

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

November 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This communication is the fourth of the 20/21 season and with grassroots football returning we aim to provide you with all the latest information.

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR THE RETURN OF GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

The Football Association has issued updated guidance for 'non-elite' football in England following confirmation from the UK Government that organised sports can return from Wednesday 2nd December.



The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport [DCMS] has this evening issued updated guidelines on the return to recreational team sport which permits the return of 'non-elite' football in England from Wednesday 2nd December, and includes all fixtures and training for:

- Steps 3-6 of the National League System [NLS];
- Tiers 3-6 of the Women's Football Pyramid [WFP];
- Regional NLS Feeder Leagues;
- Barclays FA WSL Academy League;
- FA Girls Regional Talent Clubs;
- Outdoor youth and adult grassroots football.

Organised outdoor football activity is permitted at these levels across all three tiers from Wednesday 2nd December but it is extremely important that clubs, players, coaches, match officials, league officials, volunteers, parents, carers, and facility providers continue to strictly follow both the UK Governments' latest guidance on COVID-19 and respective bespoke guidance documents from The FA.

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

RAINBOW LACES RETURNS FOR 2020

This year's Rainbow Laces Campaign runs from Thursday 26th November to Sunday 13th December.

As with many things this season, the campaign will look different from previous seasons. However, we encourage

our #NorfolkFootball community to come out in support for the LGBT community by joining in with the campaign.



Norfolk County FA are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all individuals across our County who participate in football.

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

INCLUSION STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP: MEMBER RECRUITMENT NOW OPEN

The Norfolk County FA Inclusion Strategy Advisory Group (ISAG) is looking for new members.

The well-established group, which has been running for over a year, is looking for enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about equality, diversity and inclusion.



We are particularly looking for individuals who have a knowledge of, or a specific interest in, racial equality and/or gender equality. We are also interested in individuals who have played or still play football to be part of this group. However, we are interested and encourage applicants with any inclusion interests, as well as other roles within the game, to express an interest.

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

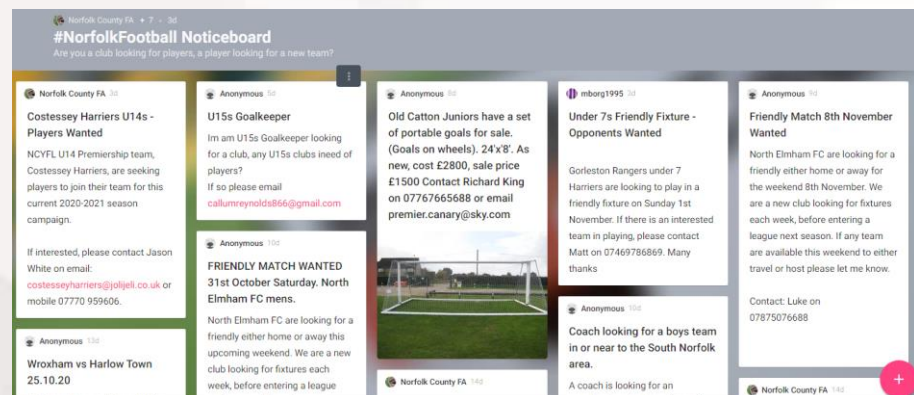
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THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

The [Norfolk FA Noticeboard](#) is where you can post content related to #NorfolkFootball such as advertising for players, coaches or volunteers.



We are using a new and improved platform for the 2020-21 season. Using Padlet, you are now able to post opportunities or advertisements on the noticeboard without the need to contact Norfolk FA directly. Posts can include hyperlinks such as email addresses and websites, not to mention graphics and photos.

The Noticeboard will be regularly monitored by Norfolk FA staff and we reserve the right to remove unsuitable or inappropriate posts.

FINESSE BY HARROD SPORT TO SUPPORT NORFOLK COACHES

We're pleased to announce that Harrod Sport, one of our lead partners, is further extending its backing of Norfolk Football by becoming a supporter of the newly announced Norfolk FA Coaches Club.

Via their training brand 'Finesse', Harrod Sport will be offering exclusive discount on the range for Coaches Club members, access to special offers, and frequent opportunities to win Finesse products.



Launched earlier this month, the eye-catching Finesse range is the perfect addition to enhance individual and team training, with in-demand performance equipment perfect for football.

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

THE FA PARTNERS WITH WEETABIX TO SUPPORT WILDCATS PROGRAMME

The FA are delighted to announce that it has partnered with the Weetabix Food Company to encourage the nation to embrace healthy choices through their new 'Eat Well, Live Well, Play Well' initiative.



The partnership will see the nation's favourite cereal become the official breakfast category partner of the England senior teams and lead partner of Wildcats, the participation programme for girls aged between five and eleven.

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

LOCAL FOOTBALL FACILITY PLANS

An exciting milestone for grassroots football has been reached as the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation has announced the completion of the Local Football Facility Plans.



The Plans outline what facilities every local authority area across England needs to meet the demand of football in their area.

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

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IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON #NORFOLKFOOTBALL

We are very mindful of the continued impact of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic and the effect it is having on all of us.



We have created a dedicated page on our website for all the latest information about the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes guidance as well as frequently asked questions. To visit the webpage please [click here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA COACHES CLUB LAUNCHES FOR THE 20/21 SEASON – BECOME A MEMBER NOW!

Norfolk FA launched the Norfolk FA Coaches Club for the 2020/21 season last month.

This new club will allow Norfolk coaches an opportunity to commit to their development by accessing events and exclusive coaching content across the year.

We were pleased to confirm that ex-Norwich City Footballer and France International Cedric Anselin will become the Norfolk FA Coaches Club Ambassador.



Our Football Development Officer, Harry Diggins sat down with Cedric to chat about his personal coaching experiences and coaching within #NorfolkFootball. You can watch the full interview by [clicking here](#).

We are also excited to be in a position to share another two virtual Coaches Club events before the end of the calendar year. Keith Webb is delivering a virtual CPD session on

‘logical planning process’ on Wednesday 9th December at 7:00pm.



Pete Sturgess will then be delivering an ‘England DNA: Foundation Phase (5-11) Master Class’ on Wednesday 16th December at 7:00pm. Pete is a UEFA A Licenced coach and current FA Technical Lead DNA 5-11. To read more about the virtual sessions and book on please [click here](#).

Membership for our Coaches Club is now available to purchase, with membership priced at just £20.00.

[Find out more and become a member now!](#)

RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CLUB THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, your supporters can raise vital funds for your club by using [easyfundraising](#) when they do their Christmas shopping online plus they can help you win a £250 donation.



When they use the [easyfundraising](#) website or app to shop online, the retailer they buy from sends your club a free donation at no extra cost.

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

AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance throughout this period, and we ask that everybody continues to pull together and support one another as much as possible.

Best wishes & stay safe,

Norfolk County FA