

REFEREE COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Referee Cup Final Appointments – used a combination of average marks, matches completed and feedback from Ian on admin. Also involved the regional referee secretaries (although only Harry responded). Seemed to go well. Question for the future, it would be good to add to referee registration form whether referees are willing to travel for finals as can be limited by current zonal system.
- Awards again were delivered using a similar process but also incorporating Ian's knowledge of long service and retirements. For the future, would be interesting to tweak the criteria to recognise different categories be potentially have a specific long-service award.
- Survey has been drafted and circulated to Exec and referee development members for feedback – this will help inform the next stage of the plan in addition to hopefully identifying potential people to get involved.
- Through Bart's good work, the matchday protocol has been highlighted. it would be good to reiterate this ahead of next season and to track some of the marks to see which areas are falling down.
- Finally, Harry has been working hard with Tim Lawrence at Surrey FA and has reported that the AFC is now a promotion league from Level 6 to Level 5. I haven't had official confirmation of this through yet, but if we could get this confirmed, that would be a good step forward.

Key questions to consider

1. Use of club assistant referees. Would the league consider having referees use managers or substitutes as assistant referees for games?
2. Survey (attached separately)