

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

April 2018



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the fourth of 2019.

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.

NORFOLK DEFEATED IN THE FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP FINAL TO MANCHESTER



Norfolk lose in the FA County Youth Cup Final to Manchester after conceding three unanswered goals.

In the opening minute Manchester scored their opening goal of the game when Anointed Chukwu stroked home a low cross from the right hand side. Connor Milligan in the Norfolk goal had no chance of getting to his well hit shot.

Manchester doubled their lead after 23 minutes when a scrappy period of play lead to the ball falling to the feet of Tyler Dyson on the Manchester right. Dyson cut in from the flank and hit his shot across the goal into the bottom corner of the net.



With Milligan making great saves at one end for Norfolk their forward players were continuing to search for the goal they needed. A free-kick from the right found the head of Aaron Rich and his effort just went over the bar. This pressure from Norfolk sparked the traveling fans into fine voice with chants of "Green Army" ringing around Spotland.

Read a full match report by [clicking here](#).

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR FOOTBALL SERVICES TEAM

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic, committed and hardworking individual to join our Football Services Department at County Headquarters, in the position of Football Services Officer (Registrations).



The successful candidate will report to the Football Services Manager and undertake a variety of roles including but not limited to:

- Support the general administration of our Adult and Youth Player Registration System
- Provide front line telephone and email support for Clubs and Leagues regarding player registration questions and queries
- Assist with the provision of Player Registration training to Clubs and Leagues
- Assist with the production of regular statistical reports to enable us to track participation trends and data relating to registered players
- Support the sanctioning of small sided tournaments and one off matches
- Assist the Team based at County HQ with the delivery of key strategic priorities from #NorfolkFootball ForALL Strategy

To read a job description and to apply please [click here](#).

BECOME AN FA EMERGENCY FIRST AID IN FOOTBALL TUTOR

Become a member of The FA's affiliate tutor workforce in Norfolk. The FA are recruiting for tutors and there are openings in Norfolk.

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Norfolk are in need of people to become part of The FA's Affiliate Tutor Workforce and deliver IFAiF & EFAiF courses throughout the County.



The deadline for applications is Monday 22 April, for more information please [click here](#).

THE FA RETURNS TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF ADULT MALE FOOTBALL TEAMS IN NORFOLK

The Football Association (The FA) is re-launching its adult male retention-focused funding scheme to support men's 11-a-side community football teams in Norfolk.

The newly-titled Stay in the Game scheme will offer existing clubs the opportunity to apply for grants of £750 to help cover the various associated costs of running a football team.

Last year, under the name Retain the Game, the scheme helped to support the retention of 2,336 adult male teams across the country, supporting an estimated 55,000 community footballers.

Clubs who benefitted from the grants last year were able to use the funding for matchday and training facility hire, first-aid training and new equipment, whilst also subsidising matchday fees for members of their respective squads.

STAY IN THE GAME

Play on!

£750 grants available now to support men's clubs
Claim yours before 6 June 2019

DELIVERED BY Football Foundation

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

SUMMER 11EVENS EXPANDS FOR 2019

Summer 11EVENS will once again return to theFDC@OpenAcademy in 2019 and this year it's expected to be bigger and better than ever.

As well as our established men's division which will take place on Thursday evenings, we are delighted to launch a brand new women's division which will kick off on Sunday afternoons.

Summer 11EVENS is our flexible adult 11v11 league run exclusively over the Summer months, when traditional football takes a break. It's the ideal way to get a head start on your pre-season or to just enjoy a summer kick about with your mates.



To find out more information and to register your interest then please [click here](#).

COUNTY 5IVES REFEREES WANTED

The County 5IVES programme is looking for individuals to join its casual workforce, refereeing evening fixtures at various centres around Norfolk.



County 5IVES operates at 8 centres around Norfolk with 5-aside & 6-aside football taking place Monday - Thursday each week. The programme is searching for individuals to become part of their casual workforce, Refereeing fixtures at various centres on one or more nights a week.

No qualifications are necessary and training will be given, however applicants must be over the age of 18. Payment is £8-10 per game, with the opportunity to be allocated up to 4 games per evening, on multiple evenings per week.

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

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THE FA AND MCDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS ARE BACK!

Our County FA will be celebrating those people, clubs and leagues who make a positive difference across our communities. This is our chance to celebrate work that goes into the grassroots game – and say a big thank you to the incredible volunteers who inspire us to make the football better For All.



Nominations are open from 5 April until 10 May 2019. Anyone can make a nomination. Individuals should be nominated by someone else (not themselves), while anyone can nominate their own club and/or league.

The awards are split into 10 categories:

- Grassroots Coach of the Year
- Grassroots Supporter of the Year
- Grounds Team of the Year
- Grassroots Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- We Only Do Positive Respect
- Grassroots Project of the Year
- Grassroots Match Official of the Year
- Grassroots League of the Year

To find out more and to nominate someone please [click here](#).

THE FDC WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CUP RETURNS

The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup is back this summer and is set to once again be a festival for female football.

As per last year, The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup will be held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at the FDC in Bowthorpe, Norwich.

The tournament is a brilliant way to continue playing over the summer and also serves as a great way to get together with friends.



The tournament costs £30 for Charter Standard Teams and £35 for non-Charter Standard Teams. You can enter online by [clicking here](#).

MCDONALD'S JOINS FORCES WITH NORFOLK FA TO SUPPORT FEMALE FOOTBALL

McDonald's restaurants all over the County have partnered with Norfolk County FA to support Women's & Girls' Football in the area.

In a move that will see McDonald's become the official sponsor of the Norfolk Women's Cup Final 2019, the partnership will see the two organisations work together to make the County's showcase female football event, one to remember.



Through the collaboration, thousands of free ticket vouchers will be made available for children to attend the County Cup Final which is being held at Carrow Road, the home of Norwich City, for the first time.

Ticket coupons will be available to collect from McDonald's restaurants, as well as Norfolk County FA's headquarters and the Football Development Centre Facilities (FDC's). In addition, Norfolk FA will be supplying the vouchers to various schools in the area, alongside Norfolk's SSE Wildcats Centres – The FA's female football centre initiative for girls aged 5-11.

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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](#).

NORFOLK FA'S FIRST EVER WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our first ever Women's Walking Football Festival on Saturday 29th June between 11am-2pm, at The FDC, Bowthorpe.



The festival will be a relaxed, fun environment to enjoy a new adapted version of the game with a group of friends. The games will be 5-a-side and played on the 3G enclosed pitches. Entries are priced at £10 per team and you can enter a maximum squad size of 10. So if you enter a full squad, that's £1 per player for a day of fun with your mates!

To find out more about the Festival please [Click Here](#).

THE UTILITA ENERGY FDC YOUTH CUP RETURNS FOR 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.

With age groups expected to fill fast, don't delay in entering your team. The tournament costs just £30 and you can enter online by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact theFDC on 01603 704050 (Ext. 2) or email theFDC@NorfolkFA.com.

TRANSITION SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

These workshops are for managers and coaches to gain useful coaching tips to help support individual players and the team transition from different formats of football.

It's a great opportunity to network with other team officials in the same position as well as the very experienced and knowledgeable FA Tutors.



Please see the relevant links below to sign up:

- 5v5 to 7v7: [click here](#)
- 7v7 to 9v9: [click here](#)
- 9v9 to 11v11: [click here](#)

ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS

A huge thank you to all of the clubs who completed their Annual Health Check before the deadline and are #PROUD to be Charter Standard for another season! This is a great achievement and one you shouldn't forget to shout about!



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RAMADAN AND FOOTBALL

Ramadan is the most significant event in the Muslim calendar and this year it will happen between 5th May and the 5th June in 2019. This is, therefore, significant to football because it will fall partly within both football seasons, professional and amateur.

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

THE NORFOLK COUNTY CUPS SO FAR!

The Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup

The first County Cup Final this season was the Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Final which was hosted at theFDC on Friday 22 March. The match was the only final so far to go into extra-time with the score being 2-2 between Watton United and Silver Fox after 90 minutes.



The Norfolk Primary Cup

On Friday 29 March Gayton United Reserves faced Celt Rangers in the Final of the Norfolk Primary Cup. Gayton United started the better and took the lead early on via Ateko Opaluwa, however Rangers reacted well and set the scores level when Chad Pillar rose high at the back post to head home. Celt Rangers dominated the rest of the match and ran out 5-2 winners.



The John Savage Cup Final

Old Catton Juniors became the 2019 John Savage Cup winners on Friday 5 April after edging out Taverham 1-0 at the FDC.

To read more about the Cup Finals please [click here](#).

COUNTY CUP FINALS COMING UP

The destination of six Norfolk County Cups is still unknown with four Finals being held at Carrow Road and two at theFDC, Bowthorpe.



- Friday 26th April – 7:30pm – Stuart Dracup Cup Final – theFDC (**Firside Athletic v Norman Wanderers**)
- Sunday 28th April – 11:00am – Sunday Senior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**El Sol v Riverside Rovers**)
- Sunday 28th April – 3:30pm – Women's Cup Final – Carrow Road (**King's Lynn v Wymondham Town**)
- Tuesday 30th April – 7:30pm - Senior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**Dereham Town v Thetford Town**)
- Wednesday 1st May – 7:30pm - Junior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**Gorleston Res v Sprowston Athletic**)
- Friday 3rd May – 7:30pm – Veterans Cup Final – theFDC (**Horsford v Tavern Old Boys**)
- Friday 17th May – 7:30pm – High Altitude Under 12's Cup Final – theFDC (**Reffley Youth v Costessey Sports**)



To read more about the upcoming finals please [click here](#).

AND FINALLY,

We would like to wish all the people involved within #NorfolkFootball the best of luck with their fixtures in the coming weeks, including the teams competing in Cup Finals.

Best wishes

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