



A guide for **team managers**

Find a referee with **Centre Circle**

No referee for your game? Centre Circle is a free platform that makes grassroots football easier for volunteers, and it puts more than 30,000 referees at your fingertips. It's used by 42 of the 50 County FAs in England. This short guide shows you how to sign up, find a referee for your home games, and confirm your match details before kick-off.

Download the app to get started

Scan a code with your phone camera, or search "Centre Circle" in the App Store or Google Play.



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Fully safeguarding compliant. Every under-18 on the platform has a guardian signed up too, and any communication sent to an under-18 automatically includes their guardian. No extra work needed from your club.

1 GETTING STARTED

Sign up as a team manager

Signing up takes a couple of minutes. All you need is the app and your team's name.

- 1 Download Centre Circle and tap **Create Account**, then fill in your details across the two pages.
- 2 **Confirm your account** using the link we email you, then reopen the app.
- 3 When asked "Who is this account for?", choose **"I'm signing up as myself"**, then pick **Team Manager** from the role list and tap Next.
- 4 Search for your **team** and select it.
- 5 Your account is held until your **club verifies you**. If it's taking a while, email support and we'll chase it up.



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Sign up as a team manager

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Your fixtures are already here. Fixtures flow into Centre Circle directly from FA Full-Time, so there's nothing to re-enter.

2 MATCH COVER

Find a referee for a home game

Home game without a referee? Advertise it in the app and local referees can pick it up.

- 1 Open the **fixture**.
- 2 Scroll to **Officials**. If no one is appointed yet, you'll see **Find a ref**. Tap it.
- 3 Select the **role** and add the **fee**. You can search for more than one role at once, including assistants.
- 4 Start the search. You'll see **Finding Officials** while it runs.
- 5 Local referees see the game in the app and pick it up.



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Advertise a fixture to
find a referee

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Home games only: the search is run by the home team's manager or club secretary. If you're the away side, the home team advertises the fixture.

3 BEFORE KICK-OFF

Confirm your match details

The home team manager confirms the match details a few days before kick-off, once the referee is confirmed. The away manager just checks the details and confirms.

- 1 Open the fixture and tap the flagged **Pre-Match Confirmation, confirmation required**.
- 2 Check the **venue, arrival time, kick-off time and kits**.
- 3 Add a **contact number** and any instructions for the day.
- 4 Tap **Confirm**.
- 5 A confirmation message goes automatically to the **match chat**, so the opposition and the officials all have the details.



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**Pre-match
confirmation**

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Everyone in one place: once you confirm, a group chat opens with the officials and both managers, so any questions before kick-off happen in one thread instead of a phone chain. If the referee is under 18, their guardian is automatically included.