

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

January 2018



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. With the New Year upon us, we hope to provide you with an insight into our work via these bulletins, along with what's on the horizon for clubs, including various opportunities to get involved in Norfolk Football.

ADULT DISCIPLINE & RESPECT WEBEX

This online meeting is being delivered for clubs that want tips and ideas to improve the behaviour within their adult teams or have reached Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the FA Charter Standard Discipline & Respect Sanctioning process.



We would like to invite all adult club officials, team managers and captains to log on to this web ex. All you will need is a PC, laptop or smartphone to tune in and join the Football Development & Administration Team for an evening of useful information and good practice to implement.

Also, FA staff will be joining us with Nathan French (National Respect Project Manager) and Tom Lee (National Clubs Operations Manager).

Date: Thursday 25 January 2018

Time: 18:30 - 19:30 (approximately)

Venue: Comfort of your own home!

If you would like to join this WebEx, you can watch it again and request access to the free content by contacting [Stacey Annison](mailto:StaceyAnnison@NorfolkFA.com).

INTRODUCTION TO LEVEL 1 COACHING WORKSHOPS

Do you know anyone wanting to get involved in coaching or isn't quite sure whether the FA Level 1 qualification is for them?

This workshop is for the non-qualified coach, for example parents, assistants and volunteers or anybody who is 15

years old and above and would like to get a taster of what coaching and a FA Level 1 course entails.



Remember: this is not a qualification; it's an introductory workshop and will up skill prior to attending the course.

Venues	theFDC@Flegg Martham, NR29 4QD	theFDC@OpenAcademy Norwich, NR7 9DL	Alive Leisure, King's Lynn, PE30 2NB
Dates	Tuesday 30 January	Monday 12 February	Monday 26 February
Times	19:00 – 21:00	19:00 – 21:00	19:00 – 21:00
Cost	FREE	FREE	FREE

Should you have any further questions or queries regarding this Workshop, please feel free to contact us via CharterStandard@NorfolkFA.com or contact us on 01603 704050.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Monday Night Football Tournaments are set to return at theFDC@Flegg, which made their debut throughout February last year.

Tournaments this year will be held for teams U7s – U12s with all tournaments being played in a 5v5 format on our 3G pitch under the floodlights.



- **U7s** - Monday 5th February: 6-8pm
- **U8s** - Monday 12th February: 6-8pm
- **U9s** - Monday 19th February: 6-8.30pm
- **U10s** - Monday 26th February: 6-8.30pm
- **U11s** - Monday 5th March: 6-8.30pm
- **U12s** - Monday 12th March: 6-8.30pm

Format: 5-a-side (squads of 8)

Entry: £15 a team

To enter a team, please [click here](#). For more information, please contact theFDCflegg@NorfolkFA.com or call 01603 704050 (Ext 4).

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SUCCESS FOR NORFOLK U18'S

In the last bulletin, I mentioned the success our U18's squad are currently enjoying in the FA County Youth Cup.

The team have progressed into the Quarter Finals following an excellent 2-0 victory against Northumberland. Good luck to everyone involved as we make the flight over to the Isle of Man to face them on the 20 January!



COUNTY CUP QUARTER FINAL DATES

Our County Cup Quarter Finals are set to return this weekend with the Sunday Senior, Sunday Junior & Norfolk Women's Cups all getting underway.

The draws for this weekend's fixtures will take place on Friday 19 January; live on BBC Radio Norfolk at 6.30pm.



To view all of the County Cup Quarter Final fixtures together in one handy place, [please click here](#).

SIN BIN TRIALS PROVING TO BE A SUCCESS

Following the introduction of sin bins to the Anglian Combination as part of the FA's national pilot this year, it is fantastic to see that an impact is being made with dissent cautions down **28.4%** in Divisions 1-5 compared to 2016-17.

On the contrary, the Premier Division (which is not operating sin bins this season) saw a **21.2%** increase compared to 2016-17. It will be interesting to see how these figures develop throughout the course of the season.

PCVR Critical Support Fund: Round 2

Following on from the success of the recent PLAY COACH VOLUNTEER REFEREE (PCVR) Critical Support Fund, we are delighted to announce the second round of this seasons initiative to help clubs in need for 'critical' support in the 2017/18 season.



The PCVR Critical Support Fund has been designed to provide support to clubs & teams that might be struggling to survive, or just need help with the overall running of the club.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 26th January 2018**. To find out more information, and to access the application form, [please click here](#).

GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The FA, in conjunction with all County FA's, are again running the prestigious FA Groundsman of the Year Awards for the 2017-18 season, for all clubs playing at step 7 (Anglian Combination Premier Division) or below.

Clubs must nominate a Groundsman who is a member of the club in order to be included in the competition; however they can be in a paid capacity, for example employed by Parish Council.



The deadline for applications is **Friday 9th February 2018**. To find out more information, and to access the application form, please [click here](#).

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LEVEL 1 WINTER PITCHES ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COURSE

Norfolk FA, in partnership with the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG), will be delivering a Level 1 Winter Pitches Annual Maintenance course on Friday 23rd February 2018 taking place at the FDC (NR5 9ED).



The key subjects covered are: Assessment, sequencing of work and aeration to mowing, aeration and line marking. With delivery from an industry expert, experience an educational hands-on training day featuring a productive presentation, plus turf care theory and practical working demonstrations.

If you or someone you know may be interested in attending this course, please [click here](#) for more information or contact Ian.Grange@NorfolkFA.com.

CHARTER STANDARD IN-SERVICE CALENDAR

JANUARY	EVENT		DETAILS
	25	Adult Discipline & Respect WebEx	18:30 – 19:30
	30	Introduction to Level 1 Coaching Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@Flegg, NR29 4QD

FEBRUARY	EVENT		DETAILS
	-	FA Community Award Nomination Window Opens	
	1	Grow the Game Application Window Opens	
	5	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 Alive Leisure, PE30 2NB
	12	Introduction to Level 1 Coaching Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	15	FA Junior Football Leaders Course	09:00 – 16:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	18	Coach CPD	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@Flegg, NR29 4QD
	19	‘Next Step’ Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC, NR5 9ED
	21	‘Next Step’ Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 Attleborough, NR17 2AS
	26	Introduction to Level 1 Coaching Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	27	‘Next Step’ Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 Youngs Park, NR11 6UJ
	28	‘Next Step’ Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 West Winch, PE33 0JY
	28	2017-18 Annual Health Checks completed	

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Marketing & Communications Department



Marketing & Communications
Manager
Rebecca Burton



Marketing & Communications
Officer
Joe Sayer

The ‘Department Spotlight’ section provides an insight into the different Departments here at Norfolk FA and the work they undertake.

The Marketing & Communications department are responsible for raising the profile of both Norfolk County FA and Grassroots Football in Norfolk in line with the Marketing & Communications Strategy.

Both Rebecca and Joe work together on various projects such as developing Norfolk FA’s and our three Development Centres’ voice on social media and website platforms, securing partnerships to help strengthen both the Association’s and our partners’ presence throughout the county, whilst re-investing funds back into the Grassroots game.

Alongside this, they continue to incorporate Norfolk FA’s ‘Play, Coach, Volunteer, Referee’ campaign which is fondly known as PCVR into everything we do, from the Critical Support Fund mentioned earlier in this bulletin to our ‘Join Our Club’ scheme, whereby clubs can utilise PCVR components and the Norfolk FA badge to help create engaging, effective adverts to recruit players, coaches, volunteers and referees to their club.

Both members of staff also play a key role alongside numerous other members of staff in annual events such as our prestigious County Cup Finals and Gala Awards Dinner, where they aim to make these events as special as possible for everyone involved.

You can contact our Marketing & Communications team on 01603 704050 ext. 1, option 3.

NORFOLK FA COUNCIL MEMBER RECEIVES NEW YEARS HONOUR

Congratulations to Norfolk FA Council member, Giles Margason, who has been awarded a BEM for his services to the community in Aylsham as part of the New Years’ Honours List!

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U21 LEAGUES COME TO THEFDC@OPEN

A brand new Under 21 League is due to launch in January at theFDC@OpenAcademy!



The games, which will take place in an innovative, new 8v8 format, will be played on Friday evenings on the 3G pitch at the facility.

All of the key details can be found below:

- All fixtures on 3G
- Friday night games
- £30 per fixture – less than £5 per player!
- £10 League Registration
- 8pm & 9pm Kick Off times

If you are interested in entering a team, [click here](#). Alternatively, if you'd like to find out some more information about the League then please contact theFDCopen@NorfolkFA.com or call on 01603 704050 (Option 3).

FA PEOPLES CUP RETURNS

The FA Peoples Cup is back for 2018, and there are more categories than ever before at the FDC, theFDC@Flegg & theFDC@OpenAcademy!

the FDC

24 Feb: Male Vets (35+), Walking Football

25 Feb: U14 Female, U16 Female, Adult Male (16+)

theFDC@OpenAcademy

23 Feb: U14 Male, U16 Male

24 Feb: Adult Female (16+)

theFDC@Flegg

25 Feb: Adult Male (16+)



The Peoples Cup is a national small-sided competition that is completely free to enter. Last year, we saw Sprowston Girls go on to win the U16's category in Birmingham after beating Plymouth Girls 4-1!

To enter a team, please [click here](#).

FA ANNOUNCES NEW PLANS FOR 2018

Earlier this week (9th January) The FA announced a series of new initiatives and investments which will have a significant impact, both on the organisation itself, and for all of English football.

From 2018/19 season, the FA will reinvest £180m per year directly back into football, which is up from £123m in the previous year, representing a 38% increase.



To read the announcement in full, [click here](#).

KICK IT OUT

Please be reminded that football is a game For All, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability, disability, faith or age.



If you witness or hear any discriminatory behaviour, then please get in contact with us immediately by contacting 01603 704050.

AND FINALLY, GOOD LUCK!

Let's look forward to a great month of football and making a positive start to 2018. Good luck with all of your fixtures this weekend and beyond.

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