



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**



INFORMATION FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

**DURHAM COUNTY FA
REFEREES DEPARTMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the information for Match Officials Guide.

This guide is intended to provide you with all the important information that you need to assist you officiating this season.



MEET YOUR REFEREEING TEAM



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REFEREE KIT & EQUIPMENT

**Official kit and equipment supplier to
Durham County FA match officials**

www.therefstop.co.uk



REFEREE SUPPORT

Durham County FA is keen to ensure that we provide all our match officials with the best possible support.

As well as contacting the team by phone or email we also have a lot of information on our website.

There is information around support for mental health, fitness and nutrition as well as general match day guidance which can be accessed via the tabs below.

[MENTAL HEALTH](#)

[FITNESS & NUTRITION](#)

[MATCH DAY GUIDANCE](#)

We provide all new referees and U18 referees with a red or yellow armband to help raise awareness of new/young referees in the game. This will hopefully allow all to identify them when they are officiating and help improve the environment that they referee in.



REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Durham County Referees' Association is a membership organisation with 8 local associations covering the totality of County Durham. We have an increasingly important role to play as it provides regular liaison with the National RA about topical refereeing and procedural issues to benefit its membership. It is home to some of England's top officials' who regularly pay tribute to DCSAFR and the RA's contribution to their success, demonstrated by the support they give to RA events at all levels from local Association meetings, attendance and presence on their local society's committees through to The National RA Conference every summer.

DCSAFR, through the excellent work of its local referee associations, have a healthy grassroots membership which relies on its the very best training and development from both local referee associations and Durham FA to ensure their progress and personal enjoyment. Its yearly awards night recognises the stellar contributions, ongoing commitment and dedication of its members and is a highlight for all who receive such awards.

At its heart, DCSAFR's key tenets are to provide all its members with excellent training and development, welfare, mentoring and social support - any individuals who are interested in becoming part of this should contact their local society (as detailed in this booklet), as this will permit access to the DCSAFR itself.



REFEREE ASSOCIATION BRANCH DIRECTORY

Social Media

Social media is a great tool to promote positive refereeing stories and search for games.

However please be aware that as a match official you should be careful about what you post, such as opinions on games, players and clubs that you are both involved with and other games.

You can follow us on various platforms:



[@DFARefereesDept](https://twitter.com/DFARefereesDept)



[DurhamFARefsDept](https://www.facebook.com/DurhamFARefsDept)



www.durhamfa.com/referees

You can also use our Facebook to find games or officials:



[Durham County FA Affiliated referees](https://www.facebook.com/DurhamCountyFAAffiliatedReferees)

Discipline

Submitting discipline is an important role of a match official and this can be easily done through the Whole Game System (WGS)

It is important any reports are submitted with 48hrs of the game so that any discipline can be processed.

When carrying out your duties as a referee please ensure that when you caution, dismiss or report any participants that you get their full name at the time rather than rely on any team sheets or websites.

Any offences by managers, coaches or spectators/any discrimination or any incidents outside of a normal caution/dismissal need to be reported as any extraordinary report on the WGS.

Below is some links to help you with any misconduct report:

[TEMPORARY DISMISSALS \(SIN BINS\)](#)

[FA REFEREE GUIDE TO REPORT WRITING](#)

[VIDEO GUIDE TO WGS](#)

[REPORTING DISCRIMINATION](#)

Report all discipline – failure to do so may result in an FA charge

Referee Promotion Pathway

The referee promotion pathway was revised by the FA in season 22/23 which would benefit match officials in that it no longer became a seasonal window.

Instead promotions can now run over into new seasons and is split into 4 opportunities to join or be promoted during a season.

It provides you as a referee with greater flexibility and control over your promotion and referee pathway.

All information relating to the referee promotion pathway can be found on our website:



REFEREE PROMOTION PATHWAY





LEAGUE RULES

DURHAM COUNTY FA LEAGUES

(Sat/Sun)



Match Balls

U7-U10 Size 3 match balls
U12-U14 Size 4 match balls
U18+ Size 5 match balls
All provided by the home club

Substitutes

U7 & U8 – Roll on/Roll off, 5 from 5
U9+ Roll on/Roll off, 7 from 7

Teamsheets

Match day app

League contact

(U12s +) Mark Smith 0191 387 2929 Mark.Smith@DurhamFA.com

(U7s – U10s) Bradley Paul 0191 387 2929 Bradley.Paul@DurhamFA.com

MATCH FEES

Age group	Referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
U7s to U10s	£10 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Invoiced by League
U12s	£20 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Team
U14s	£25 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Team
U15s Girls	£25 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Team
U16s Girls	£30 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Team
U18/U21/U23 /Women	£35 per game	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Team

DURATION

League/cup/Age group	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
U7s & U8s	15	N/A	N/A	League
U9s & U10	25	N/A	N/A	League
U12s	30	N/A	Yes	League
U14s	35	N/A	Yes	League
U15/U16 Girls	40	N/A	Yes	League
U18/U21/U23/ Womens	45	N/A	Yes	League

RUSSELL FOSTER TYNE & WEAR BOYS AND GIRLS LEAGUE

(Sat - AM)



Match Balls

U7-U10 Size 3 match balls

U11-U14 Size 4 match balls

U15+ Size 5 match balls

All provided by the home club

Substitutes

U7 & U8 – Roll on/Roll off, 5 from 5

U9+ Roll on/Roll off, 7 from 7

Teamsheets

9v9 and 11v11 online match return

Mini soccer on day

League contact

Allison Jones 0191 584 2120 Allison.Jones@RFYL.org.uk

www.rfyl.org.uk/

MATCH FEES

Age group	Referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
7'S AND 8'S	£10	N/A	Inclusive of fee	EACH TEAM
9'S & 10'S	£15.00			
11'S & 12'S	£20.00			
13'S & 14'S	£25.00			
15'S & 16'S	£30.00			
17'S & 18'S	£35.00			

DURATION

League/cup/ Age group	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
7'S & 8'S	15	N/A	no	League
9'S & 10'S	25			League
11'S & 12'S	30			Home team/league – central venue teams
13'S & 14'S	35			Home team
15'S & 16'S	40			Home team
17'S & 18'S	45			Home team

TEESIDE JUNIOR FOOTBALL ALLIANCE LEAGUE

(Sat/Sun)



Match Balls

U7-U10 Size 3 match balls

U11-U14 Size 4 match balls

U15+ Size 5 match balls

All provided by the home club

Substitutes

U7 & U8 – Roll on/Roll off, 5 from 5

U9+ Roll on/Roll off, 7 from 7

Teamsheets

Match day App by both teams

Subs to be given to referee prior to KO

League contact

Kevin Close 07793280949 kevin@tjfa.co.uk

www.tjfa.co.uk

MATCH FEES

Age Group	Referee	Assistant Referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
U7 to U10	£15	N/A	Inclusive of fee	Home Club
U11 to U12	£20	£15	Inclusive of fee	Home Club
U13 to U16	£25	£15	Inclusive of fee	Home Club
U17 to U18	£30	£15	Inclusive of fee	Home Club

DURATION

League/Cup/Age group	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
U7 to U8	20	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U9 to U10	25	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U11 to U12	30	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U13 to U14	35	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U15 to U16	40	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U17	45	N/A	Yes	Home Club
U18	45	N/A	Yes	League Appointed



NORTH EAST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE

(Sat- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide match ball

Substitutes

Rolling subs, 5 from 5

Teamsheets

Team sheet provided by home team

League contact

David Wills 0191 286 5258 david.wills@necfl.co.uk

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
Premier Division	£35	N/A	Inclusive	Home Club

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
All Cup Comp	45	15	Yes	League

WEAR SIDE LEAGUE

(Sat- PM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide official Wearside league match ball

Teamsheets

Team sheet and discipline sheet provided

Substitutes

Division 1 – 5 from 5 Subs

Divisions 2 & 3 – 7 Subs roll on roll off

League contact

Steven Futers 07718996504 stevenfuters@gmail.com
www.wearside-football-league.org.uk/

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
Division 1	£40	£30	40ppm	Home club
Division 1 Cups	£40	£30	40ppm	Home club
Division 2 & 3	£30		35ppm	Home club
Division 2 & 3 Cups	£30		35ppm	Home club

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
All Cup Competition	45	No Extra time	yes	League

DARLINGTON SUNDAY INVITATION LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide match ball.

Substitutes

7 from 7

Teamsheets

Completed on matchday app.

League contact

Mark Smith 0191 387 2929 Mark.Smith@DurhamFA.com

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	Referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
League Games	£35	N/A	Inclusive	Home club
Cup Games	£35	£25	Inclusive	Split Between both Clubs

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
All Games	45	15	yes	League



SUNDERLAND SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide match ball, unless a final in which league provide

Substitutes

7 from 7, rolling subs

Teamsheets

Completed online post game

League contact

Colin Stores 07525790139 Colin.Stores@sunderlandsundayleague.org.uk

www.sunderlandsundayleague.org.uk/

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
League Matches	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Home club
Cup Matches	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Split between clubs
Cup Semi Finals	£35	£30	Inclusive of travel	Split between clubs

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
League Matches	45	N/A	N/A	League
Cup Matches	45	N/A	Yes	League

STOCKTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide 2 match balls

Substitutes

7 allowed

Teamsheets

Each team submits a match sheet to the referee before kick off

League contact

Ken Clark 07504303153 ken.clark@stocktonsundayleague.org.uk
www.stocktonsundayleague.org.uk/

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
Divisions & Cup	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Home club

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
League & Cup	45	0	yes	League

HARTLEPOOL ORANGETBOX SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide match ball

Substitutes

7 from 7

Teamsheets

Both teams to provided teamsheet

League contact

Jonathan Lyver 07395124072 JonnyHSFL@outlook.co.uk

www.hartlepoonsundayleague.co.uk

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
League/Cup Matches	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Home club

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
League Matches	45	N/A	N/A	League
Cup Matches	45	15	Yes	League

SWINBURNE MADDISON DURHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide 2 match balls

Substitutes

9 from 9, rolling subs

Teamsheets

Clubs exchange Team Sheets 20 Mins before Kick off and must present the Referee with Team sheet including Subs 10 Mins before game commences.

League contact

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www.ddsfl.co.uk/

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
All Divisions	£35	£25	Inclusive of travel	Home club

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
All Games	45	No Extra Time	Yes	League



CM FLOORING CONSETT & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide 2 match balls, one must be an alternative colour

Substitutes

7 from 7, rolling subs

Teamsheets

Both teams to provide teamsheet 15mins prior to kick off.

League contact

Martin Bunting 07843573047 bunty180@yahoo.com

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
Both divisions	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Each club pays half fee.
All cups	£35	£20 – where appointed.	Inclusive of travel	Each club pays half fee.

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
Both divisions	45	N/A	N/A	League
All cups	45	None	Yes	League

GEOL CONSULTANTS LTD PETERLEE & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

(Sun- AM)



Match Balls

Home team to provide match balls, except for cup final.

Substitutes

5 from 5, rolling subs

Teamsheets

Hand written team sheet at game, online match return post game.

League contact

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www.pdsl.org.uk/

MATCH FEES

League/Cup	referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
League	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Home Club
Cups	£35	N/A	Inclusive of travel	Each club pays half fee.

DURATION

League/cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
League	45	N/A	N/A	League
Cups	45	N/A	Yes	League

**APOLLO FACILITY
MANAGEMENT NORTH EAST
JUNIOR LEAGUE**

League contact

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**SUNDERLAND & DISTRICT
MILL VIEW SOCIAL 040s
LEAGUE**

League contact

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**SOUTH SHIELDS SUNDAY
LEAGUE**

League contact

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SUNDERLAND ACADEMY

(Sat/Sun)



Match Balls

U7-U10 Size 3 match balls
U11-U14 Size 4 match balls
U15+ Size 5 match balls
All provided by the home club

Substitutes

U7 & U8 – Roll on/Roll off, 5 from 5
U9+ Roll on/Roll off, 7 from 7

Teamsheets

9v9 and 11v11 online match return
Mini soccer on day

Club contact

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MATCH FEES

Age group	Referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
U9 - U16	£30	£20	Inclusive of fee	SAFC via BCAS
U18 & U21	As Per Dev rules			

DURATION

League dependent - TBC

COUNTY CUP RULES



Match Balls

See competition rules

Teamsheets

See competition rules

Substitutes

See competition rules

COMPETITION RULES

Competition contact

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MATCH FEES

Cup	Referee	Assistant referee	Travel Expenses	Paid by
Challenge	£50	£30	N/A	Home Club
Sunday/Minor/Womens/ Youth/U18s Sunday	£35	£25	N/A	Home Club
Trophy	£40	£30	N/A	Home Club
Youth Minor U16s/ U16s Girls	£30	£23	N/A	Home Club
U14s/U13s/ U14s Girls	£25	£20	N/A	Home Club
U12s Girls	£20	£15	N/A	Home Club

DURATION

Cup	Duration (mins each way)	Extra time (mins each way)	Penalties (yes/no)	Appointed by
Challenge	45	N/A	yes	County
Sunday/Minor/Womens/ Youth/U18s Sunday	45	N/A	yes	County
Trophy	45	N/A	yes	County
Youth Minor U16s/ U16s Girls	40	N/A	yes	County
U14s/U13s/ U14s Girls	35	N/A	Yes	County
U12s Girls	30	N/A	Yes	County



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