

# Norfolk County FA

## Referees' Bulletin - December 2019



### WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the fifth edition of the new 'quick-fire' Norfolk County FA Referees' Bulletin.

### ADVICE FOR NORFOLK REFEREES... FROM NORFOLK REFEREES!

Well it took us a while so apologies for that, but as promised we've finally collated all the brilliant feedback you gave us at our summer CPD events. We asked you what advice would you give to a new Referee? And you did give us lots of answers, it's quite amazing really what a Referee does need to know in terms of 'Field of Play Craft' let alone the Laws of the Game!

We have now prepared the 'Top Ten Tips' although they each actually include a number of things that were recorded. We'll share the advice on the new Referees Courses from now on but there's probably something that all of us could use, so don't hesitate to download your copy from our website at: [Advice](#)  
*We're still working on CPD feedback regarding the Referee Support Model, please bear with us!*

### PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH DISCRIMINATORY ABUSE

The FA have published a protocol to provide guidance to Match Officials and Clubs as to what actions should be taken when there is an incident of discriminatory abuse by Spectators at a Grassroots game. It is therefore very important that all Match Officials familiarise themselves with the protocol so that they know how to act in the unfortunate event of being involved in a match where such abuse occurs.

Please note that whilst the protocol is aimed at incidents of discriminatory abuse by Spectators, as a Match Official you must always report all incidents brought to your attention to the relevant County FA as an extraordinary incident even if you did not hear the abuse yourself.

The document is on our website at: [Protocol](#)

### SAFEGUARDING AND THE YOUNG REFEREES' SUPPORT GROUP

Safeguarding and well-being is very important to us at Norfolk FA and we are keen to regularly engage with you on these topics to ensure that you have a good awareness of all matters in this important area. We have a section on our website providing further information on this, as well as a document containing key contact information. This can be found at: [Safeguarding](#)

For our under 22 year old Referees, we will be undertaking regular surveys, the latest of which is now available. We've emailed this to you and would therefore be very grateful if you could spare a few moments of your time between now and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, to complete the survey. As a 'thank you' for completing the survey, you can claim 25 points to add to your YRG Incentive Scheme total.

### NEW REFEREES' COURSES

With massive thanks to Paul Newby who has been rustling up interest in refereeing over in the East of the County, we are now advertising no fewer than three new Referees Courses in the New Year.

We have courses at Alive Lynnsport in King's Lynn starting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January with the next one at the FDC in Bowthorpe Norwich on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Once these are completed on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout January and February, we'll then move onto a 'two day' course at Caister Academy on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

We have a special incentive of a prize draw for a watch and whistle for anyone who completes their course in King's Lynn or Norwich, so if you know of anyone interested, please ask them to get in touch. Full details are available at [New Ref Courses](#).



Don't forget to keep your Pitchside Refs calendars up to date with any Closed Dates that you have, preferably up to four weeks in advance.

### NORFOLK FA REFEREES' SHOP

For the exclusive use of registered Norfolk officials for new kit and accessories. Remember to use the "RESPECT" discount code. Click on the logo to access the shop.



### FURTHER READING

[Refereeing World \(online\)](#)



**It only remains for us to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!**

**David Robinson,  
Daryl Godbold &  
Matt Carpenter**