**Guidelines for adult players regarding referees – to compliment the FA Respect Charter**

As a league....

* we appreciate the difficult job that referees do
* we will be supportive and friendly towards our officials and encourage our players to be the same
* we acknowledge that referees are an essential part of our league and we will look to include them in appropriate social occasions. We will also consider inviting referees to one managers meeting in a season for a friendly discussion of refereeing issues
* we recognise that referees, like players, maymake mistakes and that opinions on incidents in games may differ
* we will ensure that team managers give the referee a performance score after the game, taking account of the FA advice on marking referees
* we will use the ‘End of Season Awards’ to award all our referees and a special award will go to the top marked referee
* we acknowledge that on rare occasions there may be concerns about the performance of a particular referee, and where the mark awarded is 60 or less a written report stating the reasons why the mark was given must accompany the match card. This report will then be forwarded to Norfolk County FA for actions as per The County Disciplinary Procedure for referees on page 108 of the County Handbook

As a Christian league we aim to be a leader in our attitude to referees. We aspire to the same attitude that prevails in rugby, where there is absolute respect and zero dissent towards referees

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet a huge number of match officials drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch.

Respect your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The FA’s Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.