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EXTRA TIME

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAPITAL FOOTBALL REFEREES

From the Chair

Hello and welcome to this edition of Extra Time.

Capital Football is still awaiting advice from Football Federation Australia of approval to amend the constitution about a number of technical matters; some of which affect referees. One of those matters concerns Futsal referees coming within the main refereeing enclosure and ensuring their representation on the Referees Standing Committee.

When those matters are resolved elections for the RSC will be called. All 9 positions on the RSC are to be filled as there is no provision for any current member to carry over to the next committee. Two of the current members of the RSC will definitely not be seeking re-election ie Chris Conti and Roger Prowse. I do not know of the plans of any other RSC member.

Therefore, it is extremely important to consider nominating for election to the RSC. It is the body

which technically advises the Board of Capital Football on matters concerning referees and refereeing. In practice it is the body that, together with the Referees' Administrator, manages the day to day coal face issues of referees and refereeing. The work load is not onerous and usually consists of 1 meeting a month and addressing a moderate amount of email traffic when matters have to be addressed out of meeting time. The "treasurer" has a greater workload than the other members and the Chair slightly more but as I said, it is certainly not onerous.

Further, without the input of referees into the day to day management then the interests of and matters pertinent to ACT referees and ACT refereeing will not have the attention of Capital Football and FFA. I urge you all to seriously consider standing for election or if you can not offering to help in any way that you can.

May I take this opportunity to say that it has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to have been able to serve in the role of Chair of the RSC. The ACT referees cohort is probably the best in Australia pound for pound. We have World Cup, Asian Confederation, FIFA and A league representatives, we have a State Coach who has international and national recognition, we have a hard working RSC and Technical Committee, a hard working and responsive appointments officer, a great Administrator but most importantly fabulous referees who turn up Saturday, Sunday and weeknights (and sometimes all 3) to referee because they enjoy it.

Thanks to each and every one of you.

Roger Prowse
Chair, RSC

Referee Tracksuits

Capital Football is currently taking expressions of interest from referees who would like to order a tracksuit similar to those worn by the Referee Academy. If you are interested in ordering a tracksuit please email the Referee Administrator at refadmin@capitalfootball.com.au.

The tracksuits are expected to cost \$85.00 and will be need to be ordered as none will be kept in stock.



Coaches Corner

With State Coach Clive Makillop

Hey Everyone.

I hope you are enjoying your football – I know I am enjoying watching you all doing a fine job in your games every week. The competitions seem to be bubbling along nicely with no disasters and lots of good feedback from spectators, coaches and players alike. I have just a few things to mention to you to help with your job.

Junior Football

Overall we are doing a great job with the massive numbers of games at each Junior venue, however there are a few areas we need to improve on:

1. **Uniform** – is your black shirt which should be tidy and tucked in. The little kids you are refereeing are in shirts and shorts – if its good enough for them, it's good enough for you. So please, no trackies and jumpers, thanks.
2. **Free-kicks** – are all indirect, except for serious fouls and handball in the Penalty Area, when a penalty kick will be taken from the edge of the area.
3. **Foul throws** – are awarded in Under 11s and 12s, when the ball will be thrown in by the opposing team.
4. **Loitering** – is the offence (resulting in a free-kick) where an

attacker deliberately places him/herself in an unfair position a long way behind the defence – this tactic is not allowed and referees are encouraged to penalise it where it is blatant.

Senior Football

Once again, a fantastic effort with the huge numbers of games we have to cover. Still a few areas for improvement:

1. **Arrival times** – I have had a couple of reports of referees or ARs turning up with 5 or 10 minutes to spare before kick-off. This is not satisfactory – it does not allow all the pre-match checks to be completed and makes it hard for the other team members. Please ensure you leave enough time to travel to the ground to allow at least 30 minutes before kick-off in State Leagues and 45 minutes in Premier divisions.
2. **Ground markings** – we have had a few cases of grounds incorrectly marked. Please check the ground before you play and make sure you are happy with the field before kick-off – if not, see if you can fix things up before the game starts (with the assistance of the clubs).

Equipment – please ensure that none of the following are worn by players:

- Undershirts which are not the same predominant colour as the sleeve of the

playing jersey;

- Undershorts which are not the same as the predominant colour of the shorts; and
- Any kind of jewellery, including wedding rings and earrings.

Zero Tolerance – Capital Football has asked me to remind you that bad language should not be tolerated. Bad language which is self-directed should be cautioned in the first instance if you can identify the player who said (shouted) it. If not, then you should issue a general warning to teams to stop using such language. Persistence will result in dismissal. The Senior League Manager has warned all clubs that this will be enforced by referees. Note: Abusive, insulting and offensive language **directed at anyone** should be punished by sending the player from the field under R6, ***as usual***.

Panels

The second cut of the panels for 2008 will be released shortly. Please report any anomalies or perceived injustice to me personally.

This list is only as accurate as the information supplied. Please note that in compiling this list, the five components listed in the last newsletter have been considered.

Congratulations to....

- All those referee who received their upgrading certificates at the recent general meeting. Alasdair Grocock, Ray Lynes, Walter Kmet, David Rowell and Ross Yarnold all received their Level 2 referee certificates and Zoe Power received her Level 3 referee certificate. Alasdair Grocock, Ray Lynes, Walter Kmet, Ross Yarnold and Rod Gooding all received their Level 3 inspector certificates.
- Ben Williams and Ben Wilson on their appointment to the 2008/09 Hyundai A-League Panel
- Gary Vandeburgt, Brett Woodford and Allyson Flynn on their appointment to the National Youth League Panel
- Zoe Power on her selection to the Girls National Championships to be held in Coffs Harbour in July



Marsh Insurance Referee Academy

By Chris Gottaas

Whistles and cards aren't normally associated with football academies but in the nation's capital a dedicated referee's academy has been established to produce the next generation of world class officials.

It's not a new concept for the ACT with previously a 'Talent Acceleration Program' producing the likes of local FIFA accredited Ben Wilson (2006 FIFA World Cup assistant referee) and Ben Williams during the days of the Canberra Cosmos in the former NSL.

According to ACT Referee State Coach and Hyundai A-League Referee Assessor, Clive Mackillop, the new and improved Marsh Insurance Referee Academy is targeted towards younger officials with the current crop of rising stars aged between 16 and 19.

"This is actually targeted at fairly young referees who are just getting into their professional stride. They're doing mainly juniors but we're giving them the opportunity to work together as a team. To go out and do some work together in the Premier 18 games on a Sunday and we want them to be coached every week when they referee," Mackillop said.

What differentiates the Academy is its professionalism in preparing their members for the next stages of their respective careers.

"We want to have them together as a group for practical and theoretical demonstrations. We want to be able to give them some seminars and take them through some appropriate topics to work on and there will be varying forms of instructions used," Mackillop said.

"We want to show them video footage of decisions and show them how games and players are managed, discuss some things about how they can improve they're approach to the game and help them with refereeing at the highest level."

Although the program is currently restricted to the local Premier Divisions, Mackillop is hoping the new National Youth League will provide opportunity for some slightly more experienced referees in the region, while the opportunity will give those involved in the

current Academy something to aim towards.

"We're just waiting for the new youth league which we're hoping will provide a first rung for some slightly older referees to get an opportunity followed by the Academy members later."

With the program only into its first month of operation signs are looking promising for the future of local officiating standards.

"It's very early to call who's going to be the next [Ben] Williams or [Ben] Wilson but I think they're all tremendous, we've had them all doing a combination of middles and lines during the last few weeks. They've only really been going for a full month now so we've just started seeing some good work come out of it," Mackillop said.



Match Card Procedures

Referees are reminded that for all matches they must write their full name and FFA ID number on the match card. One of our referees Steven McIntyre has suggested that if you have troubles remembering your FFA number you can save it as a number in your mobile phone. If you do not know your FFA number please contact the referee administrator at refadmin@capitalfootball.com.au.

When completing the match card also remember to:

- Record all goal scorers and note if there are any own goals
- Record all yellow and red cards with correct codes
- If required complete player of the year points

Please also note that if you send a player off you must submit a send off report to the referee administrator by close of business the Tuesday after your match, or if your match is midweek it must be submitted within two days of the match.



Registrations as referees and volunteers for the 2008 McDonald's Kanga Cup for local referees are now open.

The Kanga Cup is the largest youth football tournament in the Southern Hemisphere and a unique opportunity to referee teams from around Australia and the world. Run from the 6th to 11th of July, 2008 Kanga Cup has a record 225 team nominations with teams from around Australia as well as international sides from Malaysia, India, South Korea, New Zealand and the United States of America. This years tournament will be played at Kaleen, The University of Canberra, O'Connor, Warramanga, Kambah and Mawson where "the Hub" will be based. Finals matches will also be played at Greenway, McKellar and Deakin Stadium.

Refereeing at the Kanga Cup

The Kanga Cup is open to referees of all ages and experience levels, and all registered referees are encouraged to submit a

registration form if they are available for part or all of the week. Referees who are also playing in the tournament are also welcome to referee around their matches. Local referees receive payment for all Kanga Cup appointments and officials on finals also receive medals. Please note that priority for finals appointments will be given to referees under the age of 25.

Referees at the Kanga Cup also have the opportunity to:

- Attend a number of social activities during the week including the Disco, movie night and referee match
- Meet new referee friends from around Australia and New Zealand
- Receive coaching from both local and interstate referee coaches
- Attend referee seminars to help develop refereeing skills
- Meet 2007 Women's World Cup Final Referee Tammy Ogston at a special seminar on Monday the 7th of July

If you would like to register as a referee for the 2008 McDonald's Kanga Cup please complete the referee registration form available from the Capital Football login website, or for more information please contact the referee administrator.

Volunteering at the Kanga Cup

Volunteers for several positions are needed to help with the running of the referees for the 2008 Kanga Cup.

This year we require volunteers as Referee Venue Supervisors, Bus Drivers and Referee coaches.

If you would like to volunteer for some or all of the Kanga Cup please complete the volunteer registration form available from the Capital Football login website, or for more information please contact the referee administrator.

Inspector Courses

Level 1 and Level 2 inspector courses will be run during June. If you would like to attend either of the courses please RSVP to the referee administrator by Friday the 6th of June. Please note that RSVPs are essential.

Level 1 inspector Course

Friday 13th June (evening)
Saturday 14th June
Sunday 15th June

Level 2 Inspector Course

Tuesday 17th June (evening)
Wednesday 18th June (evening)
Sunday June 22nd

Capital Football Referee's Welcomes Capital Trophies and Sportswear

Capital Football is pleased to announce that it has extended its sponsorship arrangement with Capital Trophies and Sportswear to include sponsorship of the senior referees.

This is more exciting news for referees after recently announcing that Marsh Insurance has agreed to sponsor our inaugural Referee Academy.

As part of the sponsorship arrangement all A and B panel referees will receive dress polo shirts to wear to matches.

A big thanks to Grant and the team at Capital Trophies and Sportswear for their support.