

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

February 2021



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the second of 2021. As always, we aim to provide you with all the latest information.

GOVERNMENT ROAD MAP FEATURES MARCH RETURN FOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

The FA welcomes the UK Government's update regarding the Covid-19 roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions which means we can look forward to the safe return of grassroots football from 29 March for both adults and children.



With this new clarity around timings, The FA will continue to work with Government on plans for a safe return for grassroots football across England and will communicate updated guidance as soon as possible.

To read more please [click here](#).

COACHES CLUB GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Launched in September, the Norfolk FA Coaches Club has grown at a fast pace and has already begun enhancing the journey of coaches of all levels and interests across Norfolk.



The aim of the Coaches Club is to inspire, develop and support new and existing coaches involved in the grassroots game by providing a comprehensive

development programme for the #NorfolkFootball coaching community.

We have hosted six, member exclusive, virtual events to date; covering various topics such as coaching teenage players, goalkeeping masterclasses and a question and answer session with our Ambassador, Cedric Anselin.

Wednesday night saw a virtual event with Ipswich Town FC's First Team Coach, Matt Gill. The webinar featured a Q&A with Matt as well as session content focusing on the social and psychological corner.



The Norfolk FA Coaches Club plans to expand further as early as next week, with members being invited to a new online coaching community - 'The Tech Area', where they can find recordings from previous events, conversations on various topics, exclusive offers and lots more.

[Read more and find out about becoming a member](#)

GAVIN, DI & MATT – DISCUSSION ON HOMOPHOBIA IN FOOTBALL

Norfolk FA Director of Inclusion, Di Cunningham hosted an open conversation with Norfolk FA Chief Executive Gavin Lemmon & Thetford Town FC Player/Manager Matt Morton. Matt recently came out and speaks of his experience as the highest level openly gay male footballer in England.



You can watch the full interview by [clicking here](#).

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KICK IT OUT – TAKE A STAND

Kick It Out are excited to announce the launch of their new campaign, Take A Stand. It is a call to action initiative, encouraging people across the football community to take an action or make a pledge, in the fight against discrimination.



The initiative marks a new chapter in the fight against discrimination in football, which will give fans the confidence, the tools and the means to confront discrimination and make a change. Kick It Out want 'Take A Stand' to be an advocate for change - it is a movement which everyone can play a part in.

To read more please [click here](#).

PARTNER OFFER: ONE BROKER

Independent insurance broker and Norfolk County FA partner, One Broker, is offering all members a free, no-obligation commercial insurance review.



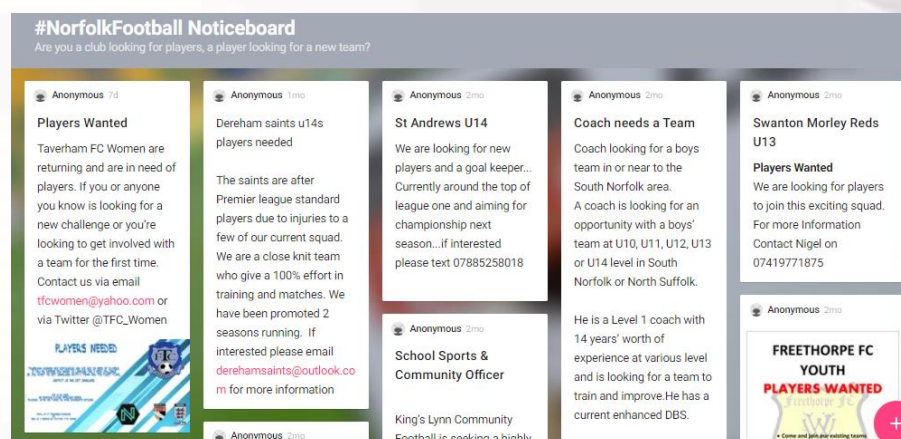
As the UK continues to experience the repercussions of the coronavirus outbreak, the insurance market is starting to harden, resulting in price increases across the board. As an independent insurance broker dedicated to giving a personal service, we'll identify any gaps in your cover and highlight areas where you may be paying too much, so you can be sure that your business is protected at the best possible price.

Call Account Executive Ian Stone on 01603 218249 or email ian.stone@onebroker.co.uk to arrange your review.

THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

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

We are using an improved platform for the 2020-21 season. Using Padlet, you are now able to post opportunities or advertisements on the noticeboard without the need to contact Norfolk FA directly. Posts can include hyperlinks such as email addresses and websites, not to mention graphics and photos.



The Noticeboard will be regularly monitored by Norfolk FA staff and we reserve the right to remove unsuitable or inappropriate posts.

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[4Work](#) are delighted to offer 10% off your first workwear order with a copy of this publication! You can see their flyer attached to this Bulletin.

SUPPORTING LGBT+

Throughout February 2021 Norfolk FA urged the Norfolk Football community to support and celebrate Football Vs Homophobia Month and LGBT+ History Month.



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Rachel Cossey, Norfolk County FA's Football Development Officer (Inclusion) said: **“Any initiative that supports the inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community within our sport is welcomed and supported by Norfolk FA. It is essential that everyone feels able to be themselves and enjoy football in whatever role they hold in the game, no matter their sexuality or gender identity.”**

To read more please [click here](#).

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN FOOTBALL VIDEO

The FA is asking every parent/carer with a child involved in football to take a few minutes to watch a new online video. The short video outlines what you should expect from your club and how you can play your part in safeguarding your child.

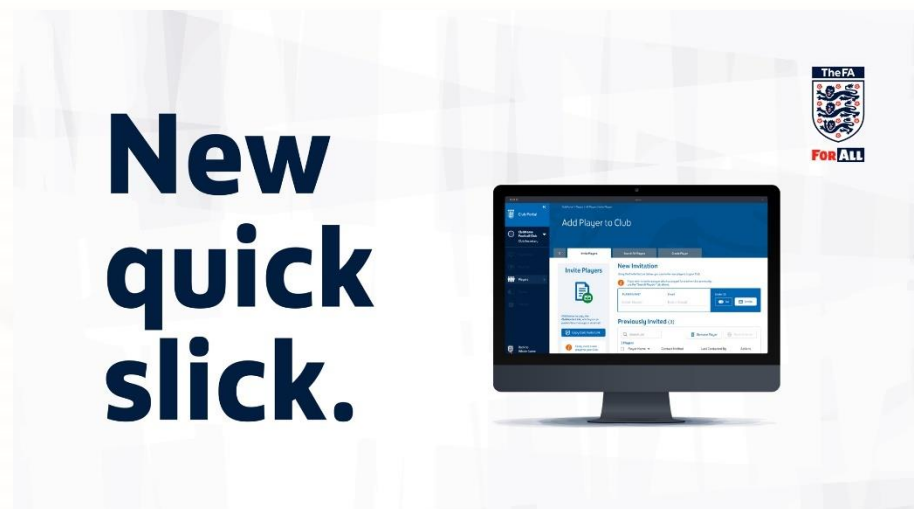


To watch the video please [click here](#).

NEW PLAYER REGISTRATON SYSTEM

Player registration has been rebooted, making football admin faster and simpler for players, clubs and Leagues.

The new system is scheduled to be launched on 15th March and we will be putting on a number of online training sessions around May / June time to get everyone up to speed on how to use the new system ahead of the 2021/22 season.



However, if you can't wait until then, The FA are running three training sessions as follows:

- 2nd March – 7pm
- 3rd March – 7pm
- 10th March – 2pm

To book on a session please [click here](#).

If you have any questions regarding player registrations, please email Support@NorfolkFA.com.

AN EVENING TALKING ALL THINGS FEMALE FOOTBALL

Calling all coaches in the female game! Come and join us virtually for 'An Evening Talking All Things Female Football' on Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm.



Harry Diggins (Norfolk FA) and Jo Williams (The FA) would be delighted for you to join them for an informal evening, to connect with other female coaches in the county. Topics we will explore include; best practice hints & tips, engaging players over lockdown, post-lockdown football, the future of women & girls' football in the county.

To find out more and book on please [click here](#).

AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance throughout this period, and we ask that everybody continues to pull together and support one another as much as possible.

Best wishes,

Norfolk County FA