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## **ACTION SUMMARY LIST**

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## MINUTES

- 1. APOLOGIES -** Coogee & Kincoppal Rose Bay

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr Andrew Field (Director of Technical Development & Modified Football), Peter Kriesler (Director of Football), Blaise Fagan (ESFA Technical Director) Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Bondi United; Easts FC; Maccabi Juniors; Maroubra Utd; Mascot Kings; Olympic Eagles; Waverley Old Boys;

**ABSENT:** Nil
- 2. CHAIRPERSON WELCOME & MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Andrew opened the meeting with a reflection of what the meeting will cover, being a proposition of the 2011 season for the Under 6,7,8 and 9.

Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and were moved by Mascot and second by Bondi United.
- 3. DRAWS & REGRADING**

Taleah spoke to the meeting in relation to how the regrading worked. Taleah mentioned that she had originally placed teams in where they had nominated (beginner, intermediate and advanced). Each team played 3 rounds and then Taleah regarded them again into the 3 grouping divisions. Taleah mentioned that she had received several complaints from clubs for "moving their team down a division and that the team did not deserve to move down". Taleah reminded the meeting that the teams are not in divisions but are in groupings to avoid thrashings and thus had moved the teams into named grouped rather than 1 , 2 , 3 and that only Taleah knows which grouping is which.

Taleah also mentioned that she had received several complaints from clubs for changing the draw so frequently yet if ESFA had adopted the Kuring-gai philosophy then regrading would occur every 2-3 weeks.

Easts mentioned that the draw changing complaints did not occur through the regrading but the draw changing without communication. Easts also mentioned that by giving each club a call to see where their teams are would solve a lot of the regrading problems as the clubs were most aware of where their teams sit in the competition and the strength of their teams.

Taleah mentioned that she will do a new draw for the week 20th June and will post the draw for the remaining season.

Easts mentioned that maybe 8 weeks was not a good idea but 3-4 was better so we could continue to regrade if we have to.

3 – Taleah to create new draw for the week 20<sup>th</sup> June

#### **4. IMPACT OF WET WEATHER**

Taleah mentioned that with wet weather, regarding was made extremely difficult as not all teams had played each other as they were supposed to. She mentioned that these games will not be replayed but would be shifted back to the end of the season and the competition will finish on the 14-15 August.

Andrew mentioned to clubs that the competition will end on this date as all Randwick City Council grounds close on the 15th August and it wouldn't be fair for some clubs to continue playing and others not.

Mascot asked if they still have grounds available, would it be alright to run friendlies with other clubs. Andrew agreed that it would not be a problem

#### **5. SUNDAY GAMES**

Andrew mentioned that he had met with Maccabi prior to the meeting to discuss the fall out and the problems with the Sunday games. Andrew mentioned that Maccabi would not be able to play on Saturday and understands that many teams would not be able to play Sundays, so a compromise had been made. Andrew mentioned to clubs that Taleah will redo the draw and clubs will be scheduled to play Maccabi only once in 8 weeks. On the weeks when Maccabi do not play anyone, a schedule will be sent around to clubs and clubs may choose to play 2 games on the weekend, once on Saturday and once on Sunday. If no teams agree to playing on Sunday, ESFA will ask other associations if they would like to play on Sundays.

Clubs raised concern that they were playing Maccabi every 2-3 weeks on Sunday due to the number of Maccabi teams in the competition. Taleah mentioned that she would split the competition into 2 making 2 groupings rather than 3 to spread the Sunday matches around.

Mascot asked why Maccabi play on Sundays and why they weren't able to play some matches on Saturday. Maccabi answered that they do not have grounds on Saturday as Christison is booked by schools and that they had sold the SSG program to parents as a Sunday competition.

Mascot asked if it was possible to play later on Sundays as they had kids involved in other sports and some who had other religious observances. Maccabi agreed that it is possible to play later and that would be happy to accommodate later games or playing away.

#### **6. INTERCLUB DAYS: PROPOSED DATES**

Andrew mentioned to clubs that Taleah was having difficulty getting availability of clubs for the upcoming Under 7 Interclub Day, and asked that clubs contact Taleah. Taleah handed out the current Under 7 Interclub Day draw.

Andrew also mentioned to clubs that the Under 6 Gala Day for presenting the backpacks to the kids which was rained out on the 5th June has been shifted to the 19th June and that the draw will remain the same as was proposed on the 19th June.

Andrew suggested that clubs stick to the proposed Interclub Day dates but that the interclub days for the Under 6 were too close to together on the 19th and 26th of June and proposed to move it to the 31st July for the 3rd Under 6 Gala Day. Clubs agreed with this change.

Andrew mentioned the Gala Day which is looking to be held on the 8th August. Bondi asked what the Gala Day was about; Andrew mentioned that it was a day that ESFA is looking to bring all age groups in the SSG program together. Maccabi mentioned that they would be happy to run the Gala Day at Christison on the Sunday 8th August.

## **7. SUGGESTION FOR 2011 SEASON**

Andrew addressed the meeting with suggestions for the 2011 season. Andrew mentioned that there had been a lot of complaints from clubs in relation to travelling and playing at different times. Andrew suggested to clubs to have a transition year whereby clubs will have some teams playing intra club and other teams who travel (or willing to travel). This concept allows clubs to grade teams.

Mascot asked how many teams / clubs were actually complaining. Easts mentioned that they had received a lot of complaints.

Maroubra disagreed with the concept suggested mentioning that it was a recipe for disaster as they are going to have to travel sooner or later.

Easts mentioned that there are 2 issues, one is the travel and one is the time slots and that the main problem is that parents don't want to travel but want to arrive the same venue and time every week.

Maroubra asked when ESFA were going to bring Queens Park and Pagewood back in. Easts suggested that it was a timing and travel issue and that the concept suggested would bring them back.

Andrew discussed the model that Queens Park and Pagewood have adopted being an intraclub model where they do not travel but teams eventually get bored and want to play others and that is where the clubs struggle.

Andrew mentioned to clubs what the board had tried to do in the relation to getting the teams back and told clubs that when he came onto the board in November last year, the board tried to talk to them but to no prevail. ESFA then sent an email out to parents that was seen to be bad. The issue then went to FNSW who spent 8 weeks trying to get a meeting with the clubs. ESFA relied heavily on FNSW to resolve the issue but they are now stalling.

Clubs discussed the issue.

Andrew mentioned that ESFA is trying to offer a better product with the Free Sydney FC ticket, the FFA backpacks and products and Blaise services.

Clubs evolved into discussion.

Maroubra mentioned about playing all age groups out of 1 ground. Taleah mentioned that she had tossed up the idea however with the restrictions of Randwick City Council and Botany Council it's not really possible.

Andrew asked clubs what their thoughts were on the hybrid interclub model of travelling and no travelling teams was. Easts suggested that they needed time to think about it. Clubs agreed to think about the concept.

Andrew asked clubs if the board was to sit down with Queens Park and Pagewood and they didn't want to play interclub should the board allow them back in. Clubs evolved into discussion.

Clubs were split on the idea of the travelling and non travelling teams, Peter and Andrew agreed to take the clubs ideas back to the board for further discussion.

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### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **8.1 Coaching services**

Andrew mentioned to clubs that only 1 club took up the offer to have Blaise come out and coach a coaching session and that all clubs are highly advised to take up this offer.

#### **8.2 Queens Park Grounds**

Easts mentioned that the draw for the Queens Park grounds is wrong. Queens Park 34 & 35 are for the boys only and Queens Park 32 is to be used by the Girls. Both Saturday and Sunday the grounds are available from 12pm onwards.

#### **8.3 Game Amendment Form**

Easts complained that the Game Amendment Form is too hard to complete and asked if SSG had to complete it. Taleah mentioned that yes SSG teams need to complete it and that she had tried to make it easier for clubs by supplying all clubs with a list of contacts to make the communication easier. Easts asked if the contact list could be put on the website. Taleah said that yes, she is happy to put the contacts onto the website.

#### **8.4 Future SSG Meeting Dates**

Andrew mentioned that the next SSG meeting should be the end of July early August to prepare for August Gala Day and to discuss 2011. Clubs agreed on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. Details and times to be confirmed closer to the date

**Meeting Closed 9:00pm**