

The Association of British Tennis Officials (ABTO) is a membership organisation made up of a diverse community of individuals brought together by a shared passion for tennis. Officiating can be a very enjoyable and rewarding experience and offers many opportunities. Officials play an important role in supporting tournaments across the country, from grassroots to professional events, and are essential in helping to make tennis an enjoyable and accessible sport.



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<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AssociationBritishTennisOfficials>



MENTORING PROGRAMME

FOR NEW AND EXISTING OFFICIALS



The ABTO Mentoring Programme

The ABTO Mentoring Programme is open to all ABTO officials, regardless of grade or experience, who are looking to improve, focus on or develop a particular aspect of their officiating skills. The programme is designed to support, help and encourage:

- new officials at the start of their officiating careers,
- existing officials who are new to a particular role (for example an umpire who has recently qualified as a referee), or
- experienced officials looking to develop any area of their officiating further.

Mentoring is available to ABTO members who actively officiate in any role:

Off court

- Referees
- Court Supervisors

On court

- Chair Umpires
- Line Umpires



The mentoring programme is open to all ABTO Full Members

How it works

Partnerships

Mentees will be paired with mentors taking into account factors such as location, experience, and the development needs of the mentee.

The programme isn't intended to be prescriptive and no two partnerships will be the same, so once the pairings have been made, it is up to each mentor and mentee to find a way of working that is best for them based on shared expectations and goals.

Mentoring sessions

Mentoring sessions can be arranged by telephone, through a virtual meeting (e.g. Zoom) or 'in-person' depending on what the mentor and mentee feel is needed. Where possible, mentors and mentees will be selected to work together at events to maximise learning opportunities.

Process

At the start of the mentoring partnership, both mentor and mentee will be sent a handbook which provides some useful resources and tools to support the learning process. This includes suggestions for goal setting, how to carry out a self-assessment and other useful tips for getting the most out of the partnership.

The ABTO Training and Development Panel is here to support both mentors and mentees throughout the process.