

The RA 2015 Conference

'Understanding Football'



*Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow
3rd and 4th July 2015*

Online Bookings open

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This year the Referees' Association Conference will be focused on the key topic of *Understanding Football*. Following on from a hugely successful event in 2014, where delegates focused on *Getting the big decision right*, there are a whole host of workshops and outdoor sessions planned to enhance your refereeing knowledge.

This year the Referees' Association are working in partnership with the RA-FA Youth Council to deliver a weekend of interactive and engaging content aimed at up-skilling the referee workforce. The FA and the PGMOL, including senior coaches and select group match officials, will once again be supporting the event and delivering content over the weekend.

RA-FA Youth Council Events – Mission (Im)Possible

Friday Afternoon

Once more the RA-FA Youth Council will be hosting a set of outdoor practical workshops. The aim of the afternoon is to enhance the skills required for your refereeing mission, with sessions delivered by the top referees and tutors in the country. These outdoor workshops are designed to enhance your refereeing skill set including judgement, decision making, precision, speed, agility and communication. The sessions will also link with the content being delivered on the Saturday of Conference. This year the event will be held at the training ground of Queens Park Rangers, just five minutes from the main conference venue.

Friday Evening

After the fantastic success of last year's World Cup themed Friday evening event, there is again the opportunity to attend a focused training and development event, aimed at making your refereeing mission possible.

The evening will feature interactive learning with tutored sessions on key topics that will assist you in developing and furthering your refereeing careers. There will of course also be a buffet dinner and prize draw, with an opportunity to win some great refereeing prizes.

There are a limited numbers of tickets for the events on Friday 3rd July 2015, so don't delay in booking!

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Saturday

With a key note speaker, followed by an opportunity to attend three specialised sessions on key topics that are relevant to your refereeing, the Saturday of the RA Conference has been planned to offer attendees the opportunity to learn and engage on topics that they feel are key to their own refereeing careers. The end of Conference will also draw together all of the topics to ensure that delegates leave with a greater understanding of football.

The main part of the Conference is once again free to attend on the Saturday as long as you are an RA member and offers a wonderful opportunity to network with fellow officials. There is also an option to attend the RA Conference dinner on the Saturday evening, should you wish to embrace the whole event.

Full details can be found on the portal including hotels and the CAR PARK is **FREE**

Tickets for the all of the events over the weekend are available to book via the online booking portal, which is available at:

<http://www.participant.co.uk/tra/raconference2015>

Once booked, you will then be sent a confirmation email detailing your booking and any and the information that you have provided.

You can keep up to date with all of the latest news regarding the event via social media, for both the Referees' Association and the RA-FA Youth Council using #RAConf15

Workshops

- Managing the technical area
- Promising attack or DOGSO?
- When to play 'advantage'
- How to recognise simulation
- Keeping the lid on things
- How to plan your fitness training
- Assisting or insisting

Presenters

Neale Barry – FA Head of Senior Referee Development
Simon Bennett (FA Cup final assistant referee)
Anthony Taylor (FIFA) - (Capital One Cup final ref)
Jake Collin
Jane Sims
Ian Blanchard – FA Senior National Game Referee Manager
Lee Mason
Kevin Friend
Andre Marriner (FIFA)
Howard Webb - PGMOL
Michael Oliver (FIFA) – FA Community Shield and FA Trophy final referee
Craig Pawson FIFA - (FA Cup final 4th official)
Darren England FIFA - (FA Community Shield + FA Cup final assistant referee)
Stuart Burt (FIFA) – (FA Community Shield and FA Trophy final assistant referee)
Simon Breivik – PGMOL Sports Scientist
Jon Moss (FA Cup final ref + FA Community Shield)
John Brooks
Harry Lennard (FA Cup final reserve assistant referee)
Adam Watts – PGMOL Assistant Referee manager