



# Cumberland FA

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# County Cups

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## SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Cumberland FA are delighted to confirm the details of the 2019-20 Sunday Cup Final, supported by Cumbrian Cottages.

**Northside FC v Inter Pirelli FC**

**Date: Sunday 6 September 2020**

**Venue: Mirehouse AFC, Seathwaite Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 9SW**

**Kick Off: 11.00am**

Given the current circumstances with regards to Covid-19 there have had to be a number of concessions made on the usual Cup Final experience in order that we can ensure social distancing, safety and most importantly the ability to play the game, in line with both government and FA guidance.

Each Club Secretary has received an email detailing the plans and necessary restrictions ahead of Sunday to support the safe running of the County Cup Final. We ask all players, officials and spectators (with tickets) to adhere to the requests.

### Spectators

**ANY SUPPORTERS OR FRIENDS WITHOUT A TICKET ARE ASKED NOT TO ATTEND.**

Ben Snowdon, Cumberland FA CEO stated *"It has always been our wish as a County FA to allow spectators into the final. However, this had to be done in a way that we can ensure that spectators always remain social distant whilst attending the final."*

Following numerous discussions with our Health and Safety consultant we have reached a compromise that allows a limited number of spectators to attend the Final.

**Therefore, both clubs have been provided with 40 FREE tickets each** (this does not include the players/officials as part of the 20-person match day squad). Clubs will be able to hand these out to those whom they wish to attend the Final.

***The facility is a private facility and therefore entry will be by ticket only.***

Cumberland FA are hoping to live stream the game as an alternative (we understand this is not the same as being at the Final, but safety is our priority). If you're interested in supporting us with this, please email [Media@CumberlandFA.com](mailto:Media@CumberlandFA.com) before Friday 5pm.

**Spectators will be asked to wear a face mask or face covering** on entry to the ground and before entering the bar area (Spectators will need to provide their own).

We want everybody to enjoy the Final and are sure that all those in attendance will provide positive support to all of those playing. **The FA Respect programme** will be in operation and we will therefore remind clubs of their duty to ensure that all associated spectators adhere to The FA Regulations and the Respect Codes of Conduct at all times.

Players, officials and supporters will also be asked to follow [The FA Code of Behaviour](#) (P12/Appendix 1 of the FA guidance on restarting competitive football).

**Please note that no alcohol or pyrotechnics or flares** are allowed and in line with FA regulations action will be taken against Clubs if this occurs at the final.

The club has a Bar facility which will be open to a limited number of people in line with their own Risk Assessment and the Test and Trace will be in operation. This is a private facility and therefore no alcoholic drink brought from outside will be permitted inside the facility.

## **Transport**

All participants and other attendees should follow best practice for travel, including minimising use of public transport.

If participants do have to travel with people from outside of their household or support bubble, then they should follow FA guidance ([P6 Guidance on restarting competitive grassroots football](#))

**There is limited parking at the venue** with priority to be given to the players and match officials. Any others in attendance are asked to park responsibly and legally in and around the venue.

All in attendance are asked to depart the premises as quickly and safely as possible following the match.

## **First Aid**

Due to the restrictions The CFA will not be providing any First Aid support at this year's final and so teams are asked to ensure that they have their own trained individual who is familiar and has appropriate equipment to comply with Covid-19 guidance for First Aid available [here](#)

## **What You May See**

As stated in previous guidance, the County Cup Final will be adhering to the below:

- There will be no Pre-match handshake. Instead players will be asked to hand-sanitise before kick-off;

- Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, if social distancing is observed and held outdoors;
- Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing;
- Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed, but must also always observe social distancing on touchlines. Social-distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made;
- Match preparation meetings by officials should be held by video call, telephone call or outside;
- Set plays – free kicks: referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls;
- Set plays – corners should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking
- Goal celebrations should be avoided;
- Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing;

## **Trophy, Medals and Presentation**

The presentation will occur in a socially distant manner and will see players asked to pick up their own medals and then the captain to pick up the trophy themselves.

*One last quote from our CEO Ben Snowdon “Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we apologise for the additional guidance and for the fact that we are unable to provide the usual ‘Cup Final Match Day experience’, however we are just happy that we can play this game and hope to make the experience one that everyone can enjoy.”*

Follow the Sunday Cup Final on our Twitter feed [@CumberlandFA](https://twitter.com/CumberlandFA) – any further updates on the County Cup Final will be shared here too.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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