



## Changes to Notts Mentor Programme

**November 2023**

NCNA has previously offered mentoring to all levels of umpire free of charge, funded by NCNA. Following a recent review of costs associated with mentoring and considering sustainability, value for money and perceived benefits to our leagues, a decision has been made to provide a finite number of free one to one mentored opportunities for umpires working towards IO and C Award.

### **SUMMARY OF NEW GUIDELINES**

1. All mentoring toward Into Officiating (IO) and C Awards **will take place at NUSA** whenever possible to reduce mentor travel expenses. Other venues, such as club training facilities, will be considered for anyone aged under 16 as they are not able to officiate senior leagues at NUSA.
2. Any Notts member working towards IO will be offered **a maximum of 3 sessions of 1 to 1 mentoring free of charge** to be staggered over several months to allow for development points to be addressed. In addition, **a further 2 group sessions per year at NUSA** will be offered (only 1 in 2023-24 due to time constraints).
3. Any Notts member working towards C award will be offered **a maximum of 4 sessions of 1 to 1 mentoring free of charge** to be staggered over several months to allow for development points to be addressed. The first session post course attendance will not only give practical development points but will ensure the learner's understanding of the qualification process i.e. the need to pass an online written paper within 6 months of course attendance before applying for practical assessment. **Following a written pass, 3 further 1 to 1 mentored sessions will be offered** preferably on division 2 Winter League or division 3 Summer League games at NUSA.
4. Any umpire (working towards IO or C Award) who is not ready for practical assessment after the maximum number of free sessions **can ask for further mentoring. The cost for each additional session** will be **EITHER** the umpire's match fee **OR** a minimum of £15 donation from the individual or their club to NCNA. All payments should be made by BACS. Details available on request.

### **FURTHER ADVICE**

Any umpire who needs further information about how these guidelines affect them should contact their mentor for clarification.

Clubs should also advise any of their **members attending any officiating courses after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023** that it is now **their responsibility to contact the County Officiating Lead (CO) to request mentor support post course attendance**. Email address: [nottsofficiatng@virginmedia.com](mailto:nottsofficiatng@virginmedia.com)