



# ADVANCED MATCH OFFICIAL AWARD

## Considerations & Criteria for Potential Candidates

Season 2023/24

### Considerations:

- The award course requires a minimum of 80 hours of commitment over a season.
  - Candidates must attend **all** contact days and complete seven eLearning modules and accompanying tasks to agreed deadlines
  - Candidates are encouraged to engage with all aspects of the award which includes regular contact to support the development of the group dynamic
  - The course sits at Level 3 on the England Rugby Training Framework and as such requires a high degree of understanding around match officiating
- Candidates will require access to video / match footage from their own games to complete regular self-reviews.
  - Candidates must possess the ability to critically review processes and outcomes aligned to our key performance pillars. (PACT – Physical, Attitudinal, Commitment and Technical ability).
  - Candidates must be able to self-manage their learning.
  - The course requires that candidates are self-directed in their approach to learning and are driven to develop.

*Please note: Not every candidate who has participated in the award has successfully completed it. The award is challenging and requires a real desire to improve your match officiating.*

### Criteria:

- Applicants are expected to have/be:
  - Completed England Rugby Referee Award qualification (or equivalent)
  - Completed RFU Headcase online concussion awareness within the last 12 months
  - Attended one match official CPD meeting / event in the previous 12 months
  - A valid DBS certificate (this DBS clearance must be approved by the RFU)
  - Actively officiating for the 2023/24 season (you will be reviewed against games at your current level)
  - 18 years of age or older. (As of September 1st, 2023)

Potential candidates are required to complete this online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/L3Bap90qpS>

Candidates must also submit the following to [matchofficials@rfu.com](mailto:matchofficials@rfu.com)

*(This will require your name, along with the title AMOA 2023/24 Application Evidence)*

- A 20-minute video showing your officiating
- Your Rugby CV
- Your Individual Rugby Development Plan (IDP)

**Kind regards,**

**England Rugby Match Official Team**