

FOR REFEREES



LEVEL 5-4

PROMOTION CANDIDATE PACK

SEASON 2021/22

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USEFUL LINKS:

Wiltshire County FA Website

Referees Section

<https://www.wiltshirefa.com/referees>

Whole Game System

Online platform to manage your referee administration e.g. discipline input.

<https://wholegame.thefa.com>

IFAB Laws of the Game

Keep refreshing your understanding of law by visiting the interactive website (mobile phone app also available.)

<http://www.theifab.com/>

MOAS

If you're involved with FA Competitions then you need to keep the FA updated with your closed dates on the system.

<https://moas.thefa.com/>

PROMOTION PATHWAY:

The Promotion Pathway was introduced by The FA to allow match officials to progress through the pyramid of football.

Below is an outline of the Level's in the Men's Promotion Pathway and an explanation of how you can progress through the Refereeing System.

- Level 1 – National List (Football League and Premier League)
- Level 2a – Panel Select (Conference Premier)
- Level 2b – Panel (Conference North and South)
- Level 3 – Contributory (Contributory Leagues)
- Level 4 – Supply (Supply Leagues)
- Level 5 – Senior County (County Leagues)
- Level 6 – County (County leagues)
- Level 7 – Junior (Amateur leagues)
- Level 8 – Youth (Junior Referee below age of 16)
- Level 9 – Trainee

You can apply for promotion once you are a Level 7 Referee (once you turn 16.) From Level 7 you can apply for Level 6, or if you want to progress quicker you can do the 'Double Jump' and apply for Level 5. Level 7-6 and 6-5 Promotions occur within the County FA.

Level 5-4 Promotions occur within the County FA; however, the County FA will only recommend that you be promoted to Level 4. You will have to attend an assessment day with the National FA to see whether you have been successful in reaching Level 4.

Once you reach Level 4 your promotions become based on merit tables in how well you perform. The marks are determined through a combination of observers marks and club marks giving you an overall score and placement. There are four reviews throughout the year where you can see where you sit in the merit table at the current stage in the season. Depending on where you finish at the end of the season will determine whether you get promoted to Level 3. The same situation applies with Level 2B, 2A and 1.

If you have been a Level 4 referee for 4 consecutive seasons, you can apply to become a Specialised Assistant Referee. This means you will focus solely on being an Assistant Referee and will progress in being an Assistant Referee.

INTRODUCTION:

Dear Level 5-4 Promotion Candidate,

We are pleased to announce the launch of the promotion scheme for the 2021/22 season running from the 1st July 2021 to the 30th April 2022.

This document will provide you with the required information about the promotion scheme and what is expected of you as a promotion candidate.

By applying for promotion, you are expressing an interest to progress as a match official through the refereeing pyramid. If you were to be successful in your promotion you would go on to officiate at a higher level of football and you would begin to receive appointments from the National FA.

Wiltshire County FA will help to support you through your referee promotion and will provide support and training to develop you as a match official.

The criteria required for the Level 5-4 promotion scheme is outlined in this booklet, however, please do not hesitate to be in touch with one of the staff contacts listed above if you require anymore information.

We wish you the best of luck in your promotion and the future of your refereeing career.

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS:

All Level 5 to 4 promotion candidates will be expected to meet the following criteria:

- Referee a minimum of twenty (20) open-age matches during the promotion season
- Complete a minimum of ten (10) open-age matches as an Assistant Referee on a Supply League
- Receive five observations during the promotion season with an average mark of 70 or above.
- Must pass the standard FA fitness test.
- Must complete a written multiple-choice examination on the Laws of the Game
- Must attend one of the regional in-service nomination training sessions delivered by the FA in the season 2021/22.
- Must attend at least one County FA CPD Event.

Please note that if you fail the mandatory fitness test then you will have one opportunity to redo this. Failure to pass the test on the second attempt will result in your withdrawal from the promotion scheme.

In addition to the above, all promotion applicants must:

- Re-register for the season by no later than
- Complete all relevant safeguarding training
- Respond to all correspondence efficiently by email
- Maintain a record of all matches, whether as Referee or Assistant Referee
- Be proficient in the completion and submission of misconduct reports
- Attend disciplinary hearings as and when required

OBSERVATION SCHEME / MATCH SUBMISSION:

All Promotion Candidates will have access to a shared 'Google Spreadsheet' – this document will be shared with all promotion candidates and observers and will act as a 'live document' for the coming season. The document includes;

- Details of all promotion candidates (so observers can contact you/your parent/carer)
- Detail of all qualified observers (so you can contact observers)
- Tab for each month of the season (so you can upload you games next to you name, and an observer can notify you of his intention to carry out an assignment).

Referee responsibilities;

It is the referee's responsibility to sign into the spreadsheet and update their fixture details for each month. There are 6 spaces for fixtures as you scroll across from your name. Please update with the 6 most relevant fixtures for observing.

Referee Name	Date/Time	Fixture	Location Postcode	Observer
Joe Bloggs	17th Oct 2020 (3pm)	Melksham Town 'A' v Three Daggers	SN12 7GU	

Each referee will be able check the live status of whether of not and observer has appointed themselves to a game – and as such if a game is changed or postponed, we would ask them to contact the observer. Please also see note below – in that we would hope there would be some two dialogue before the game.

OBSERVER RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the observer's responsibility to sign into the spreadsheet and update their name next to the fixtures in the 'shaded' observer box to claim an assignment. We appreciate observers will only be able to do this based on their availability/commitments, and as such some assignments may be claimed last minute. We encourage observers to contact referees (or parent/guardian) should they decide to pick up a game. It is important to update the spreadsheet as it will avoid multiple observers turning up at the same games.

On completion of the fixture – the observer will follow the protocols set out in the FA Guidance to ensure you receive feedback. The observer will then submit the report to the County FA, and this will be stored on your record and taken into consideration for your promotion.

It is the match official's responsibility to work with observers to assure that their games are being observed in order to reach the required number of observations.

If promotion candidates feel that they aren't getting the number of observations they require or are going months without being observed, it is their responsibility to contact the County FA and ask for assistance.

Post-Match Debrief:

- Due to COVID-19 all post-match observer debriefs' s will now take place virtually until advised otherwise.
- The debrief is to be organised between the referee and observer and will take place over the desired platform e.g. zoom, phone call.
- The debrief should take no longer than 20 minutes and should be inclusive of both the referee and observers' opinions.

OBSERVATION COMPETENCIES:

The competency framework enables referees to understand what is required to progress as well as providing the observer with a method of determining the referees' potential against agreed criteria.

The specific competencies observed vary at the different levels of promotion; but they are designed to allow a referee to demonstrate their ability to officiate at a higher level.

Level 7 to 6 Competencies observed are:

Application of Law

Match Control

Positioning and Movement

Level 6 to 5 Competencies observed are:

Application of Law

Match Control

Positioning and Movement

Fitness

Management (Verbal and Non-Verbal Signals)

Alertness and Awareness

Level 5 to 4 Competencies observed are:

Application of Law

Match Control

Positioning, Fitness and Work Rate

Alertness and Awareness (Including Management of Stoppages)

Communication

Teamwork

Advantage

If you wish to see the Level 5-4 Observer Competencies Guidance please be in touch with someone at the County FA.

LEAGUE CONTACT DETAILS:

See below a list of the leagues across Wiltshire that you can register to officiate on. Next to each league is the email address of the referee appointment officer. If you wish to register to officiate on their league, please contact them for further information and registration details.

Youth Leagues:

Mid Wilts Youth League – mauricedchilcott@gmail.com
North Wilts Youth League – luke.hinchliffe@nwyfl.co.uk
Wiltshire Women and Girls League – colinnunn69@gmail.com
Wiltshire U18 Floodlight League - colinnunn69@gmail.com

Adult Leagues:

Swindon Sunday League – chrismh2002@yahoo.co.uk
Chippenham and District Sunday League – cdsflrefsec@hotmail.com
Salisbury and District Sunday League – timothyhoskins1964@gmail.com
Swindon and District Saturday League – markparishaines@gmail.com
Trowbridge and District League (Saturday) – trowrefsec@outlook.com
Wiltshire Senior Football League – adie.cripps@wiltshireseniorleague.co.uk
Wiltshire Veterans League - colinnunn69@gmail.com
Wiltshire Women and Girls League – colinnunn69@gmail.com
South West Women's League – colinnunn69@gmail.com
Women's National League (FA League) – Carla.parker@thefa.com

Adult Leagues – Assistant Referee Appointments:

Wiltshire Senior League – adie.cripps@wiltshireseniorleague.co.uk
Wessex League – asstreferees.wessexleague@gmail.com
Western League – ian.purchase@toolstationleague.com
Hellenic League – max.thompson.uhlro@outlook.com