

Majority of clubs vote for League pauses

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Northern Premier League clubs are set to remain on pause and won't be resuming on Saturday. The clubs in membership of the Northern Premier, Southern and Isthmian Leagues (the Trident Leagues) voted yesterday on a proposition that the pause in fixtures be continued with a regular review in light of changes to the Tiers and/or grants becoming available. Earlier in the week they had held a virtual meeting to consider the challenges and issues brought about by the reintroduction of tiers after the raising of the nationwide lockdown with effect from yesterday. The total votes cast by the 224 clubs across the three Leagues showed a substantial number of them in agreement with the proposition. In the NPL the vast majority of clubs (45 to 16) are in tier three as opposed to tier two. The matter has been considered and is now subject to comment by the FA while a further statement will be issued in due course. Although there will be no football at the week-end (Reds had already opted out of any Saturday fixtures) Danny Grainger's men will be back in action on Tuesday night with a trip to Nantwich in the FA Trophy. Like the Reds, the Premier Division side have not played for a month so both teams will be going into action on the back of limited training. Grainger said: "We are all just excited to have a game to look forward to and everybody just can't wait to play again."

Interestingly City of Liverpool have tweeted tonight that they intend to play on Saturday.

"Until we hear differently, our game v Dunstan is ON. Non-elite football is not suspended currently and in a Tier 2 area we are allowed up to 400 supporters.

"We are fulfilling our League fixture. If anything changes between now and Saturday we will notify everyone."