

BCFA Delegate's Report – 19 March 2008

BCFA Disciplinary Figures up to 3 February 2008:

Offences	2007/08	2006/7	Variance
Sending off	2323	2177	Increase 146
Cautions	11735	11600	Increase 135
Assaults	9(A decrease of 3)	Proven	
Cat. A	6	6	
Cat. B	1	1	
Cat .C	0	0	

Three cases reduced to Improper Insulting Offensive Conduct and Behaviour to a Referee

There are two cases pending

Three cases was not proven

There have been 41 abandoned matches (a decrease of 53).

BCFA have charged 53 clubs of which 9 are Child/Youth clubs.

Club Officials and Spectators have continued where they left off last season with their higher percentage of misconduct. BCFA have charged 52 Club Officials with misconduct, of which, 27 are Child/Youth clubs and four of these are in Under 11's Mini Soccer.

Report on Referees Committee Meeting of 19 March

Promotion Seminars

Promotion Seminars for 2005/2006 Level 7 to 6 and Level 6 to 5 promotion candidates took place on Wednesday 19 March:

Level 6 to 5 – 21 promoted to level 5 – 1 enhanced promoted to level 5 – 1 deferred

Level 7 to 6 – 25 promoted to level 5 – 3 deferred – 10 failed to achieve promotion criteria

Other Seminars

BCFA FAMOA Training: This seminar has been scheduled in the New Year.

Level 6 & 5 (Prospective Level 4) Fitness Tests for nomination to Level 4 status took place in January, at the Abbey Stadium, Redditch and March, at Tipton Sports Centre. Of the referees who took their fitness test and passed the test, 15 have meet promotion criteria to be nominated to Level 4. It is currently unknown how many the FA will promote to Level 4

It was disappointing that a number of referees who passed their fitness test failed to meet promotion criteria to be nominated to Level 4 and were withdrawn from the nomination list.

F A Licensed Instructors Course

The course will run 19 to 25 July 2008 at Staverton Park. Nominations are closed for this year's course. It is unfortunate that two of the BCFA nominees have had to withdraw their nomination due to working commitments. Please forward any further nominations to BCFA ASAP.

F A Instructors Re-Licensing Course

Every Licensed Instructor will be given the opportunity to attend a FA Generic Tutor Training Course to be held at BCFA end April / early May. Every Licensed Instructor that has to re- license will be given every opportunity to participate in BCFA Promotion Seminars for 'assessment to be re-licensed..

It should be noted that licensed instructors not participating in 'in-service' training may not be nominated for re-licensing.

Other Information

The FA is restructuring Supply Leagues and the FA may appoint to Supply League games. The MFA has become a Supply.

At least 50% of referees' games will be assessed, this will necessitate additional assessors and these may be current county assessors who will receive additional training.

The FA will continue with the protocol that only Level 4 referees will officiate Supply League games

- All above games to have assistant referees

There will again be a Central list of referees to officiate Supply League games

The FA will meet with West Midlands Regional League, Midland Football Combination, the MFA and BCFA on Wednesday 26 March.

County Registration Fees

County Registration Fees will remain at £15.00, of this 'a sum' will be 'ring fenced' and will be used for re-qualification of CRB's, we still await information regarding renewal.

BCFA is now the largest County FA in England for registered referees, with some 1700 registered referees. It has been noted that the number of referees officiating on BCFA Leagues have remained 'static' despite a reduction in registered referees with BCFA. League 'average marks' for referees have increased.

Child Protection

Child Protection continues to be a problem.

We must still encourage all referees to complete their Child Protection and CRB checks.

With regards to renewal we still await confirmation of renewal criteria. Please encourage all your referees not to make contact with BCFA Football Development to renew CP or CRB.

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