

Assessment Trials 2021

Eligibility & Priority Policy

Purpose of the Assessment Trials: To provide a platform on which apprentices as well as first year professionals (those in their under-19 year) released from their clubs can showcase their talents and maintain a career in football.

To be eligible for the Assessment Trials a player must fulfil all elements in either of the following two criteria.

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THERE?**

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria One

- Been an apprentice at an EFL, Premier League or National League club undergoing the Apprenticeship programme and supported by League Football Education or the Premier League during the 2019/20 OR 2020/21 seasons.
- Be considered to have made sufficient attempts to complete the Apprenticeship programme.
- Be a member of The PFA.

Eligibility Criteria Two

- Have been a professional player in a team who competed in the EFL or the Premier League in the 2019/20 OR 2020/21 seasons.
- Have been in their under-19 year and released after a one-year contract in the 2019/20 OR 2020/21 seasons.
- Be a member of The PFA.

Priority for Places

Please note that players at EFL/National League clubs will be prioritised for places on the Assessment Trials. Once the priority places have been accommodated non priority players will be offered a place. The prioritisation policy is as follows:

Player DOES get priority if:

- Player on LFE programme and club in the EFL.
- Player on LFE programme and club in the Premier League i.e. promoted clubs with 2nd years on LFE programme.
- Player on LFE programme and club in the National League.
- Player on Premier League programme and club in the EFL i.e. relegated club.
- Player released after 1st year professional contract and club in the EFL.

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Player DOES NOT get priority and goes immediately on the waiting list if:

- Player on Premier League programme and club in the Premier League.
- Player released after 1st year professional contract and club in the Premier League.

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All eligible players are able to register their interest to attend the trials as soon as the online system goes live. LFE will endeavour to accommodate all eligible players, whether prioritised or not.

Exceptions: Where there are extenuating circumstances a player may refer his case to a panel consisting of members from LFE, The PFA and the EFL.