



## **REFEREE/ASSISTANT REFEREE CATEGORIES 2015/2016 SEASON**

To comply with FIFA Regulations (Section 11) on the organisation of refereeing in FIFA Member Associations in relation to Referee Categories which states there should be four categories sub divided as appropriate the following was agreed by the FAW Council.

### **Category One- Referee**

International (FIFA List)

- 1A Welsh Premier Referees
- 1B Welsh Premier Talent Referees

### **Category One - Specialist Assistant Referee**

International (FIFA List)

- 1A National List

(Both levels can Referee at Tier Two of the Pyramid in emergency, viz., Cymru Alliance and Welsh League Division One)

### **Category Two:**

Cymru Alliance and Welsh League Referees Division 1 (who are also Welsh Premier Assistant Referees)

### **Category Three:**

- 3A Referees' Panel of the Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier Three of the Pyramid (*Welsh League Division 2, SPAR Mid Wales Division 1, Welsh National League Premier Division, Welsh Alliance League Division 1*) and act as Assistant Referees at Tier 2
- 3B Referees Panel of the Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier 4 of the Pyramid (*Welsh League Division 3, SPAR Mid Wales Division 2, Welsh National League Division 1, Welsh Alliance League Division 1*) and at area level and act as Assistant Referees at Tier 2 & 3.

### **Category Four:**

- 4A Third season Referees (and longer) who referee at Grass Roots Level and are permitted to act as Assistant Referees in their respective Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier 2.
- 4B\* Second season referees over the age of 16 who operate at grass roots level and are permitted to act as Assistant Referees in their respective Directly Affiliated Leagues Tier 2 & 3 subject to have attended a Lining Course as organised by the Area FA
- 4C\*\* First year referees over the age of 16 who referee at Grass Roots level but are not eligible to act as Assistant Referees on the Directly Affiliated Leagues
- 4D Qualified and registered referees under the age of 16 (not eligible for Adult football)
- 4E Qualified and registered referees who are non-active

\* Minimum length of time in 4B normally to be two seasons unless exceptional circumstances apply

\*\* Minimum length of time in 4C to be one season

## **Women Referee Categories**

### **Category One - Referee**

F- International

F-1A National List Referee

F-1B National List Talent Referee

### **Category One – Specialist Assistant Referee**

F-International

F-1A National List Assistant Referee

### **Category Two – Referee**

F-2A 2<sup>nd</sup> year Referee who operates in the Feeder Leagues to WPWL and acts as Assistant Referee  
In the WPWL

F-2B 1<sup>st</sup> Year Referee who operates in the Feeder Leagues to WPWL and acts as Assistant Referee  
In the WPWL (and has attended a lining course as organised by the Area FA)

### **NB**

Referees for the WWPL will be taken from the Male categories 3A and above and Female Category F-1B and above, whilst the WP Development League will also be from 3B and above.

Assistant Referees can be taken from Categories 4C to 4A