

Norfolk County FA

'Taking football forward in Norfolk'

Affiliation deadline

A VERY important reminder has been issued for youth club secretaries about affiliations next season

No welfare officer? Not complied with CWO criteria? Then no affiliation!

Remember that in order to be affiliated to Norfolk County FA for the 2009/10 season, every youth club must have an appointed welfare officer who has an FA CRB disclosure accepted or in progress and who has attended the FA Safeguarding Children Workshop and Welfare Officer Workshop.

If any part of the criteria has not been met by July 1 this year, your

Youth clubs must be ready by July 1

club will not be able to meet the affiliation deadline and could be subject to a late affiliation fine.

So chat to your club welfare officer to check that he/she is willing to continue with the role next season.

If you need to appoint a new welfare officer, you should start the process as soon as possible to ensure you are ready for July 1.

In preparation for the new season, a welfare officer support evening is

being held for youth league welfare officers 7pm on June 22 at the county headquarters.

This will be followed by various dates in July where club welfare officer support evenings will be held on a league basis.

Updated welfare officer information packs and posters will be issued at these events.

A full list of dates and venues for all workshops can be found on the Dates and Venues page of NorfolkFA.com, where bookings and payments can also be made online.

For more information please contact Raffi Coverdale, Norfolk FA's County Welfare Officer, on 01603



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Three more cups to play for



WE'RE back at Carrow Road tomorrow morning, when El Sol face Marlborough in the Sunday Senior Cup final, staged in partnership with City College Norwich. Yarmouth-based El Sol and their opponents from Norwich, Marlborough, will both be making their first appearance in the final of this competition. El Sol, now in their 40th year, will view the game as the pinnacle of their club history to date, while the Marlborough have always threatened to deceive in this competition, despite their many successes in the Norwich and District Sunday League over the years. Tickets are available on the turnstile priced at £6 for adults and £3 for concessions, with kick-off at 11am. Meanwhile, advance tickets are now available for the Norfolk Senior Cup final between King's Lynn Reserves and Wroxham on April 15, ko 7.30pm. To purchase your advance tickets, or discounted Charter Standard Club advance tickets, please visit NorfolkFA.com where you can access an application form.

Entry: £6 adults / £3 concessions. Advance Charter Standard Clubs: £5 adult / £2 under-16's

THE Sunday Junior Cup final between Dereham Wanderers and Windmill, which had to be cancelled last Sunday as a result of a waterlogged pitch at Aldiss Park, has been rearranged for Sunday, May 3 at Aldiss Park (Dereham Town FC), 11am

Entry: £4 adults / £2 concessions

Full details on all of the seasons County Cup Finals are available on our website, NorfolkFA.com

Norfolk have title chance at Fakenham

> Essex 0,
> Norfolk 0

by Ben Casey

NORFOLK travelled to Essex knowing that a win for the home side would see them lift the league title, while any other scoreline would give Norfolk with a fighting chance of winning it themselves.

There were two changes from the side that beat Cambridgeshire earlier in the month. James Hadley came into the back four at the expense of Marcus Godbold and a late call off by Alex Street saw Kyle Talbot take his place between the posts.

After the visitors had settled they created the first good chance of the game when Alex Fitzgerald headed wide after good work by John Carrier. Michael Sommerfield then caused the home goalkeeper some concern when a free-kick from some 35 yards flashed just wide.

Essex were looking dangerous down the leftside and a cross from Hunter found Scarlet inside the penalty area, but after a good turn his shot was saved by Talbot.

At the other end Norfolk almost got their noses in front after fine work by Joel Brien on the left resulted in a glancing header from Luke Winter that clipped the top of the crossbar.

There then followed a seven-minute delay when Talbot required lengthy treatment after being challenged by Hunter as he gathered a cross. The home forward was spoken to by the referee but no further action was taken.

From the restart Sommerfield and Chris Hall combined well on the edge of the Essex area only to see Hall's volley fly across the face of

the goal. Norfolk were beginning to dominate and again almost took the lead when captain Winter broke through the home defence only to see his clever chip over the keeper headed clear by an Essex defender.

On the stroke of half-time Scarlett went close for the home side, before play again swung to the other end where Fitzgerald, who had been excellent during the first period, went on a solo run that ended with a shot that just cleared the bar.

Norfolk attacked straight from the re-start and Winter made it to the by-line, only to see his cross ushered out for a corner that came to nothing.

Fitzgerald then produced a brave header when challenged by Batchford in the home goal, but once again a home defender got back to clear as the ball headed for the empty net.

Knowing what was stake, the home side tried to exert some pressure of their own but the Norfolk back line stood firm and James Hadley, who was having an outstanding debut, was on hand to

clear a dangerous cross from the left.

In the 75 minute Norfolk thought they had been awarded a penalty when Fitzgerald was brought down in the box, but the referee saw it as a free-kick to the home side.

Norfolk raised their game again and were looking like the side most likely to take the points.

Carrier fired a free-kick just over and then a storming run from the back by Patrick Yates led to a chance for Sommerfield who shot over.

With 10 minutes left Liam Stockell came on to replace Chris Hall and almost made a name for himself immediately as the ball found him in space at the back post, but he was unable to hit the target.

Stockell then had another great chance but shot wildly when well placed.

In the final minute the visitors once again thought they should have had a penalty when Winter was wrestled to the ground, but again the referee gave the kick to the home side.

Coaching rewards for Mulbarton and Taverham

NORFOLK FA's Community Football Coach Adam Gusterson has been delivering sessions to Charter Standard Community Clubs across the county.

For the last eight weeks the programme has been working with Mulbarton FC and Taverham FC. The sessions come as a reward for reaching Community Club status, with the club given the opportunity to choose how their four free sessions are to be used. This usually sees them spread across four different age groups, incorporating as many of the clubs players and coaching staff as possible.

Following the completion of his work at the two clubs, Adam said: "Team managers can give me an idea of what they are looking to work on and I will go into the clubs, delivering a relevant session to meet that need."

"My aim is to provide club coaches with some fresh ideas for their sessions, offering drills around the topic."

"The beauty of these sessions is that I get to work with various teams within a given club. One week it could be working with an adult team, the next with young players starting out. It really is great to work with

local players of all abilities, gender and age groups.

"So far the feedback has been very positive from the club coaches and from a personal point of view I have very much enjoyed the programme. "Norfolk FA sees the importance of supporting local clubs in this way and will continue to work with affiliated clubs to help them qualify for these kinds of benefits."

For more information on our Charter Standard programme, contact Craig Terrington at County FA Headquarters on 01603 704050 or email craig.terrington@NorfolkFA.com