



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GIRLS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1 March 2010

6.30, ESFA Offices

Suite 1, Level, 1371 Botany Rd Botany

ACTION SUMMARY LIST

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Past Meetings)

(Current Meeting)

3.6 – FMC to review Withdrawal of Teams rule to discuss to move the rule to after round three (3) instead of after round one (1)

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MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES - Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Freidman (Girls Council Chairperson); Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Easts FC, Maccabi Jnrs; Maroubra Utd; Olympic Eagles; Queens Park; Pagewood;

ABSENT: Reddam House

2. CHAIRPERSON WELCOME

Frank welcomed all clubs to the meeting and to the 8th year of girls football in the Eastern Suburbs and 2nd year of a girls league council. Frank mentioned that whilst there are no new clubs in the girls league council, the only loss was UNSW who went over to the Super League and that the Girls League Council now holds more of a voice at the FMC.

With the insertion of the Super League competition in the Eastern Suburbs, Frank explained that the only concern losing teams has been in the G12 all other age groups have not been really affected.

3. AMENDMENTS TO COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURE

Taleah explained to clubs that during the off season the FMC and Taleah worked hard and merged the competition rules of all four leagues (girls, juniors, mens & womens) into one document and thus some rules have been clarified. The document handed to clubs was a draft as it is still being looked over by a legal advisor.

3.1 Number of Players and Interchange

Taleah explained to the meeting that changes have been made in the number of players and interchange but that those age groups affected now sit at the SSG meeting – those age groups being Under 8's, 9's and 10's. Discussion evolved between clubs. Queens Park were not happy with G10 sitting in the SSG meeting as they believed it was competitive. Taleah explained to clubs to bring it to the attention of the board.

3.2 Eligibility of Players

To grow girls football and encourage players, the FMC revised the rule about playing up and have increased the number of games a girl can play up in a higher grade to 4 thus making them be regarded on the 5th occasion. Pagewood asked if it was possible that these girls could be recorded so that the coaches could be aware of how many time they played up. Taleah explained that this year it is going to be compulsory for RTO to write in the "upgrade" section on the match sheet who plays up which will make it easier to track then last year.

3.3 Penalties for Forfeits

Procedure for forfeits has changed. Clubs wishing to forfeit will need to fill in a forfeit form by Thursday 5pm prior to the weekends match or 48 hours

prior to a weekday match to avoid any fine. Failure to fill out the form in time will result in a fine up to \$200. This is to avoid no shows. Taleah explained that circumstances out of clubs control (accidents etc) will be considered by the FMC.

3.4 Special Requests

If clubs cannot make a match due to school sport, band camps etc, clubs will be made to fill in a Game Amendment form (will be made available on the website). The form needs to be into the ESFA Office at least 3 weeks prior to the match. The form required clubs to talk to their opposition and arrange and alternative date, time and venue for the game to be played. Failure to submit the form in time will mean the clubs will have no choice but to forfeit. Olympic asked what would happen if a club refuses to replay the match. Taleah suggested to clubs to then write to the FMC who will then ask the clubs why.

3.5 Wet Weather Game Amendment

Very similar to the Game Amendment form the Wet Weather Game Amendment form is for when games are washed out. Taleah explained that she will be rescheduling the matches and informing clubs. Clubs then have 5 working days to arrange an alternative venue if they are unable to make the reschedule.

Taleah explained that the forms were put in place to stop clubs organizing matches that their opposition could not make. Clubs asked if these forms supersede the special requests form submitted at nominations. Taleah explained that the special request forms will be taken into consideration when the draw is being done. The Game amendment form and the wet weather game amendment form is for games that need changing once the draw has been released.

3.6 Withdrawal of Teams

Taleah explained to clubs that the withdrawal of teams after the first round of competition will result in a fine up to \$500 as determined by the FMC. Taleah explained that this is not a new rule but as ESFA moved to charging per player and not per team there was no deterrent for clubs to withdraw teams after the competition has commenced. Queens Park and Pagewood strongly opposed the rule. Taleah explained that the FMC will not fine clubs for trying to keep the team in the competition but the rule is there to deter people from withdrawing mid season like Pagewood pulling out their U/15 in round 9 last year. Queens Park & Pagewood asked for the FMC to review the rule to after round three (3) not round one (1).

3.7 Conduct of Competition

Taleah explained that the format of the season competition has been decided with the weekly fixture for all 6,8,10 team divisions already determined. Clubs agreed that 10 team competitions were not appropriate for junior competitions with too many 20-0 results.

3.8 Playing Season

The FMC has determined the minimum number of games for the season which the FMC has determined to be a minimum of 14 matches, a bye will be considered a played match and weather permitting.

3.9 League Final Series

Taleah mentioned to clubs that the competition structure for 2010 had all girls playing a three (3) week final series but that is depended upon wet weather and an uninterrupted season but that the FMC had the right to change the final series to a 1 v 4, 2 v 3 in the event of wet weather etc.

3.10 Incident Report

An incident report form has been made for all Club official teams to report any incidents that happen at matches. The report is to be submitted within two (2) working days from the incident.

3.11 De-registration

Taleah explained to clubs that the de-registration process had changed from last year. Clubs in order to de-register a player will be required to fill out a FFA NRR08 form and an ESFA player de-registration along with their player card to be considered de-registered. Players who complete all relevant forms by Monday 4pm after round one (1) will receive full refund (minus possible admin fee TBA), players de-registered after the 4pm deadline but before 4pm on the Wednesday after round three (3) will be entitled 50% refund and players de-register after this time will forfeit their registration fee.

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4. CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2010

Taleah mentioned to clubs that she had put together a yearly calendar which had all relevant dates on it for the year ahead including:

- Council Meetings – now every second month (next meeting May)
- Knock Out Cup – encourage all Youth Girls teams (14,15,16) to join
- External Competition – State, Robertson and Bill Cullinan Cup G12,14,16,18. ESFA will make adjustments in the draw for clubs to participate but clubs will need to be flexible in replays. Nominations close 9th April.
- Additional – Car free days at Centennial Park, City to Surf all events that may disrupt the season are found in the calendar.

5. NOMINATION UPDATE

5.1 G10

Whilst G10 do not fit under the Girls League banner Frank agreed to inform the clubs about the divisions:

G10 division 1: no movement or change (six team division)

G10 division 2: no movement or change (five team division)

Maccabi suggested that they may be able to submit a team into division 2 to make it a 6 team division.

5.2 G11

G11 division 1: no movement or change (6 team division)

G11 division 2: Easts moved from division 3 to division 2 to make it a six team division

5.3 G12

G12 division 1: Easts B moved from division 2 to division 1 to make a six team division

G12 division 2: Easts C, Pagewood B & C moved up to make a seven team division 2

5.4 G13

G13 division 1: all teams combined to make a 10 team division.

Clubs argued that a ten team competition is too many. Frank called for 2 divisions of five. Pagewood suggested that they may be able to enter another team to make it a six and five team division. Taleah agreed to leave final

nominations of the G13 till Monday 8th March 9am for clubs to re-grade and resubmit teams into this competition to avoid a ten team competition.

5.5 G14

G14 division 1: Queens Park moved up from 2nd to 1st division to make a five team competition

G14 division 2: Coogee and Maccabi moved from the 3rd division to the 2nd division to make a six team division.

Queens Park requested to be moved back down as the girls will not be strong enough. Maccabi and Maroubra were asked to think about moving a team up in lieu of Queens Park.

5.2 G16

G16 division 1: Maroubra and Reddam R moved up to make a five team division 1.

G16 division 2: Coogee and Maccabi moved from division 3 to division 2 to make an six team division 2.

Maroubra requested to be moved back down. Maccabi said that they would check about moving a team up.

5.3 G18

G18 – Reddam moved from division 2 to division 1 to make a five team division one.

FMC released a circular stating that teams in the G18 and G16 division 1 would play each other on the bye weekend. The bye will constitute 3 points however teams will only gain the 3 points upon playing the game.

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6.

GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 RTO Course

RTO Course to be held Monday 15th March @ 7pm at the ESFA office. Course is open to club delegates to then go back and teach all new RTOs within the club. People have previously done the course do not need to redo it although highly encouraged.

6.2 Ground Update

Taleah gave clubs an update on the grounds situation in Randwick City Council and suggested to clubs that they will need to be flexible in where and when they play and that home grounds may be sacrificed as a result of the rigid terms of the council.

6.3 Team nominations

Final team changes due by 9am Monday 8th March. No further changes can be made past this time.

6.4 Next Meeting

Clubs decided that the next meeting should be the 12th April to go over any problems before the start of the season. Queens Park asked if failure to show up will result in a fine. Frank replied yes fines will apply.

Meeting Closed 7:45pm