

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the tenth instalment of the 2022/23 season. We hope all Clubs have enjoyed their football as this season comes to a close. We would like to wish all teams good luck for any remaining fixtures, including any Cup Finals they may be participating in.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR CARROW ROAD CUP FINALS

Tickets for the three Norfolk County Cup Finals taking place at Carrow Road are now on sale.

Tickets for this season's Ashtons Legal Senior Cup, Harrod Sport Women's Cup and Norfolk Junior Cup are all available to purchase on Norwich City FC's website. Please note that tickets can only be purchased online and that tickets will not be able to be purchased at the ground or on the day.



There will be supporter specific segregation for both the Ashtons Legal Senior Cup and Norfolk Junior Cup Finals. However, there will be no segregation for fans at the Women's Cup Final. To read more and purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

THE FDC COUNTY CUP FINALS TICKET INFORMATION

The 2023 County Cup Finals started on Friday 14 April with Norman Wanderers FC Reserves beating Over Me FC at Harrod Sport Arena, The FDC.

Tickets for the remaining four County Cup Finals being held at Harrod Sport Arena are available to purchase now! Please note: Tickets are purchased on a first come, first served basis.

- Sunday 7 May – Chaplin Farrant Sunday Senior Cup Final – Young Boys Vs Moose Park Rangers
- Saturday 13 May – Norfolk Intermediate Cup Final – Earsham Reserves Vs Attleborough Town Reserves
- Saturday 13 May – 4Work Primary Cup Final – AG Hingham Vs AFC Emneth Reserves
- Sunday 21 May – Norfolk U12s Cup Final – Scole United Vs Costessey Sports

To read more and purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

THE NORFOLK COUNTY CUP FINALS SO FAR

This season's programme of County Cup Finals is well underway with four already being played, all at Harrod Sport Arena, The FDC. Read the match reports of each of the Finals by clicking on the respective photos.

The Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Winners – Norman Wanderers Reserves



The One Broker Veterans Cup Winners – Cringleford Veterans



The Stuart Dracup Cup Winners – Wymondham Town United



The John Savage Cup Winners – Fakenham Town



Information on all the Norfolk County Cup Finals can be found on our dedicated Twitter channel, [click here](#) to find out more.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS IN GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

With the 2023/24 season quickly approaching, there are a number of new Safeguarding requirements which will have an impact on Club Affiliation. It is extremely important that Clubs begin to action these requirements now so that all elements are in place ready for the affiliation window opening.



For 2023/24 Club Affiliations ALL Clubs with Open Age/Adult teams are required to have a named Club Welfare Officer at the point of affiliation. Affiliations will not be approved if they are submitted without this role being filled by a named official. These officials as of now, do not require any additional safeguarding qualifications or DBS check.

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

WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are hosting a Women's Walking Tournament at The FDC on Saturday 22nd July. The England Women's team will be playing their first game of the Women's World Cup at 10.30am. In order to make this event a big celebration of Women's football, we are inviting teams to watch the game at The FDC before taking part in a tournament with fixtures kicking off at 1pm.



Details of the tournament are as follows:

- Saturday 22nd July
- 1pm-4pm
- 5-a-side (max squad of 8)
- £30 per team (will include some refreshments to enjoy during the England game)

To register your interest, please [click here](#).

THE KEVIN GRISTWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY 2023

The Kevin Gristwood Memorial Trophy is a small-sided U18 tournament that is taking place at The FDC in Bowthorpe on Saturday 10 June 2023. The Offside Trust have been supportive of this U18 tournament, given their remit around the safeguarding and protection of young people. The Offside Trust is a national organisation set up by survivors for survivors of child sexual abuse.



There are currently limited U18 small-sided tournament provisions locally, meaning that The Kevin Gristwood Memorial Trophy will allow players to experience the joys and excitement of a summer tournament. To read more please [click here](#).

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH NORFOLK FA

Through mutually beneficial collaborations, we as the not-for-profit governing body for football in Norfolk, aim to secure good to significant reinvestment back into the grassroots game in return for our marketing power of, and the local game's expenditure into, commercial businesses. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Through our bespoke marketing agreements, our ambition is to enable our carefully chosen partners to not only achieve their business objectives, but expand their reach within Norfolk and neighbouring counties, improve their awareness among communities, and ultimately increase their revenue through working with us.

In return for support in key areas of our operations, we are pleased to offer partnership packages that support our partners' commercial business aims. Through our tiered approach within our commercial strategy, we can offer tailored agreements suitable for a range of businesses.

We are actively looking to expand our commercial partnership portfolio in 2023 and have a range of opportunities available. For more information, please visit our [partnerships document](#) on our website, or email Rebecca.Burton@NorfolkFA.com.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME HELD AT THE FDC

Thursday 13th April saw 29 participants attend our second delivery of our Youth Leadership Programme. The day consisted of workshops around leadership, coaching, refereeing and inclusion.



The day was very interactive, and saw participants learning the fundamentals of refereeing, and stepping into the shoes of the referee, by refereeing small-sided games, alongside being an assistant referee too.

To read more about the Youth Leadership Programme and book on a future event, please [click here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA COACHES CLUB

The Norfolk FA Coaches Club is free to join and aims to provide coaches with the appropriate support and knowledge to make them the best coaches they can be.



There are three Coaching CPD sessions coming up in May and Norfolk FA Coaches Club members can attend these for free. Please see more information below:

- 3rd May 2023 - Norfolk FA Coaches Club | Developing the Environment - Understanding your players
- 11th May 2023 - England Football Learning | Effective Communications & Relationships
- 18th May 2023 - FA Coach Development Series | Benefit of Small Sided Games

You can read more and book on the above coaching events by [clicking here](#).

HARROD SPORT DISCOUNT FOR NORFOLK CLUBS

Harrod Sport, based in Lowestoft, provides equipment and goalposts to a multitude of Premier League Football Clubs, Wembley Stadium and St George's Park. In addition to the English game, the organisation also supplies European giants such as Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid and Paris St Germain.

Through our partnership with them, Norfolk FA affiliated Clubs can receive a 35% discount on full product range. The code required is NORFOLKFA-23!



To view the full product range, please [click here](#).

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AND FINALLY

As always, we will continue to do our best to offer support to all Clubs and Leagues throughout the remainder of the 2022/23 season and wish all competing teams good fortune in the rest of the campaign.

Best wishes,
Norfolk County FA