

ASSESSMENT TRIALS 2026

Eligibility Policy

Purpose of the Assessment Trials:

To provide a platform on which apprentices as well as 1st 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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Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria One

- Been an employed and paid 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 2025/26 season.
- Be considered by LFE to have made sufficient attempts to complete the Apprenticeship programme.
- Be a member of The PFA (not applicable to National League apprentices).

Eligibility Criteria Two

- Have been a professional player in a team who competed in the EFL or the Premier League in the 2025/26 season.
- Have been in their under-19 year and released after a one-year contract in the 2025/26 season.
- Be a member of The PFA (not applicable to National League apprentices).

Note: Entry to the events is not available to every player who may have featured in the youth development games programme e.g. trialist, extended schoolboy. Access to the Assessment Trials is restricted to the above criteria.

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