



Referee & Marking July 2026 AGM

Once again, it has been a relative quiet year in Essex from a referee perspective. However, implementation of the new rules on 1st September 2025 has gone well. Adjustment in match timings took a while to be embraced by players but now there is no problem.

Development of referees has suffered many setbacks this season. Having lost both Jason Foster to WSO/PSA and Steve Eccles who retired from all aspects of squash and was the main force behind “calling the shots” programme. England Squash at present have not appointed replacements. For the 2026/2027 Season (as at 15/07/2026) we do not know what the Referee set up will be as far attending events, training new refs and offering training courses.

Both Andrew Sweeney and Paul Clarke are Mentors to several trainee referees none so far in the Essex County. Andrew Sweeney and Paul Clarke have represented the County/Country at Major British and European Events.

If your club wishes to run an introduction to refereeing, please contact England Squash at

<https://www.englishsquash.com/callingtheshots>

Alternatively they can start their learning path by registering with <https://worldsquashofficialing.com/>

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