

NORFOLK COUNTY FA REFEREES' BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2020



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the September edition of the Norfolk County FA Referees' Bulletin. Your Referees' Team is back in action, albeit on a part-time basis during September but local football is back with us and we are very much looking forward to the season ahead. We hope you are too!

THE NORFOLK FA REFEREE TEAM

We are boosted in number this season and extend a very warm welcome to Harvey Newstead, a fellow Level 4 Referee, who will be primarily working with the Norfolk FA CORE Group and the Norfolk FA Young Referees Group alongside his main duty of administering our ten County Cup competitions.



To see the Team, our new working hours, how to contact us and the support we will be providing, please see our super shiny new 'Information for Match Officials Book' which is available [HERE](#)

BEFORE YOU BLOW THAT WHISTLE...

LAWS OF THE GAME: 'Hard copies' of the Laws of the Game are no longer available to County FAs, please download the App from the IFAB website. The changes to the Laws of the Game for the 2020-21 season including video examples are available [HERE](#). A 'two-minute' read for the Law Changes for this season is on Page 7 of the Information for Match Officials Book.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE: As we return to football, it is very important that all of our Match Officials familiarise themselves with the Guidance that has been published by The FA, so please do take the time to read and understand the requirements. We have created a short video that provides a summary of the key requirements - [Return to football guidance video for match officials](#)

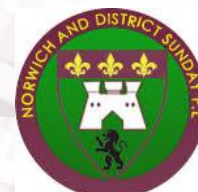
APPOINTMENTS: For all Saturday football, you will receive your appointments via an email from Full Time. You accept the appointment by forwarding the email to: Appointments@NorfolkFA.com adding "Confirmed".

For all Sunday football (Veterans, Women's & Youth football and Norwich & District Sunday morning games) the appointment is sent to you via an email from Pitchside Refs. You accept the appointment and we'll add your name to the game on Full Time. There's no need to email us to confirm unless there are any late changes to the fixture.

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. We'll keep things up to date by popping your appointments in this same calendar. 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 time on MOAS too!

THE NORWICH & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE

The League has a new Secretary and Chairman and our very own Glen Sandell has joined the Committee as Referees' Representative. All will be working hard to make sure the League provides an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. If you have any issues or feedback to give, don't hesitate to contact Glen directly.



SAFEGUARDING COURSES & DBSs

For those of you that received details relating to out of date safeguarding qualifications and subsequently booked onto workshops which were then cancelled, we are awaiting final clarification that you will be given a seasons' grace on these matters. Those of you that can renew by completing the online workshop are able to still do so of course. You can once again renew expiring DBS Checks. Every Referee operating in Youth football plus Referee Developers MUST have a valid, in-date DBS. Some of you may have benefitted with an extension if your certification expired during lockdown, but if you get an automated reminder from Whole Game or ultimately a chase up from the Referees' Team, the guidance is on 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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