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CHAIRMAN thankful for extra pandemic funding



Wealdstone have received funding from the National Lottery

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Borough games suspended

HARROW GAMES SUSPENDED FOR THE NEXT MONTH



Borough's games are postponed
Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough's fixtures for the next month will be suspended as part of national lockdown protocol.

A statement issued by the FA today on Tuesday confirmed that all fixtures and training for Steps 3-6 of the National League system, which includes the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central at Step 4, will be suspended from Thursday, November 5 until Wednesday December 2.

This is subject to parliament voting on Wednesday, yet to take place at the time of publication, to impose the new restrictions, and the publication of bespoke guidance from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport.

The statement reads: "As a result of the UK Government's new national Covid-19 restrictions and the publication of bespoke guidance from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, the impact on 'non elite' football in England will include the suspension of the following during this period:

- All fixtures and training for Steps 3-6 of the National League System (NLS);
- All fixtures and training for Tiers 3-7 of the Women's Football Pyramid (WFP);
- All fixtures and training for the Regional NLS Feeder Leagues;
- All fixtures and training for The Barclays FA WSL Academy League;
- All fixtures and training for FA Girls Regional Talent Clubs;
- All fixtures and training for indoor and outdoor youth and adult grassroots football.

"Our aim is to ensure that the 2020-21 season is completed at these levels and will liaise with the relevant leagues to provide support."

Stones get lottery fund

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE chairman Rory Fitzgerald has thanked the National Lottery for their contribution to non-league football during the coronavirus pandemic, with supporters not permitted to enter grounds.

Stones will benefit from a share of £10million worth of funding that has been announced for 66 National League clubs as part of a partnership between the league and the National Lottery in a bid to allow this season to continue.

The partnership will benefit all clubs in the fifth and six tiers of English football, so that they can continue to play behind closed doors after the return of fans was paused due to rising infection rates.

Fitzgerald said that the funding would go well beyond the first-team and would allow the club to continue providing community activities.

"This funding helps us to continue to deliver the benefits we provide to the Ruislip area ranging from our junior teams to school visits and providing walking football for stroke victims," he

said in a statement on the club website.

"Our community activities have grown over recent years and we believe in times such as these the role local football clubs can play is bigger than ever. Protecting this, and the work of the other National League clubs, is essential for communities across the country. I can't thank National Lottery players enough for this lifeline."

Nigel Railton, CEO of National Lottery operator Camelot, said: "The National Lottery and its players have been making a huge difference to communities across the country for the past 26 years, so we're delighted to be working with the National League to protect these all-important clubs and help them continue the vital work they carry out locally. They do a fantastic job and I can't wait to cheer on my local National League side when fans are allowed to return."

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