

British American Football Referees' Association

Membership Application Form



Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof. etc.)		
Forename(s)		
Surname		
Forename by which you prefer to be addressed		
Address including postcode		
Telephone Numbers Home and Mobile	Home	Mobile
E-mail address		
Date of Birth		
<p>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.info) if any of these details changes or if you will not be contactable by any of these means.</p> <p>Data Protection: BAFRA will use your personal data for the purposes of administering its affairs and policies in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. BAFRA will also share your details with BAFRA 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.</p>		
Are you currently registered with BAFRA and, if so, what is your Registration Number	Currently Registered?	Registration Number
If you have been a previous BAFRA member	Membership Number	Year when last a member
Please give details of any previous experience you have of American Football.		
Please give details of any previous experience of sports officiating		
Category of membership you are applying for or affiliate if applying to be a non-active member	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact (£30) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Flag/5-a-side (£30) <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Only (£5)	
Restricted Overseas for overseas officials wishing to work games whilst visiting Britain (Max of 4 games a year only permitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Overseas	
<p>Membership policy: The Directors of BAFRA may at their discretion deny membership to any applicant who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
Have you been convicted of any criminal offence?		Yes/No
Have you been subject to disciplinary action by another American football organisation?		Yes/No
Have you engaged in conduct that has brought, or is likely to bring, the reputation of BAFRA into disrepute?		Yes/No
<p>If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, please disclose details on a separate sheet. See notes overleaf</p>		
<p>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 above. I declare that I am over the age of 18 years, and that the information I have provided above is correct.</p> <p>I enclose a cheque/postal order for £30.00 made payable to BAFRA Limited (or £5.00 for those only wishing to affiliate) or have made the payment electronically.</p>		
Signed:		Date:



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. 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
5. 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.
6. Informal advice on the above can be obtained from either BAFRA's General Secretary (secretary@bafra.info) or President (president@bafra.info)
7. 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

8. 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.

Completing and submitting the form

Please return your completed form with your appropriate payment to:
BAFRA, Bowland House, Wagon Road, Dolphinholme, Lancaster. LA2 9DH
Or return it electronically to secretary@bafra.info

All sections of the form must be completed. Once complete it should be sent to the address on the form accompanied by the appropriate payment. If you prefer to pay electronically, please contact recruitment@bafra.info for details

For those wishing to train for contact football with or without a flag/5-a-side option £30.00. £15.00 of this will be deducted from the first membership renewal fee following successful completion of training leading to the attainment of qualified status. For those only wishing to be affiliate (non-active) members £5.00

Appropriate payment must accompany the application. Please note that no payment is required from those applying for restricted overseas membership.

If you wish to discuss anything before completing the form, please contact recruitment@bafra.info