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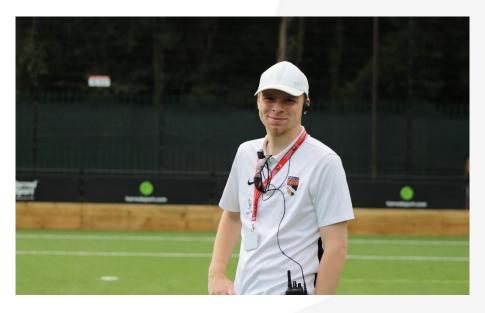


WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the first instalment of the 2022/23 season. As we look forward to the new season and the new challenges ahead, we would like to wish all teams good luck for the 2022/23 season.

WORK AT OUR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Work with a great group of people in an exciting and fast paced environment that has the development of the local football at its core.



Norfolk County FA is the not-for-profit, governing body of football in Norfolk. Founded in 1881, it governs, regulates and develops grassroots football across the County, sitting under the umbrella of The FA.

We are proud of our positive culture, innovation, and one team ethos as a workforce. Every member of staff has a part to play in the development of #NorfolkFootball, and together we can change lives within the local communities around the County.

A selection of exciting opportunities have become available for passionate and driven individuals to join the team across our three Football Development facilities.

Please <u>click here</u> to find the relevant job packs for the various roles on offer.

2023 FDC SUMMER TOURNAMENTS CONFIRMED

After two hugely successful tournaments at The FDC recently, we are pleased to confirm that both the Harrod Sport Women's & Girls' Cup and the FDC Youth Cup will return for 2023.



Our female specific tournament, sponsored by <u>Harrod Sport</u>, will return on the weekend of 17th & 18th June, while our biggest youth tournament will take place on 8th and 9th July.

Teams can register interest for the competitions now and those registering interest will be contacted in the new year and given the chance to confirm entries during a priority booking window



Our biggest youth tournament is currently available for sponsorship for the 22/23 season and beyond. If you are interested in becoming the headline partner to this competition, please email Marketing@NorfolkFA.com.

Read more about next year's tournaments and register your interest by <u>clicking here</u>.

THE FA TO TRIAL THE REMOVAL OF HEADING IN U12 MATCHES AND BELOW

The Football Association has been granted approval from The International Football Association Board [IFAB] to introduce a new trial to remove deliberate heading in football matches across U12 level and below in England from the start of the 2022/23 season.



The FA will now be inviting leagues and competitions across the country to take part in the trial that will run for the duration of the 2022/23 season. The trial will be coordinated with the County FA network, Leagues, Clubs and Schools throughout the country.

Should the trial be a success, the aim is to then remove deliberate heading from all football matches at U12 level and below from the 2023/24 season. This step will bring matches across these age groups in line with The FA's current heading guidance for training, which already recommends that heading is eliminated or restricted at this level.

To find out more about the changes, please click here.



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INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT SUCCESS

As part of the Safeguarding 365 standard that all County FA's operate to, regular independent assessments take place to ensure that all of the relevant safeguarding measures are being achieved.



This season, the assessments are being carried out by the NSPCC, with our most recent visit taking place at the end of June and we are pleased to report that we passed with flying colours, with all 78 measures being fully complied with.

We continue to work hard to ensure that safeguarding is embedded at the heart of everything that we do, and early in the 2022/23 season we will be undertaking a comprehensive survey to listen to the voice of young players – watch this space!

To learn more about safeguarding at Norfolk FA, please <u>click here</u>, or email <u>Safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com</u>.

PLAYER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON

The 2022/23 player registration window is now open, and we are keen to ensure that all those involved in registering players for a club are in a good position to do so.



Like last season, player registrations are taking place on the Club Portal, which has been enhanced to overcome the challenges that everyone faced last season.

Our Football Services Team are running a drop-in session to allow people who want some face-to-face help to jump on and have a chat with one of the team. This will be taking place on:

 Monday 15th August - 6.30 PM - 8.00 PM - Click here to join the meeting

To find out more about player registration, please click here.

ONLINE DISCIPLINE ROADSHOW EVENT

The FA are hosting an online Discipline Roadshow Event on Tuesday 2nd August commencing at 7pm.



The event is open to Club Committee Members, League Committee Members and Match Officials. This will be hosted by The Football Association and we anticipate will last approximately 90-120 minutes. The topics that will be covered include:

- 1. Match Official Abuse Including regulations
- 2. Aggravated misconduct / Discrimination
- 3. Reporting processes
- 4. E20 abandonment procedure(s)
- 5. Regional Discipline Panels
- 6. Performance / Case Load
- 7. Order of precedence

The event will take place on Microsoft teams and the link can be accessed by <u>clicking</u> here.

DISCOVER A FUTURE LIONESS

Have you got an amazing young female player on your team? Has she got what it takes to grow from grassroots to greatness? Could she become a Lioness of the future?



Yes? Here's your chance to refer a player and she could be taking her first step on the Women's England Talent Pathway.

The Referral Window is open from Friday 1 July to Friday 2 September 2022, so now's the perfect time to act.

Last season we saw 1500 unique referrals and a host of talent that we wouldn't have seen without your support.

To read more and find out what the future Lioness characteristics look like, please <u>click here</u>.









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TAKE UP THE WHISTLE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON

After an excellent 2021/22 season of Match Official recruitment which saw 145 newly qualified Referees, we are looking to add to our existing cohort. So, if you've ever thought about taking up the whistle, book your place now.



Refereeing is a great way to keep fit, meet new people, stay involved in football, and earn a bit of additional income. Officials can be rewarded with County Cup Final appointments and Refereeing can even become a viable career opportunity for those progressing up the promotion pathway.



The next course of the 2022/23 season will take place at The FDC, Bowthorpe on Friday 12th and Saturday 14th August.

To read more about Referee Courses in the 2022/23 season, please click here.

NEW SEASON - NEW FUNDRAISING SOLUTION YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Struggling to fundraise for your club? This season is going to be different. Team up with easyfundraising and your club can earn free cashback from all the big brands. Cashback that can help cover pitch hire, training courses, new equipment, day-to-day running costs, and more.

easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 big brands so your club can earn cashback when your players, coaches, and volunteers shop with them. It doesn't cost your club anything or the online shopper as the cost is covered by the brand. It's their way of doing good for local groups and communities.



To find out more, please click here.

FREE BUSINESS INSURANCE REVIEW

With costs rising and budgets tightening, independent insurance broker and Norfolk County FA partner, One Broker, is offering a free Commercial Insurance review.



High inflation and rising costs are causing many businesses to tighten their belts and look for cost-saving opportunities. This means that now is an ideal time to review your Commercial Insurance to make sure you have the right policies for the right price. To help, One Broker are therefore offering a free insurance review, which will identify any gaps in your cover and highlight areas in which you may be paying too much.

Call Account Executive Ian Stone on 01603 218249 or email lan.Stone@onebroker.co.uk to arrange your review.

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FOOTBALL SERVICES TEAM WORKING HOURS

Please note that our Football Services Team will be operating their 'in-season' hours from Saturday 13 August. This means the phonelines will be open on Saturday mornings between 8:30am and midday.

To contact them please e-mail <u>Support@NorfolkFA.com</u> or call 01603 704050 (Opt. 1, Opt. 1).







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LIONESSES MAKE EURO 2022 FINAL

England roared through to the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 final, after a stunning 4-0 semi-final win over Sweden in Sheffield.



Beth Mead, Lucy Bronze, Alessia Russo and Fran Kirby all struck for the Lionesses on an unforgettable night at Bramall Lane.

Sweden bossed the early stages but Mead's sixth goal of the tournament just past the half-hour mark settled nerves.



Bronze doubled the lead with a fine header early in the second half before super sub, Russo brilliantly backheeled home and Kirby added sheen to the scoreline.



Sarina Wiegman has led the Lionesses to their third EURO final and thus ended a run of three successive defeats in major tournament semi-finals.

Following the Lionesses' 4-0 victory over Sweden on Tuesday, Germany beat France by 2-1 in Wednesday's semi-final in Milton Keynes to set up the competition's showpiece game.

GOOD LUCK LIONESSES!



England will play Germany in the UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Final at Wembley Stadium this Sunday.

This is the first meeting between the sides at the tournament since the 2009 final, and a 6-2 win for Germany.

No opposition player has scored against Germany so far at EURO 2022, with their only goal conceded coming courtesy of goalkeeper Merle Frohms' own goal against France in the semifinal.

However, England's Beth Mead has scored six goals so far at EURO 2022, with no player ever scoring more in a single edition of the UEFA Women's European Championship.

England's Alessio Russo has also scored four goals at EURO 2022 so far, all as a substitute – the most sub goals a player has scored at a single edition of the UEFA Women's European Championship.

We would like to wish the Lionesses good luck ahead of Sunday's Final. **COME ON ENGLAND** – all of #NorfolkFootball is behind you!

England v Germany
UEFA Women's EURO 2022 – The Final
5pm BST, Sunday 31 July 2022



AND FINALLY

As always, we will continue to do our best to offer support to all Clubs and Leagues throughout the 22/23 season and wish all competing teams good fortune in the upcoming campaign.

Best wishes,

Norfolk County FA





