



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MENS COUNCIL MEETING

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MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** - Sydney University

IN ATTENDANCE: Wally Holzer (Mens Council Chairperson); Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Bondi United; Coogee; Dunbar Rovers; Glebe Wanderers; Heffron Hawks; Kytherians; Lokomotiv Cove; Maccabi Hakoah; Maroubra Utd; Mascot Kings; Olympic Eagles; Queens Park; Redfern Raiders; UNSW; Waverley Old Boys ; Louise Mazaroli (Referee Standing Committee)

ABSENT: Barnstoneworthl; Lions; Pagewood; Sydney University

2. **CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

Wally welcomed all clubs to the 2010 Season.

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.

3.1 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.

3.2 Special Requests

If clubs cannot make a match due to World Cup 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 an 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.

3.3 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. Taleah explained that all forms will be available on the ESFA website in word format.

3.4 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.

3.5 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. Question was raised as to how the eight (8) team division will work out.

Dunbar raised concern that in an eight team division that there will be no benefit for the 1st and 2nd placed teams as points will be erased. Dunbar argued that it has been a strong tradition within the association and this would be lost if you play a round robin. Taleah mentioned that it was created to give teams in an eight team division 17 games only 1 less than a 10 team division.

3.6 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.

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 – Taleah explained that wet weather rescheduled matches take precedence over Knock Out Cup matches
- External Competition – State, Robertson and Bill Cullinan Cup All Age women, Over 35 women. 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.

Taleah mentioned that she had received an overwhelming response to the Knock Out Cup with a total of 32 All Age Men sides nominating and 8 Over 35 men. Taleah had created the draw but was awaiting ground confirmation before the actual draw could be released.

5. NOMINATION UPDATE

5.1 All Age Men

Taleah mentioned that there had been an overwhelming response to the All Age Men this year with a total of 101 nominations which is a 15 team increase from last year, however 3 teams had already withdrawn.

Problem was that the majority of the nominations occurred around the AA6 – AA8 region which means that most of these teams have had to drop down divisions. Taleah did reassure clubs that the standard of the divisions will be pretty similar around these areas and that the divisions will be assessed after the 3-4 round and teams moved accordingly. In the AA1-AA3, teams needed to be moved up, teams were moved up based on their results from 2009.

Wally told clubs that when deciding which teams to move, teams who were doubled up in the division were the first to move down.

WOB suggested that if there are 2 teams in a division that they play each other early on to avoid the chance of suspicious behavior at the end of the season – Taleah noted it.

Queens Park raised concern that they had accidentally nominated for an AA9 side instead of an AA6 – Wally and Taleah mentioned that they will see what they can do.

5.2 Over 35 / Over 45 Men

Only 1 team moved up a division from Over 35/2 to Over 35/1 that being Barnstoneworth. There was not enough teams to make an Over 45 competition so it was decided to combine the Over 35/2 and Over 45 teams together to play one full round of matches totally 13 matches. The division will then split into 3 division Over 35/2, Over 35/3 and Over 45 and play another 5 rounds (a bye is considered a game) totaling 17 matches, 16 matches in the Over 45 . The decision of the Over 35 divisions will be made on standings once the Over 45 division teams have been removed.

Pagewood were not happy that an Over 45 competition was not taking place, however Taleah reassured Pagewood that they will be noted as Over 45 teams during the full round and then they will break up into the Over 45. Discuss between clubs.

Pagewood asked for clarification on Over 45 rules. Taleah read 6.2 from the Competition Rules & Regulations regarding the number of Over 35 players allowed. It was also clarified that once nominated as an Over 45 player, that players can then play up a division as many times as they like. Discussion evolved between clubs. Clubs were concerned about the Over 45 players being allowed to play up as many times as they like.

Wally reassure clubs that if they had a problem with any rules that they put it in writing to the FMC who will review the rule.

6. GOALKEEPER RULE CHANGE

Taleah mentioned to clubs that a new rule had been created that is going to affect the Mens Competition. After consultation with clubs at last years Mens Special Council Meeting, the FMC have brought in the rule that all players including goalkeepers are permanent members of a team and thus do not hold the right to move freely throughout the divisions. This rules was made as it was heavily abused in previous years. Taleah explained to clubs that the FMC do realize that are a couple of clubs whom do share goalkeepers and if that's the case then they can apply to the FMC for special consideration. If granted these players will be given a special card which indicated which teams they goalkeep in and which teams they play in. They will only be allowed to take the field in their nominated division but can participate as a goalkeeper in the other divisions. Clubs discussed.

Some clubs like the change, others believed it was unnecessary and created more work for clubs.

Wally mentioned to clubs that the rule will be reviewed at the end of the season.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS **6.1 Training Grounds**

Queens Park raised concern that they did not get enough training grounds this season and asked if other clubs had the same problem. Taleah mentioned that there is a shortage of training grounds within the Association but that ESFA could do little to help clubs due to the new restrictions placed down from council. Taleah asked clubs to look outside the box for new ideas.

Queens Park asked why ESFA could not approach councils and object. Taleah explained that ESFA does not have a perfect relationship with council especially Botany but that clubs are more than welcome to approach council to discuss.

Taleah mentioned to clubs that in August the FFA are opening a facility grants program that only the clubs can apply for which clubs may be able to get some more lights. Clubs will however have to ask for Councils support beforehand. One thing Taleah wanted clubs to be aware of was that for

Councils to put floodlit grounds in is a lot of work as residents highly oppose the idea.

6.4 Fundrasing

Taleah mentioned to clubs that in July ESFA will be doing a Call to Arms Fundraising campaign to raise money for Prostate Cancer which all clubs are highly encouraged to support.

Meeting Closed 8:45pm