

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

August 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This month's communication is the first of the 20/21 season, and with competitive fixtures starting very soon we aim to update you as best we can.

FA GUIDANCE ISSUED FOR RETURN OF GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

The FA have released practical guidance for players, coaches, officials, volunteers, clubs, leagues, parents/carers and facility providers undertaking outdoor competitive grassroots football activity in England.



Football activity can take place with necessary modifications in place to mitigate the transmission risk of COVID-19. Read more by [clicking here](#).

NORFOLK FA STAFF

We are pleased to announce that many of the Norfolk FA workforce have returned to work. After initially placing the majority of staff on furlough via the Government's job retention scheme in April, recent developments with regards to the return of grassroots football have enabled the association to bring various personnel back on both a full-time and part-time basis.

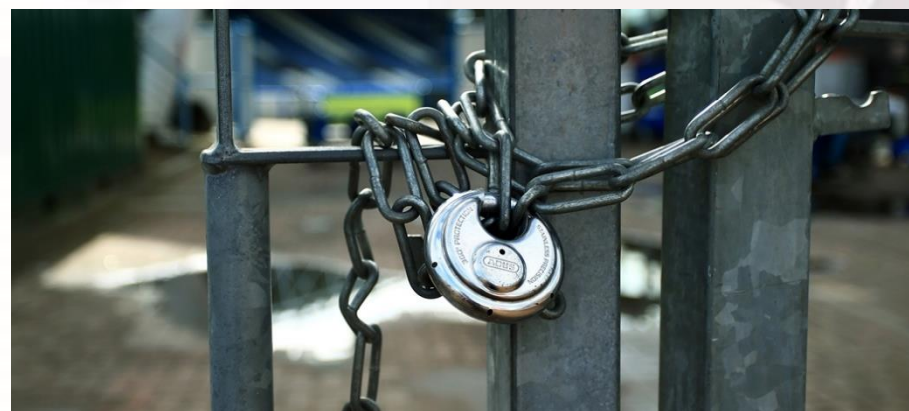


Staff members' working days and hours will vary, and therefore we politely request that you continue to be patient and understanding when requiring assistance.

Many of our workforce will continue to work from home over the coming weeks, and therefore County Headquarters will remain closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of advertised dates and times for DBS verification. To read more please [click here](#).

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR FANS' RETURN IN NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM & WOMEN'S PYRAMID

The FA has issued updated guidelines for the National League System (NLS) and Women's Football Pyramid (WFP) that include a phased and limited return of spectators for clubs at steps three to six and tiers three to four respectively.



The DCMS has now clarified its guidance on the return to recreational team sport and clubs at steps three to six of the NLS and tiers three to four of the WFP are permitted to accommodate a phased and limited return of spectators to fixtures. However, they must follow the UK Government's guidance in relation to COVID-19 and The FA's updated guidelines for the NLS or WFP respectively.

The phased and limited return of spectators at these levels will be kept under constant review in line with the UK Government's guidelines and will be amended accordingly as required. To read more please [click here](#).

NORFOLK'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS 2020 ANNOUNCED

We are proud to announce Norfolk's winners of The FA & McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards 2020. Without the commitment of our army of volunteers, clubs and leagues in Norfolk would struggle to survive and it is the dedication and enthusiasm of such individuals that makes the game so special.



After a record-breaking number of nominations over a six-week period, an independent judging panel selected winners and highly commended awards across nine different categories. [Click here](#) to see a full list on winners.

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COUNTY 5IVES IS BACK!

County 5IVES is returning in September 2020 at the following 5 locations; Norwich (theFDC), Norwich (UEA Sportspark), Martham (theFDC@Flegg), Dereham (Neatherd High School) and Gorleston (Lynn Grove Academy).



County 5IVES Leagues allow you to play competitive 5-a-side football in a friendly environment. Fixtures take place on weekday evenings and cost just £30 per team.

Find out more about County 5IVES and how to enter a team by [clicking here](#).

HAND SANTISING STATION OFFER

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that local company, Ezesaan Ltd, based in Attleborough, are offering clubs the opportunities to purchase bespoke club banded 'hands free' Sanitising Station units (see image below) and offering a 10% discount for all County FA Members.



The Norfolk manufactured units are a great way for the club sites to become more 'COVID-19' compliant. For more information visit www.ezesaan.co.uk, quoting coupon code CountyFA10.

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](#).

PICKFORD AND BARNES HELP LAUNCH NEW NATIONWIDE PARTNERSHIP

England players past and present paid a surprise visit to a grassroots club in North Yorkshire to launch our new partnership with Nationwide Building Society to grow the [Respect Programme](#).



Nationwide have signed a three-year deal to help us ensure a positive and enjoyable football environment for young people by promoting mutual respect on and off the pitch. Read more by [clicking here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

The [Norfolk FA Noticeboard](#) is where you can post content related to #NorfolkFootball such as advertising for players.

Email Marketing@NorfolkFA.com with the title, message, contact information and closing date.

Please note that messages are moderated manually and may take time to appear online. If you have any issues or queries, please get in touch.

AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance throughout this period, and we remind all involved in #NorfolkFootball to please continue to follow the latest FA and Government advice.

Best wishes & stay safe,
Norfolk County FA