



# EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

**COMBINED WOMENS & MENS COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Newmarket Hotel

**COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

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## MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:07pm

### Attendance:

Chris Calverley (Coogee); Steph Allerdice, John Sweeney (Dunbar); Stuart Emmins (Glebe); Mark Wynyard (Heffron); Patrick Hardy (Maroubra); Angela Palogiannidis (Mascot); Deanne Parker, Samuel Mantoufeh (Pagewood); Mark Jumikis (Queens Park); Wally Holzer (Redfern Raiders); Cameron Smit (Sydney Uni); Jaleh Shafie (Senior Director of Football); Amy Singh (Women's Council Chair); Adam Gwynne (Men's Council Chair); Caroline Oakes-Ash (Referees Coordinator); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

### Agenda

1. Season review
2. Election of new Chairs
3. Rules discussion/proposed changes
4. Draft 2017 calendar
5. Other business

### Apologies

Kytherians, Lions, Lokomotiv, Maccabi, South East, Waverley

### 1. Season review

Women's divisions had some grading issues, in particular Mascot AAW3 who went through the season undefeated, along with a generous goal difference.

Referee coverage was an issue this season. Caroline will discuss in 'Other business'.

Positive feedback from the majority of clubs – including new club Sydney CBD.

Glebe enjoyed seeing Caroline at games, and believe ESFA presence at games is good for players to see. May enter Women's, O35's and Juniors next season.

O35 & O45's would like a lower division from next season onwards, due to the skill difference in lower and higher teams.

O45 – teams enjoyed playing 20 rounds. However, a 4 team final series would be preferred in the future.

Adam to discuss his proposal for future O35/O45 competition structures in 'other business'.

Queens Park AAW1 unhappy with grading, and will not stay in a competition they are not fit to compete in, in the future. ESFA supported QPFC AAW1's this season when they were struggling - with special exemptions to borrow players from AAW2 and paired up AAW1 and AAW2 fixtures, after the draw had been released.

8 team competitions successful. Teams enjoyed the 3 seeded fixtures, followed by the 5 team final series.

Hensley for Grand Final preferred. Hensley wasn't available to host as many Grand Finals this season, compared to previous years, due to someone else taking the booking. A request to book adequate field space to accommodate as many divisions as possible was made.

## **2. Election of new Chairs**

Amy would not like to be nominated for 2017 Women's Chair, due to an increase in work commitments. Everyone in attendance thanked her for her great service to the association this season. The Women's Chair position will remain vacant until an eligible club member is nominated.

Chris Calverley nominated Adam Gwynne to be the 2017 Men's Chair, no one else was nominated. Therefore, Adam will remain Men's Chair in 2017.

## **3. Rules discussion/proposed changes**

Fines may be imposed on clubs without club delegates at council meetings.

Proposed to move O35's and O45's to Saturday to free up field availability for U13-U15's on Sunday. Juniors have agreed to move U13-U15's to

Sunday due to school sport issues on Saturday. This would be dependent on the majority of O35/O45 clubs agreeing to move to Saturday. The Majority of O35/O45 clubs do not wish to move to Saturday. It was proposed that their still may be room for at least one Boys age group to move to Sunday without moving O35/O45's.

#### **4. Draft 2017 calendar**

A draft copy of the 2017 ESFA calendar was distributed to club delegates.

- The 1st round of the regular season will commence 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April
- ESFA Cup/Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> round will commence 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March
- Round 3 will not be held over the Easter weekend (as displayed on the draft calendar)
- Wet weather weekends will be distributed over different weekends for different divisions, as applied successfully over the 2016 season.

#### **5. Other business**

##### Referees

The referee strike was not received well by Men's Championship players. Referees will not go on strike in the future if at all avoidable

What will be done to combat the referee coverage issues in 2016?

- Mandatory registration fee may be waived or decreased to cover FNSW and FFA fees only
- Match fee for a referee centre will be increase from \$52 to \$69 for both Women and Men as per FNSW. Clubs will be required to cover the increase in all referee match fees. FNSW have women's matches fees as below the \$69.00 at \$60.00, however ESFA will be charging \$69.00 for all senior games i.e. AAW, AAM, O45s and O35s to ensure broad coverage of all grades
- Men's Championship referee centres will be paid \$78 per game. However, referees will be need to adhere to a minimum amount of training throughout the season attending branch meetings, technical sessions and fitness sessions
- Assistant referee fees have also been increased by FNSW and will fall in line with the increase to centre fees – TBC.
- Where will this money come from? An increase in player registration. FNSW have raised the fees, therefore Clubs will need to take that into consideration

##### Match suspensions

It was proposed to decrease the amount of yellow cards before suspension from 5 to 4. The RMC will assess this proposal, with consideration given to yellow cards for referee dissent.

### C Licence in 2017?

Clubs very happy with the C licence in 2016. The C-licence will on again next year, the time of the year it will be on is dependent on FNSW's schedule.

### Adam's proposal for competitions with more than 10 teams (O35/O45)

#### **Option 1**

Mid-season promotion/relegation.

Top 2 teams at split qualify for finals in both divisions. Top 2 in lower division are promoted and bottom 2 in top division are relegated.

Next 2 highest ranked teams in 2nd half of season qualify for finals (teams start with zero points again in 2nd round/set of fixtures).

In Championship Division, highest season-long total qualifies for Premiers and CoC.

#### **Option 2**

A seeded grading into multiple groups. After completing our initial grading rankings we set up groups. Based on this year's numbers a 6 and a 7-team group in O35's and a 6 and 5-team group in Over 45's. After 1 round of fixtures the groups are split into divisions. Results against teams in other division can be wiped from the record. They will then play all teams once more (17 games in 18 weeks - 14 results count against same opposition for league purposes).

An email with more detail to be distributed to clubs shortly.

Meeting closed at 8:51pm