**Norfolk Women’s & Girls Football League**

**2021/2022 League/Club Rule Proposals**

***Standard Code of Rules***

**League Proposal** LR13.1 Cups and Trophies must be engraved and returned to the Competition by no later than 1 February. Failure to do so may result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

**Dussindale & Hellesdon Club Proposal - Adrian Tink** (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to 5 substitute Players of whom not more than 5 may be used.

**Costessey FC Club Proposal – Kayleigh Ellwood** Ladies 7’s to have the option of playing 7v7 or 9v9 to be agreed between the 2 teams as it is in youth football for 9v9 or 11v11.

***Ladies 7 aside Rules***

**Ladies 7 Rule Amendment Proposals – Tracy Clayton Law 4 -Players Equipment- Basic Equipment** Currently this does not include shorts in the list! Nor does it state that the jersey must have sleeves. While I have not yet seen a vest top, this leaves itself open to this. Can we also take the opportunity please to remind that players "No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirt" (Norfolk FA SCOR 19). It seems most GKs want to wear dark navy/black

**Law 7 - Start of Play** I have no issue with the home team having kick off. However, when I referee teams it seems that this law is not being enforced and 'every other referee lets the team chose the opposite to what the home team choses'. It also means that the home team can win the toss and technically get an advantage by having KO and choosing the direction of play. This is something I would like the league to consider.

**Law 13 - The Goal Clearance** This law states that this is a means of restarting play (i.e. Goal Kick) The procedure however includes Goalkeepers can only distribute the ball through underarm throws. Goalkeepers are not allowed to kick the ball deliberately unless in the process of making a save which causes great confusion - especially as immediately above it says the ball is in play when the ball is thrown or kicked from any point within the penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team

The Law is about goal clearance so a keeper would not be kicking a ball 'in the process of making a save'. Technically nowhere in the laws or the SCOR does it say keeper cannot kick the ball while the game is in active play - it only specified it as part of the goal clearance. Can this law please be clarified therefore. If the keeper can only kick the ball as part of Goal Clearance then elsewhere in the SCOR there needs to be separate mention of this.

Players I have spoken to would also like it to be written in the SCOR as to distance player has to be from the ball when the keeper is taking a Goal Clearance. As Free Kicks are 2 yards I would suggest this. I normally suggest at games if an attacker is on the goal area that the GK takes it from further back - but having a distance I think would be more in keeping with the intention of the Clearance

***Standard Code of Rules Youth***

**Redrose Rose Club Proposal – David Willmott**

LR20.12 In development football, during a match when the goal difference reaches 4, the losing team may field an additional player. If the goal difference reaches 6, the losing team may field another additional player (taking the total up to 2 additional players).

At the point the goal difference falls to 5, the losing team must withdraw one of their additional players. At the point the goal difference falls to 3 the losing team must withdraw their final additional player (this does not need to be the same player that was put on as the additional player).

**Sprowston Girls Football Club Proposal – Mark Wickenden** We would like to make a proposal, by asking if the NWGFL would consider for U12s girls, starting 2021/22 season, to be played 9v9 rather than the existing 7v7.

We believe 11v11 is played at high school which will be next season for my girls, and the boys of this age are either playing 9v9 or 11v11 and we feel this proposal works in tandem with the FA promoting the female game now more than ever. This would give more girls the opportunity to take up the sport, which I’m sure we can all agree is the “goal” we are all aiming for.

**Costessey Sports FC Club Proposal – Deborah Matthews** Costessey U15 girls next season would like to favour playing 11 aside for the season 2021/2022.