



REFEREE PROGRESSION PATHWAY

WELCOME

We are delighted you have joined the referee progression pathway. This pack provides the information you need to meet the requirements and focus on developing your refereeing.

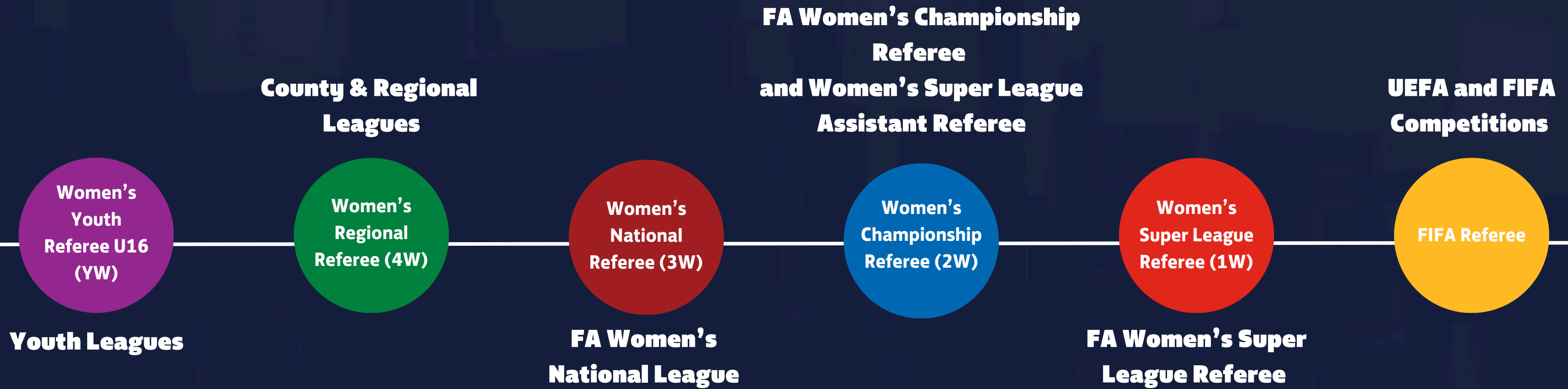
The pathway lets you control your progress up the referee ladder at your own pace. With four opportunities for Levels Y1-Y2, 7-6, and 6-5, you can achieve your goals without waiting until the end of the season. Levels 5-4 and 4W-3W follow a year-long process. With online development modules, Laws of the Game exams, Match Day Coaches and Observers, your opportunities to progress are greater than ever.

Your County FA is here to guide you through this pathway. Feel free to contact them with any questions.

Good luck and enjoy your games, on behalf of the Football Association.



WOMEN'S GAME PATHWAY





MEN'S GAME REFEREE PATHWAY

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Youth Leagues

County Football Leagues

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Step 5/6 Referee



UEFA and FIFA Competitions

Premier League Referee

EFL Championship Referee

National League & EFL Referee

National League North/South Referee

Step 3/4 Referee





LEVEL Y1 - Y2

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Welcome to your Level Y1 – Y2 progression pathway information. If this is your first step on the progression pathway please ensure you take note of the information below. On this page you'll find the criteria for promotion to level Y2, your laws of the game exam and a match record sheet to keep track of all of your games. Your County FA will be able to support in confirming when your CPD will be delivered.

Referee	AR	Developer Visits	CPD	Fitness Test	LOTG
20 (U14 and Below)	N/A	2	0	No	1 online form

LOTG

You can complete your mandatory laws of the game via the following [link](#). Your County FA will automatically be informed of your results. To pass this exam you require a score of 12/15, each question is worth one mark. To access the 2024/2025 Laws of the Game click [here](#).

MATCH RECORD SHEET

We recommend you keep track of the games you officiate throughout the course of the season so ensure you're meeting the criteria.

MATCH DAY COACHING

Throughout the course of the season you'll be required to receive 2 match day coaching visits. These coaches will be appointed by your County FA to watch you Referee and provide feedback on your performance.



LEVEL 7 - 6
CRITERIA

LEVEL 7 - 6

Welcome to your Level 7-6 progression pathway information. If this is your first step on the progression pathway please ensure you take note of the information below. On this page you'll find the criteria for promotion to level 6, your laws of the game exam and a match record sheet to keep track of all of your games. Your County FA will be able to support in confirming when your CPD will be delivered.

Referee	AR	Developer Visits	CPD	Fitness Test	LOTG
25 - Minimum 10 games in adult football	5	2	2	No	1

LOTG

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LEVEL 6 - 5 CRITERIA

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Welcome to your Level 6-5 progression pathway information. Please ensure you take note of the information below. On this page you'll find the criteria for promotion to level 5, your laws of the game exam and a match record sheet to keep track of all of your games. Your County FA will be able to support in confirming when your CPD will be delivered.

Referee	AR	Developer Visits	CPD	Fitness Test	LOTG
25 - Adult (U21s+) games	5	2	3	No	1

LOTG

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LEVEL 5 - 4
CRITERIA

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Welcome to your Level 5-4 progression pathway information.

This is the final step on the Referee progression please ensure you take note of the information below. On this page you'll find the criteria for promotion to level 4, your laws of the game exam and a match record sheet to keep track of all of your games. As a 5-4 promotion candidate you'll either be in the seasonal or annual process.

Referee	AR	Developer Visits	CPD	Fitness Test	LOTG
25 - Adult (U21s+) games	15	4	5	Yes	3 x Online

CPD

Your CPD for the season will be provided by The Football Association directly. This will come in the form of 5 x online modules and 3 laws of the game exams. Your log in to The FA Referee Departments online management system will be provided to you directly. If you've not received your log in by the 6th September 2024 please contact your County FA

MATCH RECORD SHEET

We recommend you keep track of the games you officiate throughout the course of the season so ensure you're meeting the criteria.

OBSERVATIONS

Throughout the course of the season you'll be required to receive 4 observations. These observers will be appointed by your County FA to watch you Referee and provide feedback on your performance.



LEVEL 4W - 3W
CRITERIA



LEVEL 4W - 3W

Welcome to your Level 4W-3W promotion pathway information.

If this is your first step on the progression pathway please ensure you take note of the information below. On this page you'll find the criteria for promotion to level 3W, your laws of the game exam and a match record sheet to keep track of all of your games. Your County FA will be able to support in confirming when your CPD will be delivered.

Referee	AR	Developer Visits	CPD	Fitness Test	LOTG
20 - minimum of 15 within FA WP - T5 & 6	3	4	5	Yes	3 x Online

CPD

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MATCH RECORD SHEET

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OBSERVATIONS

Throughout the course of the season you'll be required to receive 4 observation. These observers will be appointed by your County FA to watch you Referee and provide feedback on your performance.



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