

British American Football Referees Association

Membership application form



Full name	Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/etc.): Forenames: Surname	
Address (including postcode)		
Telephone numbers	Home: Mobile:	
Email address		
Date of birth		
Polo shirt size	S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you currently registered with BAFA?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "Yes" what is your registration number?	
If you have previously been a BAFRA member:	What was your membership number? What year were you last a member?	
Give details of any previous experience you have of American football and/or sports officiating		
Category of membership applying for. Tick both contact and flag if you wish to qualify in both categories. Tick affiliate if you don't intend to be an active member.	Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Flag <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tick temporary if you only intend to join for up to 28 days (e.g. while visiting Britain)	Temporary <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you been convicted of any criminal offence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you been subject to disciplinary action by another American football organisation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you engaged in conduct that has brought, or is likely to bring, the reputation of the Association into disrepute?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, please disclose details on a separate sheet. See the attached notes.		
Declaration I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the British American Football Referees Association. I have noted BAFRA's statements on communicating with members and data protection stated on the attached notes. I declare that I am over the age of 18 years, and that the information I have provided above is correct.		
Signature		
Date		

Send the completed form to:
Paul Sutton, BAFRA General Secretary,
Bowland House, Wagon Road, Dolphinholme, Lancaster, LA2 9DH

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Notes for membership applications



Communicating with Members

BAFRA will normally communicate with you at the email address specified above or by telephone to one of the numbers specified above. It is your responsibility to notify BAFRA (preferably by email to secretary@bafra.org) if any of these details changes or if you will not be contactable by any of these means.

Data Protection

BAFRA will use your personal data for the purposes of administering its affairs and policies. BAFRA will also share your details with BAFA for the purposes of keeping a register of all those involved in American Football in the UK. BAFRA does not collect or compile personally identifying information for dissemination or sale to external parties for marketing purposes or host mailings on behalf of third parties.

Membership policy

The Directors of BAFRA may at their discretion deny membership to any applicant who:

- has a criminal record, particularly involving offences against children, evidence of a propensity to violence, or that bring into doubt the individual's integrity
- has been subject to disciplinary action by another American football organisation
- has engaged in conduct that has brought, or is likely to bring, the reputation of the Association into disrepute
- refuses to satisfactorily provide information about their previous conduct

Notes on disclosures

1. If you have been convicted of any relevant offences you must provide details for each conviction of the date of conviction, the name and location of the convicting court, offence of which you were convicted and the sentence imposed.
2. If you have been subject to disciplinary action by an American football organisation, you must provide details for each action of the date of the action, the organisation involved, the offence of which you were convicted and the disciplinary action taken. This includes any ejections you may have received as a player or coach.
3. If you have engaged in conduct that has brought, or is likely to bring, the reputation of the Association into disrepute, please provide details. This would include instances where you have made public criticism of sports officials, or where your conduct in the public domain might be thought to be detrimental to the sport or officiating in general.
4. When providing information about any of the above, please provide any additional details or mitigating factors that you wish to that may influence the Directors to approve your application.
5. In making a decision on membership, the Directors of BAFRA will consider the following factors:
 - a) The Association's policy on the membership of ex-offenders
 - b) The seriousness of the offence and its potential relevance to the practice of officiating
 - c) The length of time since the offence occurred
 - d) Any relevant information offered by the applicant about the circumstances which led to the offence being committed
 - e) Whether the offence was a one-off, or part of a history of offending
 - f) The degree of remorse, or otherwise, expressed by the applicant and their motivation to change
6. What if I have a criminal record or been the subject of disciplinary action? Information will be treated fairly and kept confidential to the directors involved in assessing your application. If there are issues regarding your disclosure you may be contacted by BAFRA to ask for further information or clarification. A positive disclosure does not automatically bar you from joining BAFRA. Each case is treated on its individual merits.
7. Informal advice on the above can be obtained from either BAFRA's General Secretary (secretary@bafra.org) or President (president@bafra.org).
8. Note that BAFRA reserves the right to terminate your membership if it is subsequently discovered that you failed to make a full disclosure as part of your application for membership.

BAFRA policy on the membership of ex-offenders

BAFRA believes that people with a criminal or sport-disciplinary record deserve a second chance, and that officiating is an excellent means by which ex-offenders can contribute to the community, show responsibility and develop people skills. This must however be balanced by an assessment of whether there is a risk to children or of violence, or a loss of the integrity that is essential to the officiating profession.