



## **Club Guidance for the appointment of Under 18 Referees**



## Home Team- Duties & Responsibility

- The Home team will confirm the match details with the referee's Parent or Guardian and not the referee.
- The welfare of the referee is the responsibility of the Home Club once the referee arrives at the ground, during game and afterwards until the referee leaves the ground.
- Home team will advise the Away Team on their arrival at the ground that an under 18 referee has been appointed to the fixture.

## Both Teams- Duties & Responsibility

- Both teams will inform parents and spectators that it is not only a breach of the laws of the game to verbally abuse a referee, but doing so to an under 18 referee is a breach of the FA Safeguarding Standards and parents, & clubs in breach of this will not only face possible disciplinary action, but also face Welfare related charges.



## Wilts FA - Duties & Responsibility

**The Wiltshire FA will only appoint registered referee who have completed their Safeguarding Children Awareness Course and where applicable a valid FA issued CRC (DBS).**

- All WFA communication including WFA County Cup appointments will be sent through the Parent or Guardian (PoG) contact details, unless the PoG has given permission for the WFA to use a direct email / mobile contact for their child.

When appointing an Under 18 referee, the following guidelines **WILL BE** followed.

- 14 year old Referee can only referee U.13 & below (If the referee is eligible to play in U.13 football, then they can only referee U.12 & below).
- 15 year old referees can only referee U.14 & below. (If the referee is eligible to play in U.14 football, then they can only referee U.13 & below).
- 16 & 17 year old referees can referee any age as well as open age football.

**The Wiltshire FA will inform both clubs via their secretary if a under 18 referee has been appointed to their game. This will be indicated by the referee having (YR) after their name.**

