

ESSEX COUNTY FA REGULATIONS

LEARNERS AND REGISTRATION

Applications from learners, resident within the county of Essex, to be placed on the referees' register of the Essex County Football Association, may be made at any time on the prescribed application form.

A learner, upon passing the examination, is expected to register at once, and will then be issued with a certificate of registration, on payment of the registration fee of £20.00.

RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

The annual referee registration fee for all referees is £20.00 and will be made via the Referee Registration Portal (<https://refereeregistration.thefa.com>). The referee registration period for each season will open on the 1st June and from the 1st July of each season referees must be registered in order to accept and officiate fixtures (including preseason fixtures, festivals and tournaments).

To enable the association to: (a) submit names of referees to be registered with The Football Association; (b) deal with the referee progression pathway, and (c) make recommendations to leagues and competitions, **RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION BY THE DATE SPECIFIED EACH SEASON IS ESSENTIAL**. Referees shall, upon request, produce satisfactory proof of date of birth.

The association reserves the right to re-examine any referee who has been inactive for any period.

Registered referees shall not officiate in matches played by clubs outside the jurisdiction of a County Football Association or the Football Association.

REGISTRATION

The County FA will send out notifications relating to the referee re-registration process, and how referees will be able to complete their renewals, via the Referee Registration Portal (<https://refereeregistration.thefa.com>) at the start of the next year.

REFEREE PROGRESSION PATHWAY PROCEDURE

THE REFEREE PROGRESSION PATHWAY SEASON SHALL COMMENCE ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY AND END ON THE LAST DAY OF APRIL AND FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY AND END ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER (FOR THE LEVEL 5 TO 4 REFEREE PROGRESSION PATHWAY ANNUAL ONLY).

Leagues affiliated to the association shall operate a 1-100 system of club marking of referees for all games. They shall keep a record of the number of games taken and the marks gained by each referee and shall submit copies of these records (for matches between 1st July and 30th April each year) to the Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB by 31st May each year. In the case of Level 6, 7 and Y1 referees applying for promotion, and refereeing on a youth league, the league shall also keep a record of the number of games taken and the marks gained by each referee in matches of Under 18s status. The league shall submit these records in a similar manner. The association would welcome, in addition, any observations the league may wish to make relevant to the ability of its referees.

Level 6 and 7 referees applying for referee progression may also receive Match Day Coaching visits on veterans football league(s). The association is fortunate in having the assistance of a number of

both active and retired referees to carry out observations and match day coaching visits for candidates.

As the scheme entails a deal of organisation, a referee must fully furnish the information requested by the association by returning the forms provided - in the case of Level 6 to Level 5, Level 7 to Level 6, Level Y1 to Level Y2 and Level 4W to Level 3W referees, to the Referee Development Manager/Officer.

It is imperative that everything be done to prevent Observers and Match Day Coaches making needless journeys. Referees should note, therefore, that they **must** immediately indicate any change or cancellation of a previously notified appointment.

For referees' own advantage they should be meticulous in providing the fullest possible information. It will be appreciated that failure to do this, adequately, will not only handicap the scheme, but must inevitably react unfavourably against the referee when referee progression outcomes are being considered.

Referees wishing to be considered for referee progression must apply to the Referees Development Manager/Officer, Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB.

On receipt of the application, referees will be sent confirmation that they have been accepted onto the referee progression pathway.

Although the closing date for re-registration is 30th June, the association, each season, will request referees applying for referee progression or for nominations to or retention on Step 5&6 to re-register by a stated date in August. Referees must register by the date notified.

Opportunities for the association to make nominations to Step 5&6 leagues to include referees on their lists are very limited, but every advantage is taken of each invitation. Serious and careful consideration is given to the names submitted.

The association, through its Observers, Match Day Coaches and other channels, secures considerable information about its referees. In many cases this can be profitably passed on to the referee to assist him/her to remedy faults and improve his/her efficiency. Where this applies, the referee is always given such information by the association on the prescribed form. No application is necessary. If a form is not received, then they should contact the Referee Development Manager/Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Referees should attend to correspondence quickly. This greatly assists busy officials and indicates a keen and alert referee.

PRIORITY OF COUNTY CUP APPOINTMENTS

The Essex Senior Cup, together with all other County Cup Competitions and Semi-Final and Final Ties appointments, take priority over all other appointments, excepting those of The Football Association The Premier League and The Football League. Referees and assistant referees originally appointed to such matches on the prescribed cup tie dates, as detailed in the cup draw sheets, must accept the appointments unless release has been sought and obtained from the County Football Association. To obtain release from a County Cup appointment, a referee must make an immediate application to

the association, stating the reason for his request. The decision of the association shall be final. The Referees' Committee has power to deal with any breaches of this regulation, as it may deem fit.

REFEREES' CLOTH BADGES

Referees should wear the association's badge when officiating. Additional badges are obtainable for purchase, priced at £2.92 excluding VAT, from the Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB.

REFEREE APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES

SATURDAY ADULT MALE COMPETITIONS

Chelmsford & District Churches League

Christopher Cottrell: christophercottrell1984@hotmail.com

Essex & Suffolk Border League

Matthew Jarvis: mattsjarvis@hotmail.co.uk

Essex Alliance League

Michael Locke: mikehbifa@aol.com

Essex Veterans League

Ryan Anderson: evlreferees@gmail.com

Christopher Crawford: evlreferees@gmail.com

Mid Essex Football League

Joseph Turnpenny: turnpennyjoe11@gmail.com

ProKit UK Essex Olympian League

Keith Barron: keith.barron2@xerox.com

SUNDAY ADULT MALE COMPETITIONS

Braintree & North Essex Sunday League

Dylan Grego: dylangregog2000@gmail.com

Brentwood Sunday League

Brian Taylor: brian.taylor11118@yahoo.co.uk

Chelmsford Sunday League

Martin Smith: martinsmith75@btinternet.com

Colchester & District Sunday League

Simon Lewis: clareandsimonlewis@hotmail.co.uk

Essex Sunday Corinthian League

Michael Locke: mikehbifa@aol.com

Harlow & District Sunday League

Sarfraz Idrees: sarfrazidrees@hotmail.com

Sceptre Sunday League

Stuart Nixon: stunixon@hotmail.com

Southend & Basildon Sunday League

Simon Caton: refsec@southendsunday.co.uk

Southend Borough Combination Veterans League

Kirk Edwards: kirkedwards77@hotmail.com

Thurrock Association Sunday League

David Leeks: dave.leeks86@gmail.com

SUNDAY FEMALE COMPETITIONS**Eastern Region Women's League (Essex-Based Clubs)**

Lukas Wood: closed.dates@essexfa.com

Essex County Women's League

Jonathan Smith: jonathan.smith@blueyonder.co.uk

Essex County Girls' League

Adam Gordon: adspengo@hotmail.com

SUNDAY YOUTH COMPETITIONS**Blackwater & Dengie Youth League**

Matthew Jarvis: referees@bdyfl.org

Brentwood Community Football Alliance

Justin Wiseman: referees@bcfayl.co.uk

Stephen Hull: referees@bcfayl.co.uk

Colchester & District Youth League

Carl Abbott: referees@colchesteranddistrictyouthleague.com

Eastern Junior Alliance League

Simon Marzell: ref@eja.org.uk

Echo Junior League

Carly Evans: echoreferees@gmail.com

David Evans: echoreferees@gmail.com

Southend & District Junior Sunday League

Carol Henwood: carolhenwood49@aol.com