



## Referee Update



### Referee Mentors Wanted

The mentoring offered to candidates has been a joint venture with London FA. However, this highlights the need for more AFA mentors. If you are a referee, even recently qualified yourself, you will have much to offer to a newly qualified trainee.

Please consider offering your services as a mentor – it can be truly rewarding as you see your trainee making massive leaps forward in their refereeing ability, and is a huge motivational factor to assist newly qualified referee (NQR) to remain in the game. Just being on the other end of the phone as part of the support network for a NQR is of great assistance.

### Promotion

The marking year for referees closed on the last day in February, so all those referees who have applied for promotion are eagerly awaiting the results of their labours. Those who have been committed, worked hard, and taken on board constructive criticism and encouragement from assessors, will have maximised their chance of success

If there are any referees who wish to apply for promotion but have not yet done so, please contact John Cooke urgently to be considered. You will be offered more challenging matches, and will have the benefit of being observed by at least three different assessors over the season who will offer you advice and hints and tips to improve your performance.

### Organise a Referees Course at Your Club

We all know there is a shortage of referees, but that's someone else's problem isn't it? Have you ever criticised a referee?, could you do better?

If your club would like to run a referee's course then please contact the Referee Development Team TODAY!

Refereeing is an art and a science. You need to know the Laws and then have the ability to apply them. Constructively. This is the challenge!

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# FA Charter Standard Club Programme

## Annual Health Check 2010/11

Changes are being made to the Charter Standard Club Programme which will in the long term be more beneficial to clubs.

The 3 year renewal process is being replaced by the Annual Health Check (AHC) which comes in to place in July 2010. Therefore this means that clubs due to renew before this will be put on hold and the AHC completed.

The AHC will be a pre-populated form from our County Administration System (CAS) with the majority of information already completed. This will be sent out by your CFA to the Club Secretary or Charter Standard administrator. It is hoped eventually clubs will be able to download the Annual Health Check form from Member Services

Below is a breakdown of the process:

1. Affiliation process
  - 1.1. Club completes affiliation form as normal identifying coaches and managers for each team
2. CFA Annual Health Check report produced by CAS
  - 2.1. CAS produces a report detailing all CS Clubs details
3. Individual Club Health Checks created
4. Form Completed by club (with guidance and support provided)
5. Form returned to County FA with requirements identified
6. County FA support club in planning to adhere to criteria
7. Club complete criteria or plan to achieve criteria
  - 7.1. Clubs have 12 months with in which to qualify their coaches
8. County FA complete Club's Annual Health Check on CAS
9. Certificate and rewards sent to Club
10. CFA sample clubs to Quality Assure

All CFA's through CAS will be able to track which clubs have completed and returned their AHC.

Once we have the returned forms we will be able to complete the tick list of criteria on CAS our end and finalise your clubs AHC.

Dates	Action
May - August 2010	Affiliation
From July 2010	CFA Annual Health Checks Club
From August 2010	Health Checks Reports
By 31st January 2011	Clubs to Analyse / complete Club Health Check form & return to CFA
31st March 2011	If not by 31st March CS Suspended
Sept 2010 - March 2011	County FA Club support
Sept 2010 - June 2011	Club to plan to adhere to criteria
Sept 2010 - May 2011	CFA to complete Club Annual Health Check form on CAS
30 June 2011	CS Club not contacted CFA / not meeting criteria or not planned to meet criteria - CS expired

# Annual Health Check 2010 / 11

## FAQ - *some answers*

- Annual Health Check replaces 3 year renewal process
- March – June 2010 work with clubs to ensure they meet criteria. Start with those who would have had to renew in 2010.
- FA to provide a toolkit for CFA's to support Annual Health Check
- Continued communication with clubs from FA to make them aware of the Annual Health Check – letters, emails, CS newsletters
- Certificates etc will be sent from The Media Group once CS Club Health Check page completed by CFA's
- Certificates will state that the club has completed AHC for season 2010/11. CAS history will say AHC complete 2010/11
- Clubs that complete AHC 2010/11 will remain as CS until 1st July 2012. If they don't complete the 2011/12 AHC they will lose their status on 1st July 2012

## Level 2 Coaching

Congratulations to Terry Barlow (Bealonians), Ryan Cross (Lea Valley Youth), Keith Johnston (Polytechnic),

Dan O'Connell (Crouch End Vampires) and Stuart Richards and Mark Esiri (UCL Academicals), who all passed the Level 2 (UEFA B part 1) Coaching Certificate in January.

The course started last August and, after the initial week of training, candidates completed tasks in their coaching portfolios before being issued with topics for their mock and final assessments.

The next Level 2 course will be in Potters Bar on the following dates:

**Thursday 22nd July** – Induction Evening, 7pm – 10pm

**Monday 26th to Friday 30th July** – Practical and Theory, 9am – 5pm

**Monday 6th September** – Safeguarding Children Workshop, 7pm – 10pm

**Monday 13th September** – Emergency Aid 7pm – 10pm

**Monday 20th September** – Support Evening, 7pm – 10pm

**Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th October** – Mock Assessments

**Thursday 28th and Friday 29th October** – Final Assessment (TBC)

Cost: **£300**. AFA Charter Standard Clubs: **£250**

If you would like to enrol or get further information, please contact Samantha Brown at the AFA office on **0208 733 2613** (option 4) or [samantha.brown@amateur-fa.com](mailto:samantha.brown@amateur-fa.com)



# Charter Standard Club Prize Draw!



For a chance to win £100 in UMBRO vouchers please answer the following question:

What is the name of the trophy which was awarded to Brazil for winning the World Cup three times?

Send your answers into Samantha by Friday 9th April and the winner will be announced the following week.

Good luck!

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## FA/McDonald's Level 1 certificate in Coaching Football

Each season McDonald's in partnership with The FA and County FA's provide funding for a Level 1 course to be delivered.

The AFA will be holding their McDonald's run course on the following dates:

**Saturday 22nd May 2010** – Practical & Theory (9am-4pm)

**Tuesday 25th May 2010** – Safeguarding Children Workshop (7-10pm)

**Saturday 29th May 2010** – Practical & Theory (9am-4pm)

**Tuesday 1st June 2010** – Emergency Aid Course (7-10pm)

**Saturday 5th June 2010** – Final Assessment (9am-4pm)

Venue: St. Thomas More School, Glendale Avenue, Wood Green, London N22 5HN



This particular course is open to and free for Charter Standard Clubs in recognition of their commitment to being Charter Standard and improving the game for its club members.

To register your interest please contact Samantha on [samantha.brown@amateur-fa.com](mailto:samantha.brown@amateur-fa.com)

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