

YES, I'd like to join the A.F.C. Referees' Panel

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AMATEUR FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(founded 2002)

www.amateurfootballcombination.com

Formerly

The Old Boys' Football League
The Southern Olympian League
& The London Financial Football Association



AFFILIATED TO:-

THE AMATEUR FOOTBALL ALLIANCE

LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION

SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION

AFC Spirit of Football

In 2005-06 the A.F.C. launched its Spirit of Football Campaign, aimed at emphasising and reinforcing the ethos which we believe to be essential to our game, both traditionally and in the future. This has been embraced by clubs, players and referees, and we hope will prove to be an integral part of the league for years to come.

The Spirit of Football

Football is a game that owes much of its worldwide appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the **Spirit of the Game**. Any action which is abuses this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The **Major Responsibility** for ensuring the spirit of fair play on the field of play rests with the **Captains and Managers**.

Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws, the Referee is the **Sole Judge of Fair and Unfair Play**. Captains are expected to ensure that all decisions are accepted without dispute.

Players' Conduct

Any player who shows dissent by word or action is liable to disciplinary action by the referee which should be supported by the captain and manager.

Spirit of the Game

The Spirit of the Game involves showing **Respect** for:

- Your opponents and their team officials
- Your own captain and team
- The referee and assistant referees
- Supporters and spectators of all ages
- The Game's traditional values

It is **Against** the Spirit of the Game

- To protest against the referee's decisions
- To use offensive, abusive or insulting language or gestures towards anyone before, during or after a match
- To indulge in cheating, gamesmanship, time-wasting or any other unsporting behaviour

Captains, managers and officials together set the tone for the conduct of a football match.

EVERY PLAYER IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS

History of the A.F.C.

The Amateur Football Combination was founded in 2002 as a result of a merger between The Old Boys' Football League and The Southern Olympian League and in 2006 was joined by the London Financial Football Association.

We currently have around 100 clubs, fielding about 350 teams each week (clubs run any number from one to ten sides per club), mostly from colleges, Old Students Associations and Business Houses.



Catchment Area

The A.F.C. clubs play on Saturday afternoons in and around the Greater London Area, from Kent to Surrey, Berkshire to Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire to Essex and London itself. Most, but not all, clubs play within the M25.

Our Senior Divisions are not regionalised – the best players are prepared to travel to play the highest standard of football possible, but below the senior divisions the league is grouped into regions:- North, West, South West and South East to provide more regionalised football for the lower divisions.

Referees can offer to officiate in as small or large an area as they wish. Whether you only want to travel a short distance, or are happy to travel further to visit a wider range of clubs we're happy to embrace you.

Standard of Football

There is plenty of scope within the league for all referees and all are very welcome and can be assured of a game at an appropriate level, regardless of whether you want to referee regularly in the A.F.C., or more occasionally.

The standard at Senior Level is high, suiting level 6 and 7 referees seeking promotion and also level 5 referees coming out of Supply and Contributory Leagues. In lower divisions it is ideal for newly qualified and trainee referees starting out on their careers, as well as the veteran looking for a run out on a Saturday afternoon in a friendly environment.

Match Fees and Hospitality

Match Fees are reviewed annually and for season 2007-08 are £27.00 for Referees and £21.00 for Assistants when appointed, inclusive of travelling.

The league emphasises high standards of hospitality as well as sportsmanship. All clubs have a club house or hospitality venue and are expected to welcome Referees and opposition to stay for food and drinks after games.

Communications

The league website provides up-to-date news including Results, Tables, Fixtures, Appointments and much more. Our annual handbook is given to all referees in September. Refereeing appointments are e-mailed or posted to all match officials every week.



Cup Competitions

Officials from the Referees' Panel are appointed to both the London Old Boys' Cup and London Financial Football Association Cup Competitions.



Representative Team

The League's Representative Team plays prestigious fixtures against other League Representative Teams, within the A.F.A plus the Yorkshire Old Boys, Cambridge and Oxford Universities. League Officials are appointed for Home matches.

Annual Dinner

The end of season highlight is the Annual Dinner. We present League and Cup Trophies, Long Service Awards and Referee Awards. Guest speakers in recent years have included Jack Charlton, Frank Worthington and Gary Richardson.

Come and Join Us

We are always keen to recruit reliable referees. If you would like to join our panel please complete and return the form overleaf, or visit the referees section of the website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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