



Norfolk County FA Referees' Bulletin - November 2019

WELCOME

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

BE A 'YOU TUBE' STAR REFEREE!

We are looking for Referees who would be prepared to be interviewed by an independent film-maker to promote the positive side of refereeing. He is prepared to come to you and the short videos he will make will appear on a You Tube channel.

If you are interested, ping me an email and I'll forward your details.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY COURSE FOR REFEREES

The FA have developed an online Equality and Diversity course for referees. It can be accessed at <https://learning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=359> (users will need a FAN).

Referees from a few Counties in the South West have accessed it and, so far, no issues have been reported. However, they'd like it to be tested further before it's released nationally.

Please feedback directly to: richard.glynn-jones@thefa.com if you experience any issues (by Monday 18th November please). If you have no issues, then there's no need to feedback.

SIN BINS ARE NOT OPTIONAL!

We've had a few awkward moments this month with sin bins, please remember folks, for active players, there's no C2 Dissent – it MUST be a C2 Sin Bin!!

Here's a quick reminder on where to find the training materials if you need a refresher.

- **Sin Bin Training Resources** – includes an infographic and an online version of the training session
- **Laws of the Game and Sin Bin Training WebEx** – if you'd prefer to see Matt and I talk you through the updates (I can't see why you would!), try our very own video version

NEW REFEREES' COURSES

A warm welcome to another 19 new Referees who completed our course at the FDC in Bowthorpe last month. We have two courses starting in January in King's Lynn and Norwich, so if you know of anyone interested, please ask them to get in touch. Full details are available at [New Ref Courses](#).

REFEREE FITNESS TRAINING

It is with huge regret that I must advise that our Referee Fitness Training sessions have been cancelled with immediate effect.

Over our initial ten weeks this season, our average attendance is now under 8 per session and the last two weeks have seen just three and four active referees attend.

Despite the FDC being very accommodating with regards to their charging policy, such a low attendance each week not only means it is impossible to run an effective session, but we are unable to cover the hire costs of the pitch and floodlighting.

I know this news will be hugely disappointing for all of you, and particularly for those of you, who, like myself, have attended a fitness training session for many, many years. From Trowse to Cottishall to Yarmouth and to Easton, I'd like to thank all of you who have taken part. Not wishing it to be the very end of the road, if anyone does have any amazing ideas on a cheaper venue and a way to motivate more to attend, I'd be glad to hear from you of course.

We'll be arranging to refund season ticket holders with three-quarters of the fee paid in due course and Norfolk FA Referees' Department will cover the remaining losses at the FDC.



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.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Please conduct a minute's silence before each of your games on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

David Robinson
Referee Development Officer