



MEMO: To All County FA RDO and CFA WO

Subject: Criminal Records Checks (CRC), Actions Post 1st September 2014

As you will be aware we currently require existing* Referees with pre 2010 CRB checks to renew these before 1st September 2014 if they wish to officiate within youth or youth and Adult football.

- Before the 1st September 2014 deadline existing Referees can register to referee within youth / youth with adult football for the 2014/15 season with their existing CRB/CRC.
- However, those already registered with existing (pre 2010) CRB will still be required to renew their CRC by the 1 September 2014
- Referees who hold a pre2010 CRB check will not be able to register to officiate within Youth/Youth and Adult Football Post 1st September 2014.

**All newly qualified referees registering to officiate within youth/youth and adult football must have a CRC in order to register as a referee with a County association.*

Ongoing Actions for RDO and CFA WO:

Continue to encourage compliance with The FA's CRC renewal policy. Liaise with Youth League Appointment Secretaries and Youth League Welfare Officers to ensure that they are aware of The FA's CRC Policy and regulations and can assist in the mop-up process in terms of sign posting referees requiring checks to their RDO/CFA WO.

Post September 1st 2014 action for RDO:

RDOs to work with their Youth League Appointments Secretaries to cross check their Referee panel list to:

1. Establish if there are referees who still require a renewed CRC to be in line with the above.
2. Encourage the league to signpost them to the CFA to complete a CRC application where there are referees still requiring CRC checks to
3. Only offer appointment to those Referees who have in date CRCs accepted by The FA

Post September 1st 2014 action for CFA WO:

CFA WO will support RDOs in working to ensure, monitor CRC compliance with CRC FA Policy and regulations

The FA's safeguarding policy is underpinned by legislation and it is imperative that actions are taken in line with this guidance to ensure we are compliant with the legal and policy requirements.

Thank you,

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