

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

October 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This communication is the third of the 20/21 season and, as we once again face a period without football, we will aim to update you as best we can during this second lockdown period.

STATEMENT FROM THE FA ON NON-ELITE FOOTBALL

The Football Association [The FA] can provide clarification for 'non-elite' football in England – including school, further and higher education football activities – on the UK Government's new national Covid-19 restrictions that are now in place until Wednesday 2 December 2020.



As a result of the UK Government's new national Covid-19 restrictions, which have been voted in favour of by Members of Parliament, The FA can confirm that the following aspects of 'non-elite' football in England are to be suspended during this period:

- **All fixtures and training for Steps 3-6 of the National League System [NLS];**
- **All fixtures and training for Tiers 3-7 of the Women's Football Pyramid [WFP];**
- **All fixtures and training for the Regional NLS Feeder Leagues;**
- **All fixtures and training for the Barclays FA WSL Academy League [see below];**
- **All fixtures and training for FA Girls Regional Talent Clubs;**
- **All fixtures and training for indoor and outdoor youth and adult grassroots football.**

The FA is liaising with the relevant leagues in the NLS and WFP and the County Football Associations [CFAs] with the aim to establish appropriate options to complete the 2020/21 season at these levels.

Read the full statement [here](#).

LOCKDOWN 2 AND THE IMPACT ON NORFOLK FOOTBALL

The new restrictions associated with this second lockdown will also have a wider impact on Norfolk FA and our Football Development Facilities.



Please note the following information:

theFDC's

We can confirm that our FDC facilities ceased operations from close of play on 4 November onwards.

This will see a postponement of bookings, season tickets and County 5IVES fixtures for what we envisage to be a four week 'pause' to the football season, up until Wednesday 2 December.

NCFA Staffing

Regrettably, the financial impact that this second lockdown period will undoubtedly have on us as an Association has resulted in us having to once again operate on reduced staffing levels as we utilise the Government's job retention scheme.

More specific information regarding furloughed staff and points of contact over the next four weeks will be made available in due course.

County Cup Competitions

Revised dates for our County Cup competitions have been produced and distributed to all League and Club secretaries.

To view the round dates for each County Cup Competition [click here](#).

Should you have any immediate questions, please view the FA's FAQ documents linked below, or email info@NorfolkFA.com which is being monitored on a regular basis.

Read The FA's latest set of FAQ's [here](#).

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NORFOLK FA CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

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](#).

NORFOLK FA CLUB & LEAGUE SUPPORT WEBEX

As we enter a second lockdown period, our Club & League Support WebEx will return to ensure all clubs and leagues are provided with key information during this time.

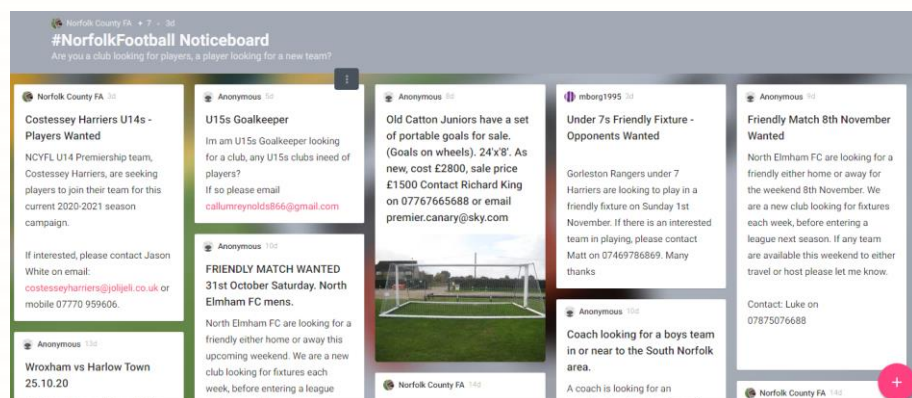


The WebEx will be running from 6.30pm – 8.00pm on Thursday 12th November 2020.

To find out more and how to book on, please [click here](#).

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.

NORFOLK FA EXTEND & EXPAND LONG RUNNING PARTNERSHIP

Norfolk FA are delighted to announce the continuation of a long serving partnership with 4Sports Group.

The partnership will see the continuation of '4trophies' being Norfolk FA's Official Trophy supplier and an expansion to see the involvement of the company's workwear strand - '4work'.



4work will become the official sponsor of the much-loved Norfolk Primary Cup for the next two years – a competition that many grassroots footballers have competed in at one point or another during their playing days.

In a new addition to the collaboration, 4work will also be supporting Norfolk FA's small-sided football programme 'County 5IVES'.

[Click here](#) to read more.

STATEMENT: THE FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP

Norfolk FA have been informed by The FA that the final of The FA County Youth Cup 2019-20 competition will not be played.

The FA Youth Participation & Development Committee has supported the recommendation of the Chair and Vice Chair to terminate the 2019-20 FA County Youth Cup Competition. Therefore, the 2019-20 competition will be shared between both finalists, Norfolk and Sussex.



[Click here](#) to read the full story.

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INSPIRING POSITIVE CHANGE

The Football Association has unveiled its ambitious new women's and girls' football strategy. The FA's new four-year strategy, titled 'Inspiring Positive Change', pledges to create a sustainable future for women's and girls' football in England.



[Click here](#) to read more.

NORFOLK COUNTY CUPS 2020-21



The Norfolk County Cups are underway with some competitions having played their opening round. See the links below to view each cup competition respectively.

- [Ashtons Legal Senior Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Norfolk Junior Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [The 4Work Primary Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Norfolk Veterans Cup](#), in association with [Christiaan Partridge Photography](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Norfolk Women's Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [John Savage Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Stuart Dracup Cup](#) – [Click here](#)
- [Norfolk U12's Cup](#) – [Click here](#)

Due to the temporary suspension of non-elite football we have had to move some of our county cup dates. Revised dates for our County Cup competitions have been produced and distributed to all League and Club secretaries. To view the round dates for each County Cup Competition [click here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns please email CountyCups@NorfolkFA.com.

HAND SANITISING STATION OFFER

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that local company, Ezesaan Ltd, based in Attleborough, are offering clubs the opportunity to purchase bespoke club branded 'hands free' Sanitising Station units (see image) and offering a 10% discount for all County FA Members.



The Norfolk manufactured units are a great way for the club sites to become more 'COVID-19' compliant.

For more information visit www.ezeesan.co.uk, quoting coupon code **CountyFA10**.

THE FA CHARTER STANDARD - BUILT TO LAST CAMPAIGN

The FA has a clear vision to educate, empower, enable and equip leagues and clubs to 'be the best places for people to play and enjoy football'.



The FA Charter Standard programme exists to positively improve people's football experience through league and club accreditation. The FA embarks on a journey to grow, develop and support a collaborative and sustainable club and league network which unites communities by providing opportunities FOR ALL.

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

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At the start of October, we announced our support for [Black History Month](#) alongside The FA. We promoted FA webinars and bespoke content as well as signposting to resources both nationally and locally. In addition, The FA gave an update on the newly launched Football Leadership Diversity Code.



"From the moment the first black or ethnically diverse person was introduced to our country, right up to the support for the Black Lives Matter campaign, black and ethnically diverse culture has shaped our history." - Ken D'Rosario, Chair of the Norfolk FA Inclusion Strategy Advisory Group (ISAG)

THE FA LAUNCHES NEW FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY CODE

The FA has launched their new Football Leadership Diversity Code to drive diversity and inclusion across English football, with over 40 clubs across the Premier League, EFL, Barclays FA Women's Super League and FA Women's Championship committing to tackle inequality across senior leadership positions, broader team operations and coaching roles.



The Code has been developed in collaboration with club executives, players, coaches, HR directors, media and leaders across the game to ensure English football better represents our modern and diverse society.

The Code focuses on increasing equality of opportunity with hiring targets – rather than quotas – to encourage recruitment from across society.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

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

Norfolk FA is pleased to announce the launch of the Norfolk FA Coaches Club for the 2020/21 season.

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



Despite recent announcements regarding Coach Education, we aim to continue to bring likeminded and committed individuals from our communities together, to continue to develop their knowledge of the game.

The Coaches Club is accessible for any grassroots coach working in Norfolk Football, the benefits of joining are:

- Norfolk FA Branded Gift
- Free Access to 3 online CPD Events
- Free Access to 3 practical CPD Events (Subject to Covid-19)
- 3 News Letters

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



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!](#)

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