

CLUB GUIDANCE FOR U18 REFS



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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.

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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.

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