

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the eleventh instalment of the 2022/23 season. We hope all Clubs have enjoyed their football as this season comes to a close. We hope everyone has a short but enjoyable break before pre-season starts for many Clubs and Teams in the new season.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY CUP FINALS 2023

This season's programme of County Cup finals is now over with us crowning 11 Winners across the local grassroots game. To anyone that attended or took part in a County Cup final, we hope you enjoyed the experience and created memories that will stay with you. We were delighted to welcome large crowds to Carrow Road this month to celebrate the most prestigious competitions we run as well as well-attended finals at Harrod Sport Arena, The FDC.

Almost 2,700 people were in attendance for the Harrod Sport Women's Cup final, which saw Norwich City beat Mulbarton Wanderers 3-0 on Friday 19 May. This was a record-breaking attendance for a Women's County Cup final and the largest of any County Cup competition for over two decades. Please see links to match report, highlights and photos albums from all the Cup finals below:

The Ashtons Legal Senior Cup Winners – Gorleston



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The Norfolk Junior Cup Winners – Loddon United



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The Harrod Sport Women's Cup Winners – Norwich City



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The Norfolk Intermediate Cup Winners – Attleborough Town Reserves



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The 4Work Primary Cup Winners – AG Hingham



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The One Broker Veterans Cup Winners – Cringleford Veterans



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The Chaplin Farrant Sunday Senior Cup Winners – Young Boys



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The Norfolk U12s Cup Winners – Costessey Sports



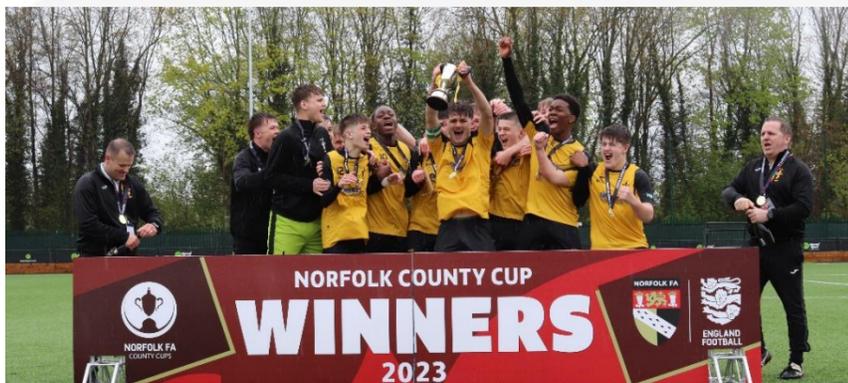
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The Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Winners – Norman Wanderers Reserves



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The John Savage Cup Winners – Fakenham Town



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The Stuart Dracup Cup Winners – Wymondham Town United



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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, including Veterans and Walking Football 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](#).

TAKE UP THE WHISTLE IN THE 2023/24 SEASON

We are pleased to confirm the first set of dates for the 2023/24 season's FA Referee Courses.

After an excellent season of Match Official recruitment which saw over 100 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. Committed 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.

To read more and book on a course, 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.

REFEREE PROMOTIONS

We are delighted to announce details of the referees who have achieved promotions in the second half of the 2022/23 season.



Referees on the Referee Progression Pathway have recently been informed if they had been successful in their efforts to attain a higher level and we would like to congratulate them all on their achievement.

You can view a full list of the Match Officials who are stepping up by [clicking 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 is a Coaching CPD session coming up in June and Norfolk FA Coaches Club members can attend this for free. Please see more information below:

UEFA Coach CPD- Pre-Season Planning – Tuesday 13th June

- **Date:** Tuesday 13th June
- **Time:** 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- **Venue:** The FDC, Bowthorpe
- **Hosts:** Darren Bloodworth (English Football League Regional Manager) & James Buhemann (Norfolk FA Football Development Officer – Coaching)
- **CPD Hours:** 3 hours

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

CLUB AFFILIATION FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

Norfolk County FA are pleased to announce that the Club Affiliation window for the 2023/24 Season will open from w/co 12th June. Confirmation of the exact opening date will be confirmed in due course.



For the first time, this season the Club Affiliation process will now be on the Club Portal and like last season will be a team based model.

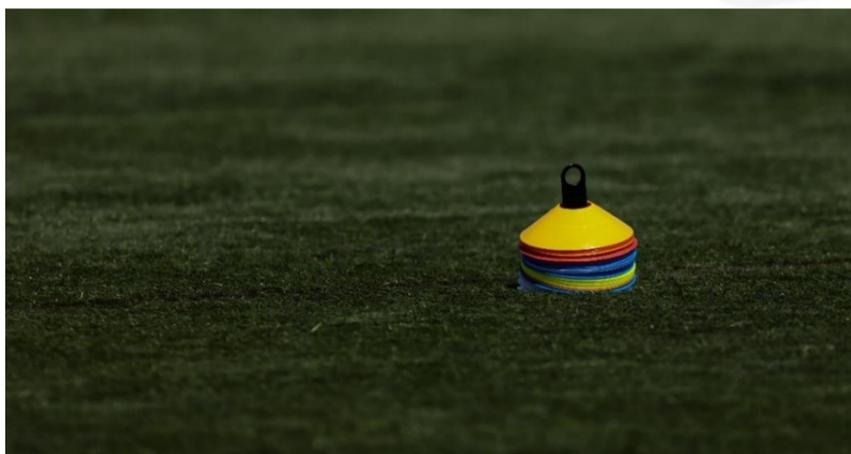
The FA have created guides on how to complete each specific step, both pre-affiliation and during the affiliation. These guides can be accessed through the Grassroots Technology page using this [link](#).

We would strongly encourage clubs to look at the Affiliation Checklist guide within the link which will outline the tasks needing to be completed before you can complete your Club's Affiliation, and what to focus on once the window is open.

You can read more by [clicking here](#).

RECEIVE BESPOKE SUPPORT FOR YOUR CLUB OR LEAGUE

Accredited Clubs and Leagues will now have the opportunity to create their own workshops alongside Norfolk FA to upskill and support volunteers. Norfolk FA is looking to work with our Accredited Clubs and Leagues to create bespoke support that will raise the standards of the football environment, upskill the voluntary workforce and enable Leagues to deliver a wide range of provisions.



Clubs and Leagues can pick from a wide array of topics from Club administration to social media to funding & financial advice. To read more please [click 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](#).

NORFOLK FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

If within your club, league or association you have a person who deserves recognition of the long service they have given then nominate them for a Norfolk County FA Long Service Award.



You can do this either as a surprise for the individual or with them being informed. To read more and complete a nomination, please [click here](#).

AND FINALLY

As always, we will continue to do our best to offer support to all Clubs and Leagues as we prepare for the 2023/24 season.

Best wishes,
Norfolk County FA