

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

January 2021



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the first of 2021. As always, we aim to provide you with all the latest information.

## NON-ELITE FOOTBALL SUSPENDED FOLLOWING LATEST GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

As you will be aware, earlier this month The FA released a statement in response to the UK Government's announcement regarding the new COVID-19 restrictions. As a result, the impact on 'non-elite' football in England is the suspension of fixtures and training across all grassroots football with immediate effect.



To read more please [click here](#).

The FA also published responses to a number of frequently-asked questions related to the suspension of grassroots football.

To read the latest FAQs please [click here](#).

## NORFOLK FA SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Whilst football is currently paused, it is important that safeguarding remains at the core of everything that takes place in #NorfolkFootball.



During the football season, the day to day activity can take up a significant amount of time. Whilst we recognise that circumstances are different for everybody, with no football currently being played, now could be the perfect time for

clubs, coaches, volunteers, players and parents/guardians to ensure safeguarding best practice is learned, shared and achieved.

To find out more and what you could be doing please [click here](#).

## THE NORFOLK FA COACHES CLUB – BECOME A MEMBER NOW!

Norfolk FA has launched the Norfolk FA Coaches Club for the 2020/21 season.

This new club will allow Norfolk coaches an opportunity to commit to their development by accessing events and exclusive coaching content across the year.



Via their training brand 'Finesse', [Harrod Sport](#) will be offering an exclusive discount on the range for Coaches Club members, access to special offers, and frequent opportunities to win Finesse products. To read more please [click here](#).

[Find out more and become a member now!](#)

## SAFEGUARDING IN OPEN AGE (ADULT) FOOTBALL

Whilst the focus of safeguarding is often seen to be on youth football, it is equally as important that 16 and 17 year old footballers feel safe whilst taking part in the open age (adult) game and that Clubs take responsibility for the safeguarding of any young players that they have.

Open Age (Adult) Club's should recall previous communications that they received in the early part of 2020 with regards to their safeguarding responsibilities for both under 18s and also adults in disability football. Whilst COVID-19 meant that some of the next steps were put on hold, further information will be coming out to Clubs around March regarding this for the 2021-22 season.

To read more please [click here](#).



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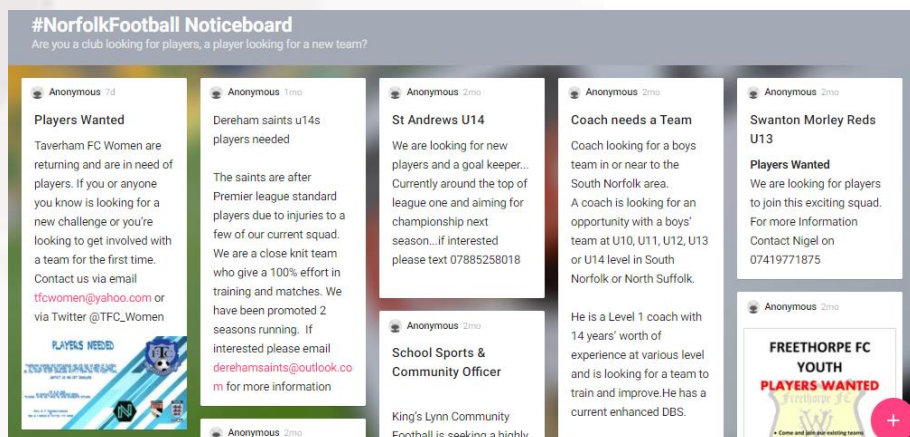
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## THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

The [Norfolk FA Noticeboard](#) is where you can post content related to #NorfolkFootball such as advertising for players, coaches or volunteers.

We are using an improved platform for the 2020-21 season. Using Padlet, you are now able to post opportunities or advertisements on the noticeboard without the need to contact Norfolk FA directly. Posts can include hyperlinks such as email addresses and websites, not to mention graphics and photos.



The Noticeboard will be regularly monitored by Norfolk FA staff and we reserve the right to remove unsuitable or inappropriate posts.

## ONLINE GROUNDSPERSON WORKSHOP - 15.02.21

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce we will be delivering an online groundsperson workshop on Monday 15th February 2021, from 7pm – 8.30pm.



The workshop will be delivered in partnership with the Grounds Maintenance Association, and our Regional Pitch Advisor, Phil Jeggo. We will also have Mark Keysell from Rigby Taylor in attendance and delivering content on the night.

To find out more and book on please [click here](#).

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN FOOTBALL VIDEO

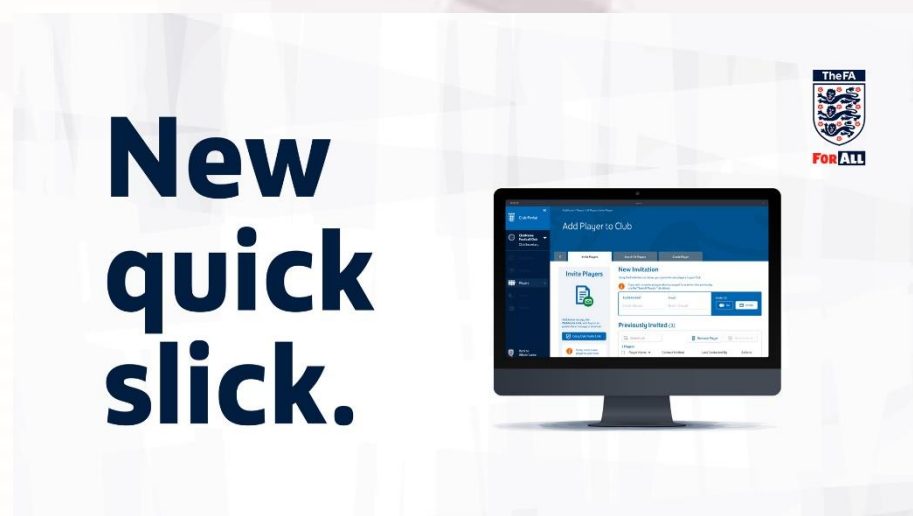
The FA is asking every parent/carer with a child involved in football to take a few minutes to watch a new online video. The short video outlines what you should expect from your club and how you can play your part in safeguarding your child.



To watch the video please [click here](#).

## NEW PLAYER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Player registration has been rebooted, making football admin faster and simpler for players, clubs and leagues.



We've listened to feedback from up and down the country. We've developed new and improved processes and features making grassroots football administration faster and better than ever before.

To read more please [click here](#).

## AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance throughout this period, and we ask that everybody continues to pull together and support one another as much as possible.

*Best wishes,*

**Norfolk County FA**