

Training Courses for new American Football Officials

Following a successful bid to Sport England for financial support, BAFA are planning to hold a series of American Football Official training courses. These courses aim to train the beginner official to a level where they are competent to officiate American Football.

The courses will each consist of one day of face-to-face learning. Three of the courses will be for those interested in officiating contact football, the fourth will be for officiating flag football.



Attendees will receive a Rulebook, Mechanics Manual and an Induction Training Manual. Upon successful completion of the course, an attendee will become an associate official, and registered with BAFRA, the BAFA officiating body. Membership of BAFRA provides essential liability insurance to officiate games, and affords members further opportunities for training and development, including the opportunity to go on and become a qualified official.

Rules on who can legitimately officiate games having to be tightened – member teams of both BUAFL and BAFL are encouraged to send any

potential Team Officials to these training sessions. The shortfall in suitably qualified officials has been identified as the number one priority within BAFA.

For more information and online registration, please go to:

<http://www.bafra.org/book.htm>

13 March (contact football) **Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

27 March (contact football) **Hatfield**, Herts

27 March (contact football) **Bristol**

27 March (flag football) **Meriden**, Warwickshire

The courses are free of charge.

Start time 09.30 and end at 1700.

There will be a break for lunch (not provided).

