

NORFOLK COUNTY FA REFEREES' BULLETIN

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NORFOLK COUNTY FA
REFEREES DEPARTMENT

WELCOME

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Hello and welcome to the November edition of the Norfolk County FA Referees' Bulletin. I hope you are all well and enjoying your refereeing.

COURSES

EAST HARLING & WEST WINCH

During the October half term, we took the opportunity to run 2 courses across Norfolk. The first course was at East Harling and the second at West Winch. Across the week we have trained 33 new referees with 12 of those being adults and 21 being U18's. A big thank you, must go to Developer Ashley Tyne, for his support in delivering the courses in half term.

This month alongside Mike Inder, we will welcome another 24 people to begin their referee training at the FDC. Please support our new referees if you see them out and about doing their first few games or if they post a message in the Facebook Group.

SURVEY

POST MATCH HOSPITALITY

At the last REG Meeting, Post Match Hospitality was discussed, and it was agreed a survey would be circulated. We fully appreciate that there is a requirement in some league rules to provide hospitality, but we would be grateful if you would take a moment to share your views on Post Match Hospitality by filling in the form [HERE](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CALL OFF PROCEDURE

Please remind yourself of the appointment call off procedure which is detailed in the Match Officials Booklet. Some Referees are closing dates after receiving appointments on Pitchside Refs. If you cannot do a game once you have been appointed, please go through the correct procedures.

LAW 4

THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Quick reminder about applying Law 4 at our matches:

Socks – tape or any material applied or worn externally must be the same colour as that part of the sock it is applied to or covers.



Undershirts must be a single colour which is the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve or a pattern / colours which exactly replicate(s) the shirt sleeve.

Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts – players of the same team must wear the same colour.



DISCIPLINE

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

We are constantly looking at ways in which we can improve our support process for referees involved in disciplinary matters. This is an area which has been raised at a recent REG meeting.

If you have submitted a misconduct report following a game that you have officiated and you are interested in hearing about the outcome of this, then you are welcome to contact members of our Regulatory Services Team, whose contact details can be found within the Match Officials Information Booklet.

It is important as a match official that you ensure you keep hold of your match cards and team sheets in the event of an issue cropping up following a game taking place where, for example, there is a disagreement over a cautioned players name or even a player eligibility issue. It is strongly recommended that you keep copies of these for the season.

REPORTS

DISCIPLINE ON THE WHOLE GAME SYSTEM

This has been shared before, but the team are still having to remind referees of the following when reporting discipline on the Whole Game System:

- Reports must be submitted within 48 hours of the match.
- Please obtain names of players and managers/coaches and don't solely rely upon shirt numbers.
- Before you submit the report, please ensure all the information you have input is correct with your match record.

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SUBS

NORWICH & DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE



For those of you who referee in the Norwich & District Sunday League, please be reminded that each team is only allowed to have 5 substitutes named, who can be used on a repeat basis.

POPPY APEAL

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

Level 4 Referee Dickie Doorbar, who is based in Suffolk as a serving member of the UK Armed Forces, is raising money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021. He is hoping that fellow referees will consider donating some or part of one of their match fees throughout the duration of November.

If you would like to donate, click [HERE](#).



We would ask that you conduct a minute's silence before each of your games on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November.

POSITIVITY

SHARE THE GOOD TIMES!

We spend a lot of our time focussing on and dealing with negative situations and experiences from matches in football, however we know that hundreds of positive activities do occur but often pass by without being highlighted.

We have had a recent act of positivity raised to us by a referee who commended the actions of a teams' player-manager to reprimand poor conduct by a couple of their players. This was really refreshing to hear about,



and we were able to send a positive email to the club off the back of this.

Therefore, if as a match official, you have a positive experience, or have been privy to a positive act by a club or participant we would love you to get in contact with a member of our team so we can pass on your comments and share some positive feedback

ONLINE LEARNING

MATCH CONTROL

The FA have developed an online CPD module which deals with 'match control' and can be accessed [HERE](#).

The module is primarily for referees who have recently completed the FA Referee Course and have just started out refereeing grassroots football. However, other referees may find some of the content useful as a refresher.

Successful completion of the module will be shown on your FA record.

REG

REFEREE ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Whether you have a refereeing concern, a matter that you think could improve your refereeing experience or you have a new idea of how we, as your Norfolk County FA Referees Department, can support you better as a match official, please let us know [HERE](#).

WINTER MONTHS

PITCH INSPECTIONS

It is vital from the referee's viewpoint that when asked to undertake a pitch inspection, you do so professionally and remembering the overriding factor



of player safety. At the forefront of your mind, you must always think: is the playing surface safe to play on?

Prior to reaching a decision the Referee making the inspection should consider:

- Is the playing area dangerous? e.g. ice /frost
- Whether or not conditions are or could turn farcical

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- Pitch draining capabilities in the event of standing water
- The existing condition of the playing surface
- The Home Club's people power available to carry out any pitch work

Remember, do your homework. Have a look at the forecast and anticipated conditions the day before your game. You can also be proactive - pick up the phone and make contact. Don't be afraid to make initial contact if the weather is already looking uncertain. Ask the club what their plans are in terms of ground inspections or what the current condition of the field of play is like.

ROB BUNTING

WHY I REFEREE

Level 5 Referee Rob Bunting recently wrote a piece about why he referees to help promote the upcoming referee courses.

"I got into refereeing in 2016 when I decided to stop playing after having my first child, when I didn't want to risk serious injury from playing anymore. I've always been in and around local football and the thought of a Saturday without being involved in a match day wasn't worth thinking about. It was my wife who pushed me into signing up to the course after I had second thoughts, I think she regrets that now!!" To read more, click [HERE](#).



AVAILABILITY

PITCHSIDE REFEREES

Please keep your closed dates up to date to minimise the workload of Ryan and David having to reappoint to matches.

If you have been appointed by the East Anglian Pool, it is vitally important to remember to close your Pitchside availability as well to avoid a double appointment.

If you don't have a Pitchside Account or have any login issues, please get in touch with one of the team.

SMALL SIDED

COUNTY 5IVES

If you are interested in getting involved in refereeing some County 5IVES at one of our centres on one of the evenings below, then please get in contact by emailing: County5IVES@NorfolkFA.com or by calling: **01603 704050 (Ext. 5)**.



theFDC - Monday & Wednesday
theFDC@Flegg - Wednesday
UEA Sportspark - Wednesday & Sunday

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION

CALLUM PARKE

If you have a mental health problem and would like to have a confidential conversation, then please first contact Callum at norfolkrefmhc@outlook.com or visit the **NORFOLK REFEREE MENTAL HEALTH HUB**.

CONTACT

WORKING HOURS

Please be reminded of the Referees' Department working hours.

Working hours (Mid-August to Mid-May)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Harvey	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm		
Ryan	9am-11am		8am-3:30pm	8am-3:30pm	8am-3:30pm	8:30am-12:30pm & 5pm-6pm	
David	7am-9:30am	6:30am-9am	6:30am-9am	9am-11:30am	6:30am-9am		7am-3pm

INFO

MATCH OFFICIALS BOOKLET



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!](#)

HAVE A GREAT MONTH OF REFEREEING
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