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OYFL Referee Pre-Season Meeting

18th August 2024





Pre-season meeting

What we aim to cover

League overview
OYFL 24/25 season
Law changes
Communication
Centre Circle Demo
Appointments
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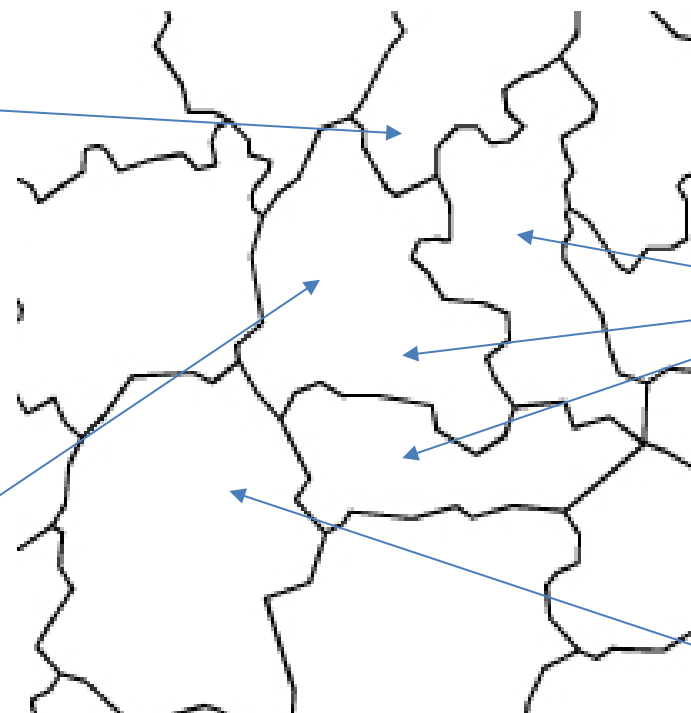
OYFL – in numbers



11,000 Players



4 clubs, 8 teams



43 clubs, 306 teams



65 clubs, 441 teams



2 clubs, 2 teams

Venue finder

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- League commences w/e 7th & 8th Sept – runs to 17th & 18th May
- No matter where you are in your refereeing career we aim to support you in any way we can – queries, updates, bulletins, mentoring, promotion etc.
- We've announced will be using a new app called Centre Circle
- We've added a WhatsApp Group
- The league has admitted a few new clubs;
- Basildon Badgers (Reading) U12, Bampton United (formerly Bampton town) U10 and U14, Berinsfield U11 and U17, Byfield (Daventry way) U17, Charlton Utd (Kidlington) U17, CSA(Newbury) U12, Dynamo Tekkers (Winnersh) U12 U15, Great Tew (Chipping Norton) U12, Oxford United Girls U12, Thame United U21, Woodley Wanderers U18 and U21, Yarnton U16
- We've also agreed a partnership with RefSix

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- Fees have been increased at the AGM

Age Group	Fee
U21 – U17	£45
U16 - U15	£40
U14 – U13	£35
U12 - U11	£30
U10 – U9	£25
U8 – U7	£20

Law Changes +



IFAB

- CHANGE 2024-25: Sin bins will be the same as any other caution (two cautions = red). No longer able to receive two sin bins and a yellow
- Shin pads – for discussion (?)
- <https://www.theifab.com/law-changes/latest/>

FA/OYFL

- Due to FA safeguarding policy no player names will now be published on Full Time. Please ensure that you receive team sheets from the coaches (League rule) and that when taking cautions etc. you record full names of players for entering into WGS
- Default for Sunday morning games is 10.00am KO.

Communication

Contacts



Communication



- WhatsApp Group
 - Optional
 - Urgent updates, bulletins, and sometimes match requests may be posted here
- Email
 - Distribution lists are now set up for 18+ and also one for younger referees (must have guardian permission)
 - If not receiving emails from us once the season starts let us know
 - Wider coverage to ensure all refs get the updates
- Centre Circle
 - We will use for you to log availability (open dates)
 - Mandatory for you to have the app to log availability (desktop site is also available if needed)
 - Chat function
 - Games will be advertised here
 - Demo later in this session

We aim to respond to all messages same day, usually within a few hours

Communication



- League (general) – secretary@oyfl.org.uk
 - Rules, new teams, withdrawals, club official/manager changes, tour requests, plus registration support, Full-Time support
- Fixtures – fixtures@oyfl.org.uk
 - Fixtures, fixture changes, postponements, county cup clashes, results
- Referees – referees@oyfl.org.uk
 - Appointments, match day queries
- Referee Support – refereesupport@oyfl.org.uk
 - requests, reports, observing/support
- Centre Circle Support – support@centrecircleapp.com
 - Support queries, cc us in at referee support
- Discipline – discipline@oyfl.org.uk
 - Breaches of discipline, fines

Centre Circle Demo



- Demo by Rohan from Centre Circle
- [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).
- Some handy video guides -
- **How to sign up as a referee:** <https://muse.ai/e/kQWHxae>
- **How to sign up as a guardian and U18 referee:** <https://muse.ai/e/qXd4t2K>
- **How to submit availability:** <https://muse.ai/e/mBbA5CZ>
- (remember to select Oxfordshire Youth League - when you submit availability)

Referee Appointments



- For the 2023/24 season we dramatically increased the number of appointments we were able to make (some weekends over 75% coverage) and hope to continue a similar trend this season
- We will continue to prioritise older age groups and generally appoint referees from U21 down to U13s fixtures, and possibly U11-U12 depending on availability and age of referees. As well as a few games on Saturday
- Appointments usually out from Full Time / Centre Circle by midweek
- Spare games will be advertised from Centre Circle

Any questions?



FAQ



- Clubs must use you as the league appointed referee
- **Clubs must contact you by phone, text or email and ensure a response is received.** This should be done 3 days before match, and definitely by Friday evening.
- If a club fails to confirm with you, you are under no obligation to attend the fixture
- If a clubs fails to contact you as the referee and the details of the match (e.g. KO time or venue) change and you attend the fixture at the original time or at the original venue, you will still receive the match fee
- Payment must be made within 48 hours of the fixture
- For postponements on the day clubs must contact you by phone (email, WhatsApp or text is not sufficient)



Thank you for attending
Good luck for the season ahead