

# Norfolk County FA

## Summary of Key Rule Changes



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#### **Club Eligibility**

6. (d) When a Club has more than one team playing in Leagues that are eligible for a Competition, the senior of the teams must compete in that Competition, with the exception of Clubs competing at Step 3 and above of the National League System who shall enter their Reserves into the Norfolk Senior Cup

#### **Qualification of Players**

7. (d) If requested by Norfolk County Football Association, birth certificates or other suitable evidence must be produced to establish the validity of a player to play in a County Cup Competition.

#### **Specific Competition Eligibility**

##### **10 (a) Norfolk Senior Cup**

A player shall be eligible to play for his Club in the above mentioned Competition provided that he has not started in 10 or more matches for a team that competes at Step 3 or above of the National League System.

Teams entering must be part of one of the following:

Anglian Combination League Premier Division & Division 1

Eastern Counties League Premier Division & Division 1

Isthmian Football League North Division, South Central Division & South East Division

Northern Premier League East Division 1 & West Division

Southern Football League Division 1 Central & Division 1 South

United Counties League Division 1

#### **Playing an Ineligible Player**

12. (b) Should the ineligibility be solely due to a registration or international clearance issue and the player was in all other aspects eligible to play then the delegated Committee may also allow the result of the match to stand

(c) In all instances the offending Club may be fined a sum not exceeding £100. The offending Club may also be held responsible for any expenses incurred. The delegated Committee shall also have the power to impose an appropriate penalty against the player(s).

#### **The Drawing**

(d) Each home Club shall, at least three days before its respective cup tie, confirm with its opponents and where they have been appointed, the Match Official(s) the match arrangements including the venue, colours and kick off time.

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### Venues

(c) In the Norfolk Senior Cup, if the ground of the first drawn Club is not available due to adverse ground conditions or FA Competitions on the date fixed, the match shall be moved to the next available match day or if both Clubs are in agreement and the consent of Norfolk County Football Association has been obtained may be played at an alternative venue.

In all Competitions except the Norfolk Senior Cup, if the ground of the first drawn Club is not available due to adverse ground conditions, more Senior County Cup games, FA Competitions, or matches being played at Step 6 and above of the National League System, the match shall be moved to the following weekend, or the match may be played at an alternative venue if requested by the home club and the consent of Norfolk County Football Association is obtained.

### The Ground, Match Balls and Respect Handshake

(f) In all Competitions, prior to the kick off a Respect handshake should be carried out by both teams and the Referee. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to £30.

### Match Arrangements

21. (a) The times for kick-off in all the County competitions shall be arranged by the delegated Committee and detailed in the schedule of dates of rounds of Cup Competitions.

(g) In all Competitions except for the Norfolk Senior Cup, if both teams are in agreement, any tie prior to the Quarter Finals may be played on no later than the weekend following the date of the Round. Such agreement shall be confirmed with Norfolk County Football Association no later than 10 days prior to the original match date.

### Substitutes

(b) Norfolk Senior Cup

(i) In the Norfolk Senior Cup a team may, at its discretion, use up to three substitutes, selected from a maximum of five in normal time. Should the game go to extra time a 4th substitute may be used, whether or not the team has already used the permitted number of substitutes. Substitutes must be nominated to the referee prior to the match on the official team sheet. Substitutes, not so named, may not take part in the match. (In accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game).

### Duration

Veterans Cup	2 x 45 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
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### Postponed and/or Abandoned Fixtures

#### (e) Norfolk Senior Cup

(i) In the Norfolk Senior Cup a postponed or abandoned match shall be played in the midweek following the Friday/Saturday fixture, provided there is enough daylight to complete the match or the home Club has floodlights, that come up to the standard that would allow them to enter the FA Vase. Otherwise the match will be played seven days after the original date.

#### (f) All Other Cup Competitions

In all other Cup Competitions a postponed or abandoned match shall be played seven days after the original date, or if both Clubs are in agreement and the consent of Norfolk County Football Association has been obtained, the tie may be played in the midweek following the original date provided there is enough daylight to complete the match or the home Club has floodlights, that come up to the standard that would allow them to enter the FA Vase.

(i) In any event, the delegated Committee shall have the power to order that any match be played on an alternative ground or date if it is considered appropriate and necessary. For ties switched from the ground of the Club first drawn, the delegated Committee shall determine the financial conditions in which the tie shall be played.

### Appointment of Referees and Assistant Referees

#### (f) Match Officials Fees and Expenses

##### (i) Norfolk Senior Cup

Up to and including the Second Round:

Referee	£35	Assistant Referees	£25	Expenses	34p per mile
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Third Round up to and including the Semi-Finals:

Referee	£45	Assistant Referees	£35	Expenses	34p per mile
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##### (ii) Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup

Up to and including Semi-Finals:

Referee	£30	Assistant Referees	£20	Expenses	30p per mile
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##### (iii) Norfolk Junior Cup, Norfolk Primary Cup, Norfolk Sunday Junior Cup, Norfolk Women's Cup, Norfolk Veterans Cup

Up to and including the Semi-Finals:

Referee	£25	Assistant Referees	£18	Expenses	30p per mile
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### (iv) John Savage Cup

Up to and including the Semi-Finals:

Referee	£25	Assistant Referees	£18	Expenses	30p per mile
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### (v) Stuart Dracup Cup

Up to and including the Semi-Finals:

Referee	£18	Assistant Referees	£12	Expenses	30p per mile
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### (vi) Under 12's Cup

Up to and including the Semi-Finals:

Referee	£18	Assistant Referees	£12	Expenses	30p per mile
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### Provisions Concerning Appeals

42. (a) A Club that is expelled from a County Cup may appeal against that decision to a Board of Appeal comprising 2 members of Norfolk County FA Council and 1 member selected from the Independent Disciplinary Panel selected by the Chairman of Council or his nominee. Any such appeal shall only be permitted on one or more of the following grounds:

- (i) The delegated Committee or an appointed sub-committee misinterpreted/failed to comply with the procedures relevant to the hearing of the charge.
- (ii) The delegated Committee or an appointed sub-committee came to a decision on the facts of the case which no reasonable body could have reached; or
- (iii) The delegated Committee or an appointed sub-committee imposed a sanction that is excessive

(b) Any such appeal must be received by the Norfolk County Football Association within 7 days of the posting of written notification of the decision of the delegated Committee or appointed sub-committee, detailing the grounds on which the appeal is being made and including an appeal fee of £35. The grounds of appeal must be in accordance with the above criteria. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne.