



Application Pack 2015-2016

Regional Representatives Information & Application Form

RA-FA Youth Council

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What is the RA-FA Youth Council?

The RA-FA Youth Council was formed in the Summer of 2012. It is a group of 12 young people who represent each region of the country. The Youth Council works to support Youth Councils within County FAs with referee development. The RA-FA Youth Council acts the voice of young people in referee development, and strives to work with The FA and RA in ensuring the future of refereeing engages with the next generation of match officials. The RA-FA Youth Council is fully supported by The RA and The FA.

Not only does the RA-FA Youth Council support County Youth Councils around the country, but also host and deliver a number of key events throughout the year. On the Friday of RA Conference the Youth Council host a training day where the country's top officials deliver training to referees across the country. The Youth Council also hosts an exciting dinner and entertainment on the evening before Conference. The RA-FA Youth Council also host the National County Youth Council Conference which brings together Youth Councils across the country to support them in developing referees, sharing best practice and up skilling the national Youth Council workforce.

Working with County FA Youth Councils

Over two-thirds of England's County FAs now have a County FA Youth Council, which shows the strong voice young people have within grassroots football. With the number of Youth Councils and volume of work they're undertaking growing it is important that the RA-FA Youth Council can fully support those Youth Councils who are developing and supporting referees in their counties. Our support could be shaped as funding, providing resources or sharing best practice and expertise. The RA-FA Youth Council aims to take a leading role in increasing and enhancing the work of the County FA Youth Council network.

In order to facilitate this support, the RA-FA Youth Council will be appointing 8 Regional Representatives, one per region. Regional Representatives will provide the link between County FA Youth Councils and the RA-FA Youth Council, The FA and The RA. The role of these representatives include; maintaining and growing the number of County FA Youth Councils, promoting the support the RA-FA Youth Council can provide, sharing best practice, and organising a regional conference for County FA Youth Councils in their area. Regional Representatives may also provide support and direction to Youth Councils when they are looking to develop referees within their county. Each Regional Representative will report directly to one of three RA-FA Youth Council Area Coordinators.

The RA-FA Youth Council run the Referee Development Fund which provides funding opportunities for County FAs, Youth Councils and Local RAs. They also deliver a national County FA Youth Council Development Programme that includes regional seminars, a national conference, and access to support and resources.

The role of the Regional Representatives is fundamental to the success and impact of the RA-FA Youth Council. See the attached Role Description for more information.



Our Main Focus

The RA-FA Youth Council facilitates the support network for County FA Youth Councils who are involved in developing referees in their county. We work with Youth Councils nationally to ensure young people have a prominent voice in the key decisions that govern refereeing in England.

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The Application Process

All application information is distributed to all County FAs and County RAs. We will be following the below selection process to recruit our new Regional Representatives. Please note the telephone interview dates below. This will be an informal conversation about your application that will last no more than 20 minutes.

Applications advertised nationally: **Monday 6th July 2015**

Application deadline: **Friday 31st July 2015, 5pm**

Telephone interviews: **Monday 17th August to Friday 21st August 2015**

Application outcomes announced: by **Friday 28th August 2015**

RA-FA Youth Council Meeting Dates

The following dates have been confirmed as RA-FA Youth Council meeting dates for the 2014-2015 season. Please take note of these dates as it is a requirement that Youth Council members can attend all meetings throughout the season.

September 2015 | AGM

Sunday 27th September 2015

St George's Park, Burton-on-Trent

09:30am to 16:00pm

November 2015

Sunday 22nd November 2015

Liverpool FA

10:00am to 16:00pm

March 2015

Sunday 27th March 2016

Bedfordshire FA

10:00am to 16:00pm

May 2015 | RA-FA Youth Council Meeting & RA-FA CYC Conference

May/June TBC

Venue TBC

10:00am to 16:00pm



Eve of Final Rally 2015

Friday 21st May 2016

Venue TBC

July 2015

TBC

Venue TBC

10:00am to 16:00pm

RA-FA Youth Council Regional Representative Application Requirements

Please ensure you meet the following requirements before completing and submitting your application form:

- Aged 16-25 on 1st July 2015
- Registered FA referee for the 2015-2016 season
- Current RA full member for the 2015-2016 season

If you don't meet all of the above requirements then, unfortunately, your application will be unsuccessful.

Submitting Your Application Form

In order to apply to be an RA-FA Youth Council Regional Representative, please complete the below application form and email to the RA-FA Youth Council at:

info@rafayc.co.uk by **Friday 31st July 2015** at **5pm**.



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Section 1 | Applicant Information

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Age:	
Gender:	Male/Female
Address:	
Postcode:	
Home Phone Number:	
Mobile Phone Number:	
Email address:	
Occupation:	
Other involvement in Football e.g. (play/coach):	
Polo Shirt Size:	

Referee Level:	
Year Qualified:	
County FA:	
Local RA:	
FAN Number:	
RA Membership Number:	

Have you been a member of a County FA Youth Council?	Yes/No
If Yes, what position(s) have you held and when?	



Section 2 | About You

Tell us about your involvement in refereeing and referee development.

How would you support County FA Youth Councils within your region to support young officials, including how you would promote the Referee Development Fund?



If you were to design a 'support programme' for Youth Councils, what would it include, how would you promote it, and what would be the aims of the programme?

What are your main strengths as an individual? How would you use these skills and attributes in your role as a Regional Representative?



Section 3 | Reference of Support

Please provide contact information for your RDO/RDM/FDO. We may contact them for a reference of support.	RDO/RDM/FDO Name: Email: Phone:
Please provide contact information for a representative of your Local RA. We may contact them for a reference of support.	Representative Name: Email: Phone:

Section 4 | Agreement & Confirmation

I confirm that all information in my application is correct and to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to undertake a telephone interview between the dates stated above and can attend the RA-FA Youth Council meetings for the coming season.	Applicant to sign here:
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Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18.	Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant under 18:
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Once you have completed your application fully, please email to: info@rafayc.co.uk by **Friday 31st July 2015 at 5pm**

We thank you for your time and commitment in completing the application.

