



MENTOR AREA

STAGE 9: Applying for promotion

Every referee starts at the bottom of the ladder, and most will seek to climb it, with their ambition being to reach the top. In order to make your ambitions a reality, you'll have to apply for promotion at some stage. Here's a helpful guide taking you through the criteria that you will need in order to apply to promotion along with information on what is involved in the promotion process.

How do I apply for promotion?

You can only start applying for promotion when you are a level 7 referee, meaning you have gained fully qualified status having refereed your initial matches. Furthermore, you will also need at least one season under your belt before you are eligible to apply for promotion.



Whilst you are still a lower level, you can apply for promotion by emailing the referee development officer at your county FA, stating that you wish to apply for promotion for the following season. The promotion season begins in March and providing you are on the County FA's referee register, they will likely email you with further details about this

anyway. You will have to pay a fee, usually between £20 and £40, which covers the cost of the assessors and admin.

As you rise up the ranks and reach level 3/4, you can't apply for promotion as you'll be assessed on a regular basis anyway. Those referees who achieve consistently good assessments will be considered for promotion.

What criteria needs to be met during the promotion season? (L7-L6 & L6-L5)

- Written Assessments by a FA Registered Assessor on a minimum of 3 games
- Club Marks from competitions over the age of 16 over a minimum of 20 games officiated in as a referee in the marking season
- Attendance at least one promotion in-service training event

- Successful completion of a written examination and fitness test as determined by the Local Association
- A Level 6/5 referee wishing to be considered for future promotion to level 4 must complete at least 5 games as an Assistant Referee

What criteria needs to be met during the promotion season? (L5-L4)

- Have met all of the previous criteria
- Have passed a fitness test
- Receive a minimum of five assessments during the promotion season



To find out more information about the refereeing ladder, see Section 10 – Advice and Guidance on Climbing the Ladder

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