

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

October 2017



WELCOME

Hello and a warm welcome to the second edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. With the season still in its infancy stage, there has been plenty of news and also key information to bring to you.

As per the previous edition, we hope to provide an insight into our work, along with what's on the horizon for clubs, including various opportunities to get involved in Norfolk Football.

THE FA GRASSROOTS SURVEY 2017

The FA's Grassroots Football Survey has returned, providing a voice to those involved in the sport throughout the county.

The survey offers unparalleled insight into the amateur game nationwide and in Norfolk by providing a platform for those directly involved in the game to give feedback using an online poll.

We really need your feedback and opinions on the Grassroots game in Norfolk, and you can do so by clicking on the image below. The deadline for responses is Monday 30 October.



THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL WEEK

6 – 12 November 2017

The FA Girls' Football Week is an opportunity for all to engage as many girls and women as possible in football. The national campaign will help contribute towards The FA's aim to double the number of females playing football by 2020.

Organisations can now register their FA Girls' Football Week activity and tell us what they're doing to support the national campaign by clicking on the image below.

Once you've registered, Harry Diggins (our Women's and

Girls' Football Development Officer) will support your organisation, the activity and the organisation's compliance. On approval of the application the organisation will be emailed a link to download resources to support their activities.



To get in touch with Harry Diggins contact him on Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com.

SSE WILDCATS CLUBS

The SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Clubs initiative started earlier this year with the aim of providing regular opportunities to play football for girls aged 5-11 in a fun, engaging and safe environment.

Two of our grassroots clubs are hosting these sessions:

Thorpe United Girls & Ladies FC

Date: Every Saturday – Already started

Time: 9am – 10am

Venue: Thorpe Recreational Ground – NR7 0XQ

Cost: FREE

[Find out more here.](#)

Aylsham FC

Date: Every Saturday – Starting on 28th October 2017

Time: 9am – 10am

Venue: Youngs Park – NR11 6UJ

Cost: FREE

[Find out more here.](#)

UPDATED REGULATION DOCUMENTS

The FA have published both the [2017-18 FA Discipline Handbook](#) and the 2017-18 Sanction Guidelines (attached to this email) as well as updating the [Governance section](#) of the Norfolk FA website. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the updated Regulations and if you have any questions regarding discipline, contact a member of our Football Administration Team.

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JOIN OUR CLUB

As mentioned in our previous bulletin, the next step in our PCVR strategy is to revamp the 'Join Our Club' programme.

With more and more people embracing online platforms, our Marketing department will look to support and educate clubs wishing to further explore the digital age.



Coupled with the support of the Football Development department, the programme aims to assist clubs with the recruitment of players, coaches and various volunteering roles.

We will be holding a Join Our Club WebEx on **Tuesday 17 October** – Club Secretaries should [sign up to the 'Join Our Club launch' Web Ex to find out more.](#)

NEW REFEREES' COURSE

It was very pleasing to see our second successful Referees' course so far this season, with 15 new officials at Caister in August and 17 more at East Harling attend and pass their appraisal stage towards the end of September.



Our third course at theFDC is currently in progress, with our next two lined up at King's Lynn in January ([click here to book](#)) and again at theFDC in February ([click here to book](#)).

To find out more information about the latest Referee news, visit the online [Referees bulletin here](#).

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEADERS COURSE

On the subject of courses, we are hosting a Junior Football Leaders Course (JFL) on the **24 October**.



The course is open to aspiring young leaders aged 12-16, and will provide basic introduction to leadership skills required when involved in football. The course will primarily focus on 4 areas: Assisting Football Activity Sessions, an introduction to refereeing, helping with a team and different football events. In addition to these areas, Respect, promoting the game & developing the game will be embedded during the Guided Learning Hours.

[Click here](#) to find out more information and to book online.

WINTER TRAINING

With more and more clubs looking for places to train over the autumn and winter period, theFDC@Flegg in Martham are offering a 10 week pitch hire offer to Charter Standard clubs.



A variety of times and slots are available over the course of the week so please get in touch via theFDCFlegg@NorfolkFA.com or call 01603 704050 (Ext 4).

GAMEDAY HIRE

Our other Football Development Centre hub, theFDC@OpenAcademy, is also offering a special rate for teams needing a venue for fixtures on Saturday mornings. Located in Heartsease, it offers the perfect alternative if your game is called off or you wish to do some additional winter training.



If you'd like to get yourself booked in please email theFDCopen@NorfolkFA.com or call 01603 704050 (Ext 3).

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FOOTBALL FUTURES

'A platform for opportunity...'

Do you know someone aged 12-24 who has a passion for the game?



The Norfolk FA Football Futures Programme has been a huge success over the last few years, providing dozens of young leaders the opportunity to upskill, develop and gain knowledge within the game.

Two specific training programmes are available this season and each training programme will be tutored by County FA and FA Staff:

Referee Specific Training Day

Date: Friday 20 October 2017

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL

Coach Specific Training Day

Date: Friday 27 October 2017

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL

If you would like to book onto either of the two training days please complete the sign up form [by clicking here](#).



Another aspect of the Football Futures programme is our recently established Norfolk FA Youth Council, which oversees and assists the delivery of Football Futures events.

If you're aged 14-23 and want to be a part of the team working to support the targets set out for the Norfolk FA Football Futures programme, check out the [available roles here!](#)

THE FA WOMEN'S CUP SUCCESS

It's always pleasing to see Norfolk clubs do well in the National cup competitions, and in the FA Women's Cup our top teams are doing the County proud.

Congratulations to Acle United and Wymondham Town, both currently in the Eastern Region Women's Football League Premier and First Division respectively, for reaching the First Round proper after coming through three qualifying rounds. Both teams have been drawn away to FA Women's Premier League sides, with Acle travelling to Stevenage Ladies and Wymondham making the trip to Enfield Town on the 12 November. Good luck!



TOUR DE NORFOLK CHARITY RIDE

Seven members of Norfolk FA staff, including the Chairman, completed the 70-mile Tour de Norfolk on Sunday 17 September.



It was a truly special day, not only being able to cycle through the beautiful county of Norfolk, but also raising over £1,000 for Cancer Research UK – in particular the Bobby Moore Fund.

It's was a tough challenge, and you can still donate to this worthy cause [by clicking here](#).

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ENGLAND V GERMANY

Norfolk FA England Excursions are a great opportunity to experience Wembley with your friends, family or team mates as well a chance to see the national team play live.



You can watch the Three Lions take on Germany on Friday 10 November, and our Excursion packages include a Match Ticket and Executive Travel. Be quick though – the deadline to book is midday **Monday 16th November!** Click the image above to access the Application Form.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Referees Department



Referee Development Officer
David Robinson



Referee Appointments Officer
Daryl Godbold

The 'Department Spotlight' section provides an insight into the different Departments here at Norfolk FA and the work they undertake.

As you can see, our Referees Department is made up of two members of staff. David, our Referee Development Officer, is responsible for the training, education and development of registered referees.

David also works on the recruitment of new Referees, delivering courses throughout the County, as part of the targets set in the Refereeing Section of the National Game Strategy (NGS) for Norfolk.

Daryl, meanwhile, is our Referee Appointments Officer. As the title suggests, he also assists David in the delivery of the Referees' section of the NGS, in which The FA's vision is to appoint a registered referee for every game of affiliated 11v11 football.

Over 5,000 matches had an appointed official last season, which saw coverage rates of 94% on Saturdays and 98% on Sundays.

You can contact our Referee Department Team on 01603 704050 (Ext. 1; Opt. 1 then 3).

LEATHES PRIOR VETERANS LEAGUE

The second round of Leathes Prior Veterans League fixtures got underway at the end of last month.

To find out more information on the Leathes Prior Veterans League please [visit our website](#). Here you will find a run-down of the action.



WALKING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A 4Sports Walking Football tournament is set to be held at theFDC, run in partnership with Norwich SOCA Seniors and EACH Children's charity on Sunday 12 November at 10:30am.



The tournament will have two age categories; an over 50's & over 65's category, with permitted squads of up to 8 per team and the cost of entry is £35 – all of which will be going to the EACH charity.

You can find out more [on our website here](#).

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FA COMMUNITY SHIELD GRANTS



The FA Community Shield Distribution Committee announced earlier this year that they would once again continue supporting grassroots club projects.

This year's Community Shield Distribution saw each County receive two grants of £2500 to distribute to a pair of clubs with a clear vision of investment in development.

After an application process including all Norfolk Charter Standard Clubs, an independent panel awarded the grants to Old Catton JFC & Stalham Youth FC and both clubs were recently presented with their cheques.

Both clubs have benefitted from the fund, with Old Catton opting to use the funding within the Pitch Improvement Programme to improve Lavare Park, and Stalham Youth choosing to further develop provision available to their older age groups.

You can find the full press release [on our website here](#).

COUNTY CUPS

Since the last bulletin, no fewer than eight County Cup Competitions have gotten underway, with the first round of the Norfolk Women's Cup kicking off this Sunday. It is worth noting that we hold our other Cup Draws live [on either our Twitter page](#) and/or BBC Radio Norfolk, so make sure you keep an eye (or an ear!) out for these.



You can also visit our website for important information on County Cup dates; kick-off times and more [by clicking here](#).

CHARTER STANDARD IN-SERVICE CALENDAR

Please find all the upcoming events for Charter Standard clubs. You can sign up to any of these events by clicking on the relevant link.

OCTOBER	EVENT		DETAILS
	17	Join Our Club Web Ex	18:30 – 20:00
	20	Football Futures Referee Specific	09:00 – 16:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	24	FA Junior Football Leaders Course	09:00 – 16:00, £40.00 theFDC, NR5 9ED
	26	Social Media Web Ex	18:30 – 19:30
	27	Football Futures Coach Specific	09:00 – 16:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	30	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 Clenchwarton, PE34 4AT
	31	Annual Health Check Action Plans completed and sent	

NOVEMBER	EVENT		DETAILS
	1	Annual Health Check Action Plans received by all Clubs & Leagues	
	5	Coach CPD	18:30 – 20:30 The Common, NR14 8AE
	6	FA Girls Football Week	
	10	'Platform for Opportunity...'	18:30 – 20:30 County Headquarters, NR7 0TA
	14	Assistant Referee Workshop	18:30 – 20:30 St Andrews FC, NR7 0XQ
	19	Coach CPD	18:30 – 20:30 theFDC, NR5 9ED
	27	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 Clipbush Park, NR21 8SW

FINALLY

Good luck with all of your fixtures this weekend and over the coming weeks!

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