

'Early Intention to
Referee'

FA WSL Academy
Player Opportunity



What is 'Early Intention to Referee' initiative?

This initiative aims to provide those individuals within our **FA WSL Academies** that have an interest of pursuing a career in football refereeing with a support framework that provides access to qualifications, alongside suitable referee education and development from grassroots through to the professional and international game in both men's and women's football.

The process - Step1

Course prerequisite. Online introduction to laws of the game

<https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=1804>

The FA Guide to the Laws of the Game

Your progress

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The FA's Guide to the Laws of the Game.

Whatever your role in football, this course will help you to understand the key Laws of the Game and how they're applied.

You'll learn about fouls and challenges, offside, restarts and set pieces. You'll also gain an understanding of the signals used by referees and assistant referees, and get an idea of what the referee has to do before a match.

There are five modules and some questions to answer at the end of each one. To complete the course, you need to do all five modules and the post-course survey. This should take just over two hours.

If you'd like to become a referee, you'll also need to attend the face-to-face introductory training. For more information, contact the referee development officer (RDO) at your county FA. You can find their details [here](#).

Watch the video below to learn more about what it takes to be a referee.

DIGITAL LEARNING

The course is designed to work on laptop, desktop and Apple mobiles or tablets. For the best experience, choose a newer device with a large screen – and make sure your operating system and browser are up to date. If possible, you should also 'allow pop-ups' for this site (FA Learning). For further support, click [here](#).

Before the match: 20 mins

INTERACTIVE MODULE

Signals and communication: 15 mins

INTERACTIVE MODULE

Getting it right: 40 mins

INTERACTIVE MODULE

Offside: 25 mins

INTERACTIVE MODULE

Managing starts and restarts: 25 mins

INTERACTIVE MODULE

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

3 items

RESOURCES

The process....Step 2

Face to face training - 11hours

Normally one evening, followed by a full day, which mixes training room work with practical activity on a pitch. Key messages from the online learning are reinforced throughout.

The training room work includes:

- Fun, interactive quizzes
- How to establish rapport and build relationships with players and coaches
- Recognising and dealing with foul challenges and handball
- Managing offside
- Dealing with inappropriate behaviour
- Managing players

On the pitch, you will have the opportunity to turn your knowledge into skills through refereeing game-based scenarios. You will practise:

- Communicating decisions
- Cautioning and sending off techniques
- Managing the kick-off, free kicks, penalty kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins
- Positioning in open play and at restarts
- Being an assistant referee

The process...Step 3

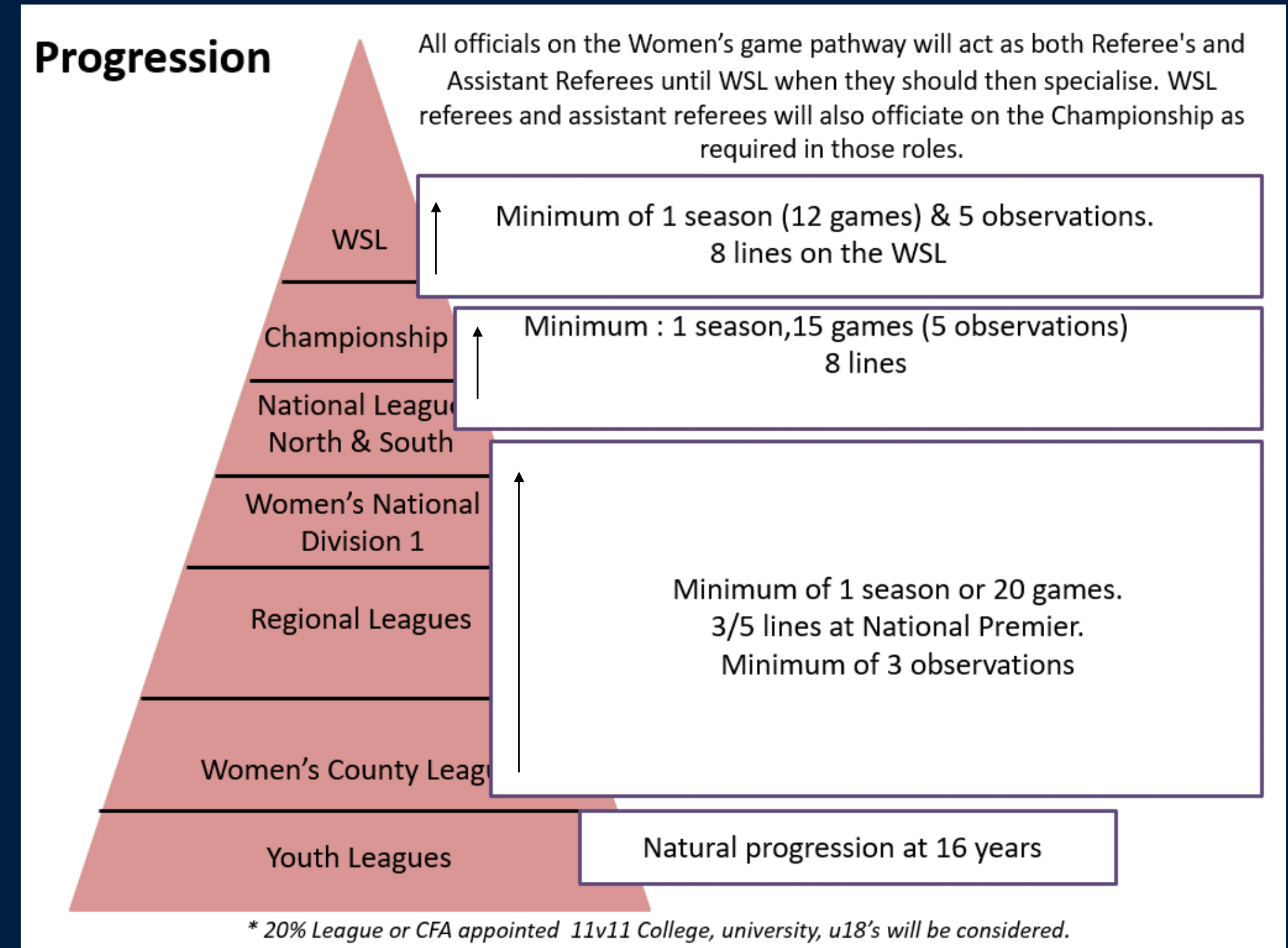
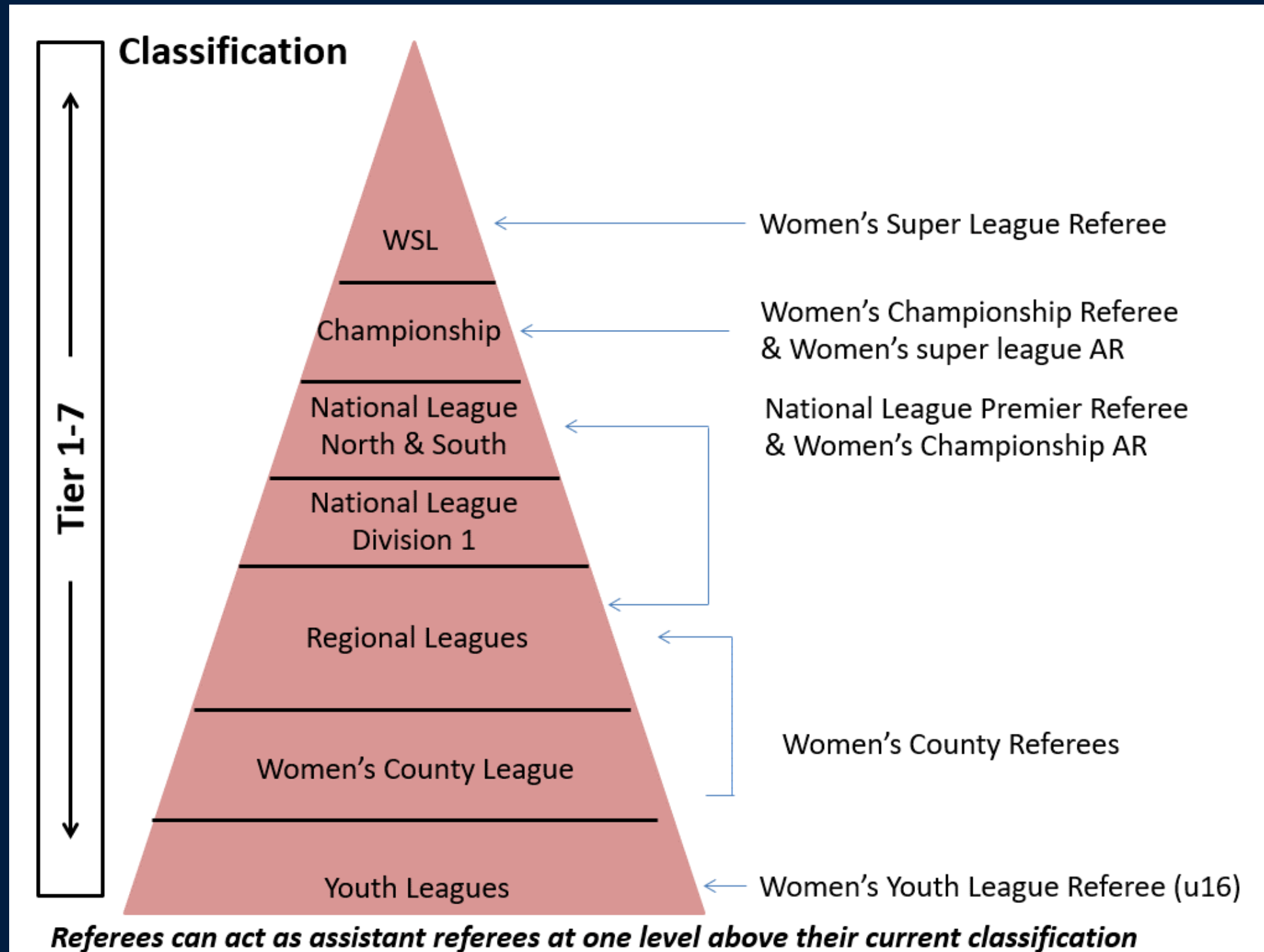


Referee!!

To qualify as a referee, you must also referee five games after you have attended the face-to-face training. You will then receive a certificate and an FA Referee badge.

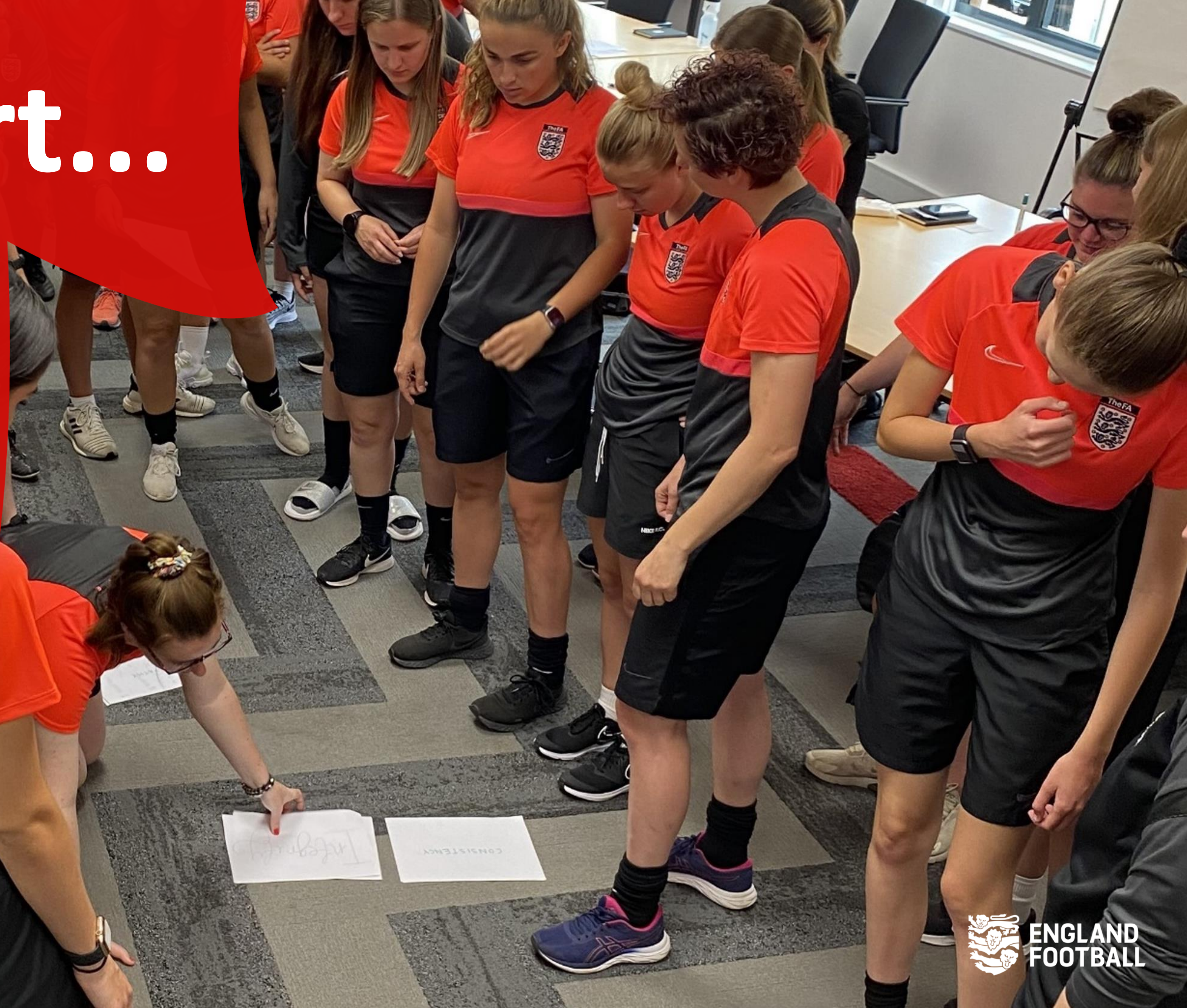
You be supported through those five games by your County Football Association (CFA). As you continue your refereeing career, you will then be able to access further training opportunities, both online and face to face.

The pathway...women's game



FA Support...

- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Match observations
- Appointments



Next Steps.....

1. Complete the expression of interest survey

- Link in the chat
- Deadline – **Friday 28th January 2022**

2. Complete the 'FA Guide to the laws of the game.'

- 2 hours – online
- Once complete email your certificate to leandra.little@thefa.com
- Deadline – **Friday 4th February 2022**