

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

June 2019



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the last of the 2018/19 Season.

As always we aim to continue to provide you with engaging content from the various Norfolk FA departments as well as relevant information regarding what's on the horizon within the #NorfolkFootball calendar.

## THE FA & McDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS 2019

Last month we were proud to announce Norfolk's winners of The FA & McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards 2019.

After a six week nomination period, an independent judging panel selected winners and highly commended awards across ten different categories and those in receipt of an award were informed via some famous faces on [Twitter](#).



The winners of this year's awards are as follows:

- Rising Star of the Year – **Matt Friend**
- Project of the Year – **Match of the Dads**
- Highly commended awards: **Norfolk Women's & Girls' League & Woodton United FC**
- League of the Year – **Norfolk & Suffolk Youth Football League**
- Volunteer of the Year – **Nathan Pauling**
- Highly commended award: **Ray Ewart (Swaffham Town FC)**
- Match Official of the Year – **Karl Smith**
- Club of the Year – **Tasburgh FC**
- Coach of the Year – **Jason White**
- Respect Award – **Norfolk & Suffolk Youth Football League**
- Supporter of the Year – **Darrell Allen**
- Grounds Team of the Year – **Nicky Wood & Neil Coop (North Walsham Town FC)**

All winners will be invited to our annual Volunteers Awards Evening in September where they will receive their award.

## THE OPEN INVITATIONAL CUP 2019

Sunday 7 July will see the introduction of a brand new tournament to the #NorfolkFootball calendar – The Open Invitational Cup taking place at theFDC@OpenAcademy.

The new tournament will see U16's run through the day (10:30am KO); and an Adult Male tournament running in the evening (6pm KO).

**Where:** theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL

**When:** Sunday 7 July 2019

**Format:** 5-a-side, squads of 8

**Entry Fee:** £30



For more information and to sign up – [click here](#).

## NORFOLK FA HOSTING FA TALENT ID AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that we are running a free CPD workshop to all those who could be involved in the identification of talented footballers.

The role of mainstream coaches cannot be underestimated in the process. There are an estimated 6% of players within mainstream leagues that are eligible for an England Disability Team.



The workshop is part of The FA commitment to enhancing knowledge of disability football within the County. To find out more please [click here](#).



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## ENGLAND TALENT ID DAY

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our England Talent ID Day on Saturday 3rd August 2019.

The England Talent Day is the entry point to the FA Disability Pathway. The day will consist of a short welcome for players and parents, by the FA Talent ID lead, followed by a two-hour football session, hosted by Norwich City Community Sports Foundation's fully qualified coaches.



To find out more information please [click here](#).

## NORFOLK FA VETERANS LEAGUE AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Norfolk County FA can confirm that the Norfolk FA Veterans Football League, currently known as the Leathes Prior Veterans League is available for sponsorship for the 19/20 season.



Since its inception in 2010, the league has more than doubled in size, going from 2 divisions with 10 total teams, to this season hosting 5 divisions and 36 competing teams. In addition the 18/19 season has seen the introduction of a new league cup competition. Norfolk FA hope to see further growth ahead of the 19/20 campaign and are also working to introduce a Walking Football division to the league.

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

## THE FA FUTSAL FUND WITH THE FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

The FA and Football Foundation have launched The FA Futsal Fund, investing £300,000 into the development of Futsal in England.

The scheme offers grants of either £1,500 or £3,000 to develop new youth futsal leagues across the country to increase the opportunity for players to play futsal on a regular basis in a structured games programme.



Who can apply?

- County Football Associations who are running or plan to run leagues
- Youth football or futsal leagues
- Adult leagues setting up youth futsal provisions
- Affiliated Clubs wishing to develop youth futsal leagues
- PL & EFL Community Trusts
- FA University Community Football Hubs

Find out more and apply [here](#).

Contact [Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com) for support with the application.

## WHY NOT GET INVOLVED IN #NORFOLKFOOTBALL?

With the FIFA Women's World Cup well underway and potentially many females inspired by the game, Norfolk County FA are launching a 'Why not get involved?' expression of interest form. This is available to females of any age who may be interested in getting involved within #NorfolkFootball - either to play, coach, volunteer or referee.

The expression of interest form only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Once a fully completed submission is received, a member of the football Development Team will be in contact, providing information surrounding opportunities within your local area.

You can complete the expression of interest form [HERE](#).



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## PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCESS – 2019/20 SEASON

Following another successful season in 2018/19 for the online player registration process with all our youth leagues along with the adult sections of the Norfolk Christian Football League, Norfolk Women's and Girls League and the Norfolk FA Veterans League taking part, the online registration process will now be extended to all Clubs playing in a Norfolk Sanctioned League for the 2019-20 season.

This means that in addition to the Leagues mentioned above the following Leagues will also be online for the player registration process for the coming season:

- Anglian Combination League
- Central and South Norfolk League
- Great Yarmouth Saturday League
- King's Lynn Sunday League
- North East Norfolk League
- North West Norfolk League
- Norwich & District Sunday League

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

## LONG SERVICE NOMINATIONS

If within your respective club or league you have a person that 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 nominate someone and find out more please [click here](#).

## CENTRAL & SOUTH NORFOLK LEAGUE TEAM NUMBER ON THE RISE

At the Annual General Meeting held recently, the League admitted ten new teams to membership of the League for the coming season.



This represents the largest number of teams to apply to join the League in its recent history and will provide the most teams competing in the League for six years.

The new teams include three from Suffolk and a number of clubs with teams in Sunday or Youth football. The teams joining the League are AG Athletic, Costessey Sports Res., Diligent FC, FC Viking, Firsides Athletic, Hornets, Lakenheath Casuals, Redgrave Rangers Res., Weasenham Wanderers and West Row. To find out more please [click here](#).

## CONCUSSION FOR PLAYERS: LESSONS FROM THE PITCH



For former Reading and Ireland striker Kevin Doyle, **“it happened in training”**.

With Chelsea and England defender, Millie Bright **“it was an aerial duel between me and the striker”**. And for grassroots player, Mitch Lacey, it was when an opponent **“came straight through me with his elbow into the back of my head”**.

Three players, three different stories from three levels of the game. But all share one outcome - a concussion.

To find out more about their stories please [click here](#).

## THE 2019 FA COMMUNITY SHIELD – EXCURSION

We are running an excursion to the FA Community Shield between Liverpool and Manchester City on Sunday 4 August. Norfolk FA Excursions are a great opportunity to experience Wembley with your friends, family or team mates from your Club.

Packages include:

- Executive coach travel to and from Wembley Stadium
- Match ticket

For further information and to view the booking form please [click here](#).



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## THE UTILITA ENERGY YOUTH CUP 2019

Norfolk FA's biggest tournament is returning to theFDC this July.



As per tradition the showcase summer tournament, held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at theFDC in Bowthorpe, will see even age groups compete on the Saturday and odd age groups compete on the Sunday.

The tournament is taking place on the weekend of 6 and 7 July and will host 96 teams in eight age groups, ranging from U7 to U14.

There are still spaces in the U12, U13 and U14 age groups! To enter a team please [click here](#).

## NOTICEBOARD

Are you a club looking for players, a player looking for a new team?

The Norfolk FA Noticeboard is where you can advertise anything related to Norfolk Football. Need equipment? Looking for volunteers? Submit your post now!

To view the Noticeboard please [click here](#).

## FRIDAY NIGHT PAY&PLAY

Pay&Play is now available at all three of Our Football Development Centres on Friday nights!

The centres are making their 3G pitches available for just £2.50 to users on Friday nights until the beginning of the school summer holidays.

Find out more [here](#).

## SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Please be reminded that Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via [safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.

## NEW COURSES AVAILABLE FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON

We are pleased to announce that next season's courses from July 2019 - January 2020 are now available and can be found through the individual links on the [Development & Courses](#) page on our website.

We are also pleased to confirm that we have again received funding from Norfolk Community Learning Services (NCLS), Sport England and The FA enabling us to offer half price or discounted places and bursaries on some courses for the first half of the 2019/20 season.

## BALL LAUNCHER OFFER

Ball Launcher is a revolutionary coaching aid that supports your coaching to maximise player development, maximise training output and maximise enjoyment!

As a result of our partnership Ball Launcher will not only offer a discount on the product, but also allow the option to pay in instalments.

Click on banner image to view website or contact at [info@ball-launcher.com](mailto:info@ball-launcher.com) for more info.



## AND FINALLY,

We would like all involved with #NorfolkFootball the best of summer breaks as we begin to look forward to next season.

Best wishes

**Norfolk County FA**