



The Offside Trust Return to #NorfolkFootball Competition

In conjunction with the Anglian Combination League and Offside Trust we are pleased to announce that we will be running a return to football competition starting on Saturday 3rd April.

The results of the recent survey were overwhelmingly in favour of running a competition and so the intention is for teams to be split into 3 competitions (Premier and Division One; Division Two, Three and the top of Division Four and bottom of Division Four, Division 5 North and South) with groups games to be played before a knockout phase. All groups are no smaller than four teams and no bigger than six teams so all teams will play at least three competitive games. The groups have been arranged based on the Clubs location with a mix of North, East, South, West and Central groups to keep travelling to a minimum with each team playing other teams in their group just once with a mix of home and away games.

Group Structure

Please see below the Group structures for each competition with the Teams division in brackets:

<i>Premier and Division One Competition (Premier Cup)</i>			
East	South	West	Central
Acle United (P)	Attleborough Town (D1)	Bradenham Wanderers (P)	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers (P)
Blofield United (P)	Harleston Town (P)	Fakenham Town Reserves (D1)	Easton (D1)
Caister (P)	Mundford (P)	Heacham (D1)	Sprowston Athletic (D1)
Norwich United U21 (D1)	Scole United (P)	Watton United (D1)	Thorpe St Andrew (P)
Stalham Town (D1)	Yelverton (D1)		UEA (P)

<i>Division Two, Division Three and Division Four (Intermediate Cup)</i>				
North	East	South	West	Central
Buxton (D2)	AC Mill Lane (D3)	Attleborough Town Reserves (D3)	Bradenham Wanderers Reserves (D3)	Costessey Sports (D3)
Holt United (D2)	Belton (D4)	Earsham (D2)	Castle Acre Swifts (D2)	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers Reserves (D3)
Martham (D2)	Caister Reserves (D2)	Hempnall (D3)	Dersingham Rovers (D4)	Horsford United (D3)
North Walsham (D2)	Great Yarmouth Town Reserves (D3)	Long Stratton Reserves (D3)	Swaffham Town Reserves (D2)	Thorpe St Andrew Reserves (D4)
South Walsham (D3)	Hemsby (D4)	Norwich CEYMS Reserves (D3)	Wells Town (D2)	UEA Reserves (D4)
	Norton Athletic (D4)	Poringland Wanderers (D3)		



<i>Division Four, Division Five North and Division Five South (Minor Cup)</i>			
East	South	West	Central
AC Mill Lane Reserves (D5S)	Harleston Town Reserves (D4)	AFC Lynn Napier (D5N)	Acle United Reserves (D4)
Celt Rangers (D5S)	Mulbarton Wanderers Reserves (D4)	Briston (D5N)	Blofield United Reserves (D5S)
Freethorpe Reserves (D5S)	Mundford Reserves (D4)	Holt United Reserves (D4)	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers A (D5N)
Martham Reserves (D5S)	Poringland Wanderers Reserves (D5S)	Necton (D5N)	Easton Reserves (D5N)
Shrublands (D5S)	Tacolneston (D5S)	Wells Town Reserves (D5N)	Norwich Eagles (D5N)
	Yelverton Reserves (D5S)		Stalham Town Reserves (D5N)

Knockout Phase and Fixture details

The following qualification requirements for the Knockout phase have been decided with Quarter Finals, Semi Finals to be played on the last two weekend's of May followed by the Final in early June.

Premier and Division One – Top two of each group advance to Quarter Finals

Division Two, Division Three and Division Four – Winner of each group and three best second placed (points per game) advance to Quarter Finals

Division Four, Division Five North and Division Five South – Top two of each group advance to Quarter Finals

As the Norfolk Senior, Junior and Primary Cups are continuing these games will have of course take precedence and we will bear this in mind when arranging fixtures. Due to the number of games that need to be played in the County Cup and in this competition please be prepared for midweek fixtures. We will of course try to give you as much notice as possible and keep these games as local as we can.

Withdrawal notice and Rules

As this competition is by invitation if there are any teams that no longer wish to take part then please email Thomas.Constance@NorfolkFA.com by no later than 5pm on Wednesday 17th March. There will be no sanction if you decide to withdraw any teams at your Club from the competition.

By close of play Thursday (18th) the first fixtures will be announced (plus any changes to groups if required) along with the rules of the competition, which will cover issues such as pitch availability and player eligibility.