

ESSEX COUNTY FA REGULATIONS

Candidates and Registration

Applications from candidates, 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 Candidate, 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.

A Candidate failing to pass the examination shall be entitled to a second examination in the same season without further fee, but may not be re-examined until at least one month has elapsed.

Renewal and Cancellation of Registration

The Annual Registration Fee for all Referees is £20.00, payable on or before the 30th April, or upon first application for registration, and shall be accompanied by the appropriate Application Form, fully completed.

To enable the Association to: (a) submit names of Referees to be registered with The Football Association; (b) deal with Promotion, 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 re-registration process, and how match officials will be able to complete their renewals, via the Whole Game System at the start of the next year.

Examinations

Examinations of Candidates will be held in various parts of the County as and when necessary, and details of successful Candidates will be forwarded to Referee Appointments Secretaries.

Promotion Procedure

THE PROMOTION SEASON SHALL COMMENCE ON THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH AND END ON THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY.

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 March and 28th February each year) to the Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB by 14th March each year. In the case of Level 7 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 16s, Under 17s and 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 7 Referees applying for promotion may also be assessed on the highest division of a Veterans Football League. The Association is fortunate in having the assistance of a number of both active and retired senior referees to assess candidates for promotion by observing them in action.

As the scheme entails a deal of organisation, a candidate must fully furnish the information requested by the Association by returning the forms provided - in the case of Level 6 to Level 5 candidates, to the Referee Development Officer, and in the case of Level 7 to Level 6 candidates, to their appropriate Area Assessing Secretary.

It is imperative that everything be done to prevent Assessors making needless journeys. Candidates should note, therefore, that they MUST intimate immediately any change or cancellation of a previously notified appointment.

For Candidates' 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 promotion is being considered.

Referees wishing to be considered for promotion must apply to the Referees Development Officer, Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB between the inclusive dates of 1st January to 1st March for the following season's promotions.

On receipt of the form, candidates will be sent confirmation that they have been accepted onto the promotion scheme and they must complete and return the first form by the date stipulated in the correspondence.

Although the closing date for Re-Registration is 30th April, the Association, each season, will request referees applying for promotion or for nominations to or retention on Supply Leagues (Step 5) to re-register by a stated date in March. Candidates must register by the date notified. This is necessary to allow time to collect information for the 'Promotions Meetings'.

Opportunities for the Association to make nominations to Supply 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 assessors 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 their Assessing Secretary.

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 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 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 Director of Referees 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 £1.20 including VAT, from the Essex County FA, The County Office, Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, CM2 5LB.

REFEREE APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES

SATURDAY ADULT MALE COMPETITIONS

COLCHESTER & EAST ESSEX LEAGUE

Ron Bennett, 01206 973 215, ronbennett388@gmail.com

ESSEX ALLIANCE LEAGUE

Alan Spike, 07968 511 816, alan.spike@hotmail.com

GREENE KING ESSEX VETERANS LEAGUE

Martin Berry, 07828 119 562, martinberry@blueyonder.co.uk

NORTH ESSEX VETERANS LEAGUE

Denis Angell, 07527 013 620, mesl@talktalkbusiness.net

SOUTHEND BOROUGH & DISTRICT FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Matthew Davis, 07453 261 972, matthewjamesdavis112@gmail.com

SUNDAY ADULT MALE COMPETITIONS

BASILDON & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

John Farrant, 07788 997 497, john.farrant@blueyonder.co.uk

BRAINTREE & NORTH ESSEX SUNDAY LEAGUE

Martin Weavers, 07930 445 102, martin@martinweavers.co.uk

BRENTWOOD SUNDAY LEAGUE

John Cawson, 07528 759 191, jcawson@blueyonder.co.uk

CHELMSFORD INVITATION LEAGUE

Jeremy Mott, 07740 482 595, j.mott@hotmail.co.uk

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

Simon Lewis, 07709 038 930, clareandsimonlewis@hotmail.co.uk

DAGENHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

Gary Baker, 07811 499 506, gary.baker276@yahoo.co.uk

ESSEX SUNDAY CORINTHIAN LEAGUE

Mike Locke, 07708 882 495, mikehbifa@aol.com

ESSEX SUNDAY FOOTBALL COMBINATION

James Brown, 07717 131 311, jamesbrown1948@hotmail.com

HARLOW & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

Sarfraz Idrees, 07773 476 316, sarfrazidrees@hotmail.com

POPE & SMITH CHELMSFORD SUNDAY LEAGUE

Martin Smith, 07939 210 560, martinsmith75@btinternet.com

ROMFORD & DISTRICT CHURCHES LEAGUE

José Cano, 07944 197 387, jose_cano@yahoo.com

SCEPTRE SUNDAY LEAGUE

Peter Elvidge, 07825 411 693, peter.elvidge@btinternet.com

SOUTHEND SUNDAY LEAGUE

Simon Caton, 07812 199 141, siadi@hotmail.co.uk

SOUTHEND BOROUGH COMBINATION VETERANS

Kirk Edwards, 07771 847 919, kirkedwards77@hotmail.com

SOUTH ESSEX SUNDAY LEAGUE

Sam Wigington, 07809 190 872 samwigington87@gmail.com

THURROCK ASSOCIATION SUNDAY LEAGUE

John Whitnell, 07949 021 416, johnwhitnell@gmail.com

ADULT FEMALE COMPETITIONS

EASTERN REGION WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Essex-Based Clubs)

James Lisher, 01245 393 097, james.lisher@essexfa.com

ESSEX COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Jonathan Smith, 07540 049 315, jonathan.smith@blueyonder.co.uk

YOUTH COMPETITIONS

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

Mark Rose, 07540 269 646, markanthonyrose@googlemail.com

BLACKWATER & DENGIE YOUTH LEAGUE

Dave Ingle, 07914 689 306, d_ingle@talktalk.net

CHELMSFORD YOUTH LEAGUE

Robert Reynolds, 07908 142 968, r.reynolds.cyfl@gmail.com

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT YOUTH LEAGUE

Tracy Blanchett, 01206 738 920, referees@colchesteranddistrictyouthleague.com

ECHO JUNIOR LEAGUE

Robert Sedgwick, 07961 417 303, ref.sec.rob@aol.co.uk

ESSEX COUNTY GIRLS' LEAGUE

Howard Mackler, 01702 716 007 or 07792 426 156, hmackler@hotmail.com

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT JUNIOR SUNDAY LEAGUE

Carol Henwood, 07557 965 080, carolhenwood49@aol.com