

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

May 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This month's communication is once again steered heavily by the unprecedented and strange situation we find ourselves in, with the football season having been cut short due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

May we start by saying we hope you and your families are all keeping safe during this time.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON #NORFOLKFOOTBALL

You will now be aware that unfortunately the 19/20 season is over. We have been updating an ongoing statement on our website, along with pulling together a selection of frequently asked questions.



STATEMENT

To view our latest statement please [click here](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To read some helpful FAQ's please [click here](#).

LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE

For the latest advice relating to Covid-19 please visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

NORFOLK FA STAFF

All Norfolk County FA staff wish everyone the best in these challenging times. We can confirm that the Association have placed most staff members on furlough through the Government's Job Retention Scheme.

Should you wish to contact somebody during the coming month please e-mail one of the below e-mail addresses and we will endeavour to help you.

- Info@NorfolkFA.com
- Support@NorfolkFA.com



CLUB AFFILIATION 2020/21

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that Club Affiliation for the 2020/21 season will be FREE OF CHARGE for all of our Clubs.

We recognise that Clubs at all levels are facing unprecedented challenges at the current time and so we are continuing to do all that we can to help. As part of that, both the Club Affiliation Fee and Team Supplement Fee will be free of charge for the coming season.

Furthermore, our insurance partner Sportsguard have also confirmed that all personal accident insurance fees will be reduced by 16.67%. Read more by [clicking here](#).



Mental Health Awareness for Sport and Physical Activity

To show kindness to the 3 million coaches during the COVID-19 pandemic, in partnership with 1st4Sport, Sport England and UK Coaching, mental health charity Mind has made the Mental Health Awareness for Sport and Physical Activity training free until 31 August, a saving of £18 over the normal price.



One in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year. Completing this course will give you the knowledge, skills and confidence to better understand and support people living with mental health problems and create a positive environment that ensures they enjoy the benefits of being active and keep coming back for more. [Click here](#) to complete the course.

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LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

It is crucial to remember that mental health matters during this very difficult time. The FA's Heads Up campaign shows that mental health is just as important as physical health, and it only takes a second to #KickOffAConversation.



Find out more about The FA's Heads Up campaign [here](#).

NORFOLK FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

If within your respective club, league or association you have a person that deserves recognition of the long service they have given, then nominate them for a Norfolk County FA Long Service Award. You can do this either as a surprise for the individual or with them being informed.



Please [click here](#) to complete the online nomination form.

CLUB SPONSORSHIP TOOLKIT

We have developed, for our grassroots clubs, a downloadable toolkit which provides information and guidance as to how to best obtain and retain sponsorship. The toolkit covers topics such as; the importance of sponsorship, finding a sponsor and the best ways to approach a potential sponsor. You can download the toolkit by [clicking here](#).



PHIL JEGGO INTERVIEW

MAINTAINING GRASS PITCHES



An interview with Phil Jeggo, Regional Pitch Advisor for the Grounds Maintenance Association, was recorded on Friday 1st May. The interview provides lots of information regarding priority works to be carried out on pitches during this period. To listen to the interview please [click here](#).

SPORT ENGLAND COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND

Sport England's Community Emergency Fund still remains open for applications from affiliated grassroots football clubs and leagues. The fund exists to support organisations who are experiencing financial hardship due to Covid-19.



Grants of £300 – £10000 are available to cover items such as rent, utility bills, insurances, facility and equipment hire. All applications must be submitted via Sport England's website, and you can do this by [clicking here](#).

LEGIONELLA

Grassroots clubs who have their own facilities should consider switching on their hot and cold-water systems during this period, in order to reduce the risk of Legionella. A number of local authorities have put out guidance in relation to this, with the recommendation being at least once a week water systems should be turned on to maintain a degree of water flow and to minimise the chances of stagnation.

AND FINALLY

We will do our best to support you through this period, and though football will return when the time is right, please look after yourselves and each other until then.

Best wishes & stay safe,
Norfolk County FA