

**The full Referee's Course now has five modules:**

**Module One – Knowledge of the Laws**

**Pre-course study (up to 10 hours) Course Introduction (2 Hours)**

At the course introduction an appraisal of the pre-course work will be carried out to ensure that candidates have achieved a reasonable basic knowledge of the Laws. Candidates will also receive an introduction to the course and watch a DVD illustrating the benefits and opportunities of refereeing. A 'Knowledge of the Laws' certificate will be presented to those who pass their Module One 'Assessment of Knowledge' paper.

**Module Two - Application of the Laws**

**Up to eight evenings (Minimum 15 hours)**

Module 2 will relate theory to practice and involve application of the Laws and practical aspects of refereeing. Use will be made of group work, role play and assessment of video/DVD material. Some courses will (as advertised) be practically based and include on-field interactive activities.

Between Modules 2 and 3 Safeguarding Children in Football (formerly Child Protection) training will be provided and candidates aged 18 or over will be required to complete a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure form.

**Module Three – Examination (1.5 Hours)**

Depending on whether your course was predominantly theoretical (classroom based) or practical (on the field of play) the exam process will consist of two elements from the three listed below.

- Written element – application of law (theoretical and practical courses)
- Theory examination using DVD incidents (theoretical course and used as an assessment tool for the practical course)
- Practical on field assessment (practical courses only)

Candidates will also be expected to complete a misconduct report form, based on a DVD match incident and an eyesight test.

On successful completion of Course Modules One, Two and Three you will be registered as a Level 9 Trainee Referee with the Hertfordshire FA.

**Module Four - Probation Period**

During the probation period Level 9 Trainee Referees must referee at least six 11-a-side matches. Mentor-style support and appraisal will be provided wherever possible. Candidates will also be involved with self-evaluation of their own performance and performance evaluation of others.

**Module Five - Newly Qualified Referees In-Service Training (2 Hours)**

Level 9 Trainee Referees are required to attend an In-Service Training evening on subjects relating to their on-field experiences. In addition, advice will be available on fitness, warm-up / cool-down techniques and making the most of refereeing opportunities.

**On successful completion of the 5 Basic Referee Training Modules you will receive an FA Certificate of Qualification and will progress from being a Level 9 (Trainee Referee) to either a Level 8 (Youth Referee) or a Level 7 (Junior Referee) depending on your age.**