/MANAGERS AND MEDICS

All Coaches/managers in under 18 teams. (Each team must have at least one lead coach with these qualifications). Also assistant coaches/assistant managers if they will have sole charge of team at training/matches.

1. Online [Introduction to Coaching Football](#) (or former Level 1 in Coaching Football)
2. In-date FA DBS
3. In-date [Safeguarding Children Course](#) (available online from summer 2021). Valid for 2 years. Or an in date Safeguarding Children Workshop (face to face which was discontinued 2020) [This can be recertified free here.](#)
4. In-date [Introduction to First Aid in Football](#) (IFAIF). Valid for 3 years.

Assistant coaches/assistant managers who do not have sole charge of team at any point, parents who help out with teams.

1. [Playmaker](#) course
2. In-date FA DBS
3. In-date [Safeguarding Children Course](#) (available online from summer 2021). Valid for 2 years. Or an in date Safeguarding Children Workshop (face to face which was discontinued 2020) [This can be recertified free here.](#)

Medics

1. In-date FA DBS
2. In-date [Safeguarding Children Course](#) (available online from summer 2021). Valid for 2 years. Or an in date Safeguarding Children Workshop (face to face which was discontinued 2020) [This can be recertified free here.](#)
3. In-date [Introduction to First Aid in Football](#) (IFAIF). Valid for 3 years.

REFEREES

All referees must have a safeguarding qualification even those not intending to officiate youth fixtures, as open age teams may have U18 players

Referees aged over 16 who intend to officiate in youth football

1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date FA DBS
3. In-date [Safeguarding Children Course](#) (available online from summer 2021). Valid for 2 years. Or an in date Safeguarding Children Workshop (face to face which was discontinued 2020) [This can be recertified free here.](#)
4. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)

Referees aged 14/15 who intend to officiate in youth football

1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date [Safeguarding for All.](#)
3. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)

Referees who do not intend to referee in youth football (will need a basic safeguarding qualification as open age teams may have U18 players)

1. Referee Qualification
2. In-date [Safeguarding for All](#)
3. Parent FAN link (if under 18 years of age)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

New or existing League/Club Welfare Officer

1. [Welfare Officers Workshop](#)
2. In-date FA DBS
3. In-date [Safeguarding Children Course.](#) (available online from summer 2021). Valid for 2 years. Or an in date Safeguarding Children Workshop (face to face which was discontinued 2020) [Can be recertified free here.](#)
4. [Safeguarding for Committee Members](#)

New and existing Club Committee Members - Secretary/Chairperson/Treasurer and all named registration secretaries

[Safeguarding for Committee Members](#)

All courses are available online at: thebootroom.thefa.com Some coaches/referees or welfare officers may have PREVIOUSLY completed the Safeguarding Children Certificate which has now been withdrawn - once this runs out you should recertify on the new Safeguarding Children recertification link