

NORFOLK COUNTY FA REFEREES' BULLETIN OCTOBER 2020



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the October edition of the Norfolk County FA Referees' Bulletin.

Thank you for your sterling work last month, we do not under-estimate the commitment you are making to local football considering the circumstances we find ourselves in. To get our game up and running is quite an achievement and the fact that so many of you are willing and able to be involved is brilliant!

THE NORFOLK FA REFEREE TEAM



Well, there's a shock, after our Referee Team confirmed it's line up last month, we are rocked by a massive 'cry off! No, that's

harsh, but in case you haven't already seen it, Daryl has decided to leave his position as Appointments Officer and move on to pastures new.

We are sure you will join us in wishing him well for the future and in thanking him for all he has done for football in Norfolk and for refereeing.

Although he is leaving his desk, he plans to Referee some local games so we're sure you'll see him around. And if you happen to see him as an Assistant Referee and he signals for offside in his left hand, please tell him he's doing it wrong. Four and a half years now and he still doesn't believe us!

APPOINTMENTS, A BRAVE NEW WORLD...

How do we fill big boots like Daryl's? Well we don't, you are getting David for Saturday appointments as well as for Sundays! Harvey will be dealing with ALL Academy appointments adding to his roles with the YRG and the Norfolk FA CORE Group.

For Saturdays we will aim to continue to with a two-week in advance process, dependent of course on National FA and EA Pool punctuality. Sunday appointments should remain unchanged with Adult appointments coming out two weeks in advance and Youth appointments one week in advance.

Following the successful use of Pitchside Refs to complete appointments on Sundays, the new process for ALL fixtures from next Wednesday (14th) onwards is detailed below. This system is of huge benefit to both you and us, eradicating the need for the traditional email exchange for confirmations.

- You tell us when you are NOT available via your Pitchside Refs calendar
- You'll receive an email from Pitchside Refs with your appointments as soon as they are made
- Click on the link in the email or on the notification in your Pitchside Refs calendar to accept your game

within 48 hours (if you have become unavailable – email to: Appointments@NorfolkFA.com)

- 48 hours after appointments have been allocated, we will enter your name on Full Time against the game you have accepted. This will generate notification emails to the Club contacts as well as to yourself. **There's no need to confirm again with us**, but the Home Club should contact you as usual
- If there are any changes to the kick off time or the venue, or the match is postponed, you will receive an email update via Full Time

SIN BIN 'INFOGRAPHIC'

The FA have produced a great new 'Infographic' that explains Sin Bins very well. It's well worth downloading and keeping with your virtual paperwork!

We've popped it on the website with all those other important 'related documents' [HERE](#).

WHERE DO I DO IT?

COVID-19 GUIDANCE & REPORTING: Do have a look at our short video that provides a summary of the key requirements if you haven't done so already - [Return to football guidance video for match officials](#)

Matt Carpenter is monitoring all COVID-19 related issues very carefully. If you have concerns after attending a match, could you kindly complete our short survey [HERE](#) to report these.

YOUR AVAILABILITY: The key to our joint success lies with the accuracy of your Pitchside Refs calendar. Please keep this up to date in terms of plotting when you are NOT available. Don't forget if you are officiating on the Thurlow Nunn Leagues or have been nominated for national tournaments, then you need to close those same dates and times on MOAS too!

DBS CHECKS: if you get an automated reminder to renew from Whole Game, the guidance is all detailed on our website. Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to 'Related Documents' where you can view 'Applying for an FA DBS Check'.

INFORMATION FOR MATCH OFFICIALS BOOK



The answer to 90% of the questions we're asked, lies in this guide. We love to talk to you; but help us by checking here first!

Download it NOW by clicking the link [HERE!](#)

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Norfolk FA Referees Department

