

## Suffolk FA Safe Eyewear Fund – Application Guidelines

Suffolk FA are pleased to again offer the Safe Eyewear Fund for the 2023/24 season, which includes adult players as well as youth players.

This fund has a limit of £5,000 for the season; once all funds have been exhausted the fund will close.

Having the correct, safe eyewear is important for those playing football in Suffolk. Wearing everyday glasses whilst playing risks injury to either the player or other participants. Within the Laws of the Game, match officials can prevent players wearing glasses from playing if the participants' glasses are deemed unsafe.

Suffolk FA are continuing this fund for the 2023/24 to ensure players experience no barriers to playing the game in Suffolk.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Applications must be received from an affiliated Suffolk football club on behalf of a player.
- Applications should be received prior to purchase.
- Applications must detail how the remainder of the purchase price will be met.
- Successful awards will be issued upon receipt of a purchase receipt.
- Awards will be made to support the purchase of safe sports eyewear only.



- Players who wear glasses for everyday activities should wear specialised safety eyewear (Sport Goggles or Sports Glasses) during football practice and matches.
  - Sports Goggles are the recommend sports safety eyewear, but Sports Glasses are available also.
- Applying clubs must have contributed to the Suffolk FA Benevolent Fund during the previous (2022/23) or current season (2022/23).



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Maximum award per application:

- 100% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been >£25
  - 80% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £25.
  - 70% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £20 - £24.
  - 60% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £15 - £19.
  - 50% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £10 - £14.
  - 40% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £5 - £9.
  - 30% of total purchase price if Benevolent Fund donation in either season has been £1 - £4.
- Clubs may submit multiple applications over the course of a season. Each should be made separately.

The maximum total award value per club over the season is as follows:

Contribution by Club to Suffolk FA Benevolent Fund during either 2022/23 or 2023/24 season	Total maximum award value over the season
£1 - £4	£150
£5 - £9	£375
£10 - £14	£450
£15 - £19	£525
£20 - £24	£600
£25	£675
Over £25	£750

Applications are invited at any point during the 2023/24 season from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 onwards, whilst the fund remains open. Should you require any assistance with completing an application, please contact 01449 616606 (option 8).

Please submit completed application forms to Julie Cole, Suffolk FA Finance Officer [julie.cole@suffolkfa.com](mailto:julie.cole@suffolkfa.com). Applications can take up to 10 working days to assess and for a response to be provided.

Additional copies of the Suffolk FA Safe Eyewear Fund Application Form are available via the Suffolk FA website.

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