



## EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### GIRLS COUNCIL REVIEW MEETING

Monday 18 October 2010

6:30pm – ESFA Office

1371 Botany Road, Botany

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## MINUTES

**1: Apologies:** Olympic Eagles

**In attendance:** Peter Kriesler (Director of Football), Frank Friedman (Girls Council Chair), Adam Giles (Acting Competitions Manager), Aaron Dibdin (Acting Operations Manager) Easts, Maroubra Utd, Maccabi, Queens Park

**Absent:** Coogee, Pagewood, Reddam House

### 2. Opening Comments

Peter welcomed all and thanked everyone for participating in the 2010 season review meeting. Frank Friedman arrived late but was happy to co-chair the meeting with Peter on arrival.

### 3. Girls U18 Competition 2010

Peter suggested one of the biggest issues relating to girls in 2010 was the structure of the U18's competition. A couple of suggestions were floated by Peter as follows:

1. Introduce an U19's competition for 2011 to enable existing U18 teams to participate. This would allow 'new' U18 teams to join the league, either from U16's or simply attracting new players and therefore strengthen the competition.
2. Allow up to three '19 year-olds' per team to play in the U18 competition. Clubs present were unanimously against this decision and thought best to leave as is.

### 4. Finals Series

Suggestions were made at the 2010 Finals Series Review meeting to introduce a 2-week finals series for all competitions. While this had some interest from those present, the main consensus was to structure competition to enable as much football as possible amongst competitors. Adam mentioned that no decisions were being made tonight and matters such as this would be determined by a vote at an All Clubs Meeting later in the year.

## **5. Competition Structure**

Peter mentioned to clubs that it would be beneficial to know how many teams would participate in 2011 as soon as possible. Obviously this cannot be exactly calculated until registration time but perhaps using initiatives such as surveying existing players on their likelihood of returning would help the ESFA office enormously.

U13's girls competition was run rather successfully in 2010 however some clubs, particularly Easts believe it was detrimental to the level of competition in the U14's. In hindsight it may have been a better idea to run 3 or 4 divisions in U14's rather than create an U13 competition. Same mentality exists for an U15 girls competition in 2011. Once clubs have ascertained preliminary numbers for next season there may be argument to abolish the U13 competition and just have U12's to U18's with even numbered age groups in between. This was agreed to be discussed and voted upon at the next Girls Council meeting.

## **6. Recommendations for 2011**

- U10's and U11's – Both ages/divisions to be discussed in Girls Council in 2011 and not the proposed SSG Council. Mutual agreement from all clubs present that issues in these two age groups are similar to that of U12's and above and not the U9's and below SSG formats.
- State Cup – Adam to request FNSW to change games from mid-week to Saturday or Sunday. It is a FNSW directive that these games take precedent however there may be an opportunity to alter the scheduled days of competition.
- Champion of Champions – Adam to ask FNSW whether there will be extra divisions in girls next season? Currently only 'even' age groups participate however every age group is represented in boys. Based on FNSW's decision on these issues and the numbers of participants next season, ESFA will decide which age groups to run with in 2011.

## **7. Strength of Girls Competition**

Some clubs had issues with Eastern UNSW Lions and their involvement in competitions. Perception is that it weakens the ESFA competition when everyone is working so hard to improve and attract more girls to football. Stronger competition is a primary reason for many girls continuing in the sport. Peter argued that the U12's and U14's are necessary for improving development of players at those age groups.

## **8. General Business**

Maccabi thanked both Adam and Aaron and the rest of the ESFA staff for their efforts during the Grand finals. Clubs realise it must have been a difficult task with Jeff and Taleah having left just beforehand and yet a great job was done. Other clubs seconded Maccabi's thanks.

Peter thanked Frank for chairing the Girls Council and Frank in turn thanked Peter for his contribution throughout the season.

**Meeting closed 8:00pm**