



To: All Clubs at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BLOCKED HOURS AND LIVE STREAMING OF MATCHES

Please note, the broadcasting of matches (including live streaming) during “blocked hours” is prohibited.

What are blocked hours?

Blocked hours are set time periods occurring on a Saturday when it is prohibited to broadcast any form of live football.

Blocked hours for Season 2018-2019 are as follows:

Every Saturday occurring during each period set out below

4 August 2018 – 1 September 2018

14:45 – 17:15

15 September 2018 – 6 October 2018

14:45 – 17:15

20 October 2018 – 10 November 2018

14:45 – 17:15

24 November 2018 – 16 March 2019

14:45 – 17:15

30 March 2019 – 4 May 2019

14:45 – 17:15



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Why do we have blocked hours?

Blocked hours have been in place for many years in England and are permitted by Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes.

The rationale for blocked hours includes:

- To ensure spectators are not deterred from attending or participating in amateur or youth matches.
- In parallel to the above, protecting clubs' revenue generated by gate receipts.
- To protect the interests of football within each national association.

For the avoidance of doubt, clubs are not permitted to broadcast games in the periods set out above, but may record fixtures for later analysis or highlights purposes.

The recent "iFollow" initiative by the EFL relates to matches occurring outside of blocked hours.

What are the consequences of broadcasting or live streaming matches during blocked hours?

This could result in disciplinary action against a Club or individuals.

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