

Officiating Hubs

Officiating hubs were first launched in 2019 to support the delivery of competitions, including Regional Tournaments, and to provide students with access to qualifications and high-quality opportunities to officiate.

Following the initial year and planning for 2020/21 we are seeking to recruit colleges to become Officiating Hubs in three sports: basketball, rugby union and futsal.

The [expression of interest \(EOI\) form](#) will be open from **Tuesday 10 March – Friday 24 April**. Below are further details of the commitment and criteria required for each sport. Please read these carefully before completing the expression of interest. Colleges can apply to be an officiating hub in more than one sport but will need to complete the EOI separately for each sport.

Basketball – Table Officials

- Only one college is required per region in the following regions: **East, East Midlands, London, North East and South West**
- The college must put a minimum of 10 students through the course
- The college must ensure all students must be available to be table officials at the relevant Regional Tournaments in 2020
- The college will receive £100 to deliver the course which can be invoiced upon completion of officiating at the regional tournaments
- We recommend the college asks students to contribute a maximum of £5 each
- Colleges must ensure the Basketball England Level 1 Table Official Course is delivered by **30 September 2020**. The course must be booked with The RFU by **30 June 2020** and course dates must be communicated to AoC Sport
- The college must join the AoC Sport Leadership Academy if they have not already.

Rugby union – Referees

- We are recruiting rugby Officiating Hub colleges from all nine regions
- Within each region we need 10-12 students for the RFU Level 2 Match Official Course. The students can be from up to four colleges, this will be driven by the needs of the region
- If the course is filled by multiple colleges, each college involved will need to have a minimum of three students on the course
- Within each region one college will be required to host the course
- The course will be subsidised by AoC Sport and ECRFU
- Students will need to contribute a maximum of £30 towards the course



Colleges selected to be a rugby Officiating Hub will be expected to:

- Be an ECRFU member. Colleges can become an ECRFU member for free by emailing Colleges@RFU.com
- Compete in AoC Sport rugby union competitions
- Ensure the RFU Level 2 Match Official Course is delivered by **30 September 2020**. The course must be booked with The RFU by **30 June 2020** and course dates must be communicated to AoC Sport
- Commit to supporting a minimum of 3 students to complete the officiating course
- Ensure all students that complete the officiating course are available to referee at the relevant Regional Tournaments in Autumn 2020
- The college must join the AoC Sport Leadership Academy if they have not already.

Futsal referees

We are recruiting futsal referees from colleges across all nine regions. There is an option for two colleges to co-deliver a course within their region if preferred. There will be a second stage application process following the expression of interest process. Colleges selected will be expected to meet a number of minimum requirements:

- Ensure the FA Futsal Referees Course is delivered by **18 December 2020**
- The course must be registered with your local County FA by **30 October 2020** and dates communicated to AoC Sport
- Commit to supporting a minimum of 10 students to complete the officiating course (or five students if co-delivering with another college)
- Ensure all qualified officials are available to referee at the relevant Futsal Regional Festivals league
- Must enter a minimum of 1 team in an AoC Sport regional futsal festivals league for the 2020-21 season
- Must commit to delivering regular internal futsal sessions for the 2020-21 season
- Must work with ECFA to establish a link with the County FA or a local futsal league for deployment of officials
- Colleges must join the AoC Sport Leadership Academy if they have not already.

A member of the AoC Sport team will be in touch with applicants by **Thursday 27 April** to inform you of the outcome of your expression of interest. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact:

- For basketball and rugby Alix.Tucker@aac.co.uk or Kirstie.Hickson@aac.co.uk
- For futsal Dan.Greenwood@aac.co.uk.