



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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Men's Council Meeting

**Tuesday 22nd May 2018, 7:45pm, Juniors At The Junction,
Maroubra**

Minutes

Attendance: Chris Calverley (Coogee United), Barry Meade (Dunbar Rovers), John Sweeney (Dunbar Rovers), Alan Walker (Easts), Garry Toase (Glebe Wanderers), Luke Muir (Heffron Hawks), Michael Hanratty (Heffron Hawks), Ian Walter (Lokomotiv Cove), Kate Reichal (Lokomotiv Cove), Shelley Bays (Pagewood), Julia Chernoukha (Pagewood), Mark Jumikis (Queens Park), Richard Baldwin (Randwick City), Wally Holzer (Redfern), Shivaun Bromley (South East Eagles), Donna Helm (UNSW), Xavier Taylor (UNSW), Mark Ambour (Waverley Old Boys), Adam Gwynne (FMC), Sarah Ferris (FMC), Jaleh Shafie (ESFA Board), Caroline Oakes-Ash (ESFA)

Apologies: Maccabi and Maroubra United

Meeting opened at 7:58pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Regrading Discussion (all grades)
3. Finals Series
4. Game Amendments
5. General Business

1. Welcome

Adam Gwynne (Chair) welcomed everyone and advised of the very disruptive start to the season, with the withdrawal of 4 teams in different divisions and a regrade in a 5th.

2. Regrading Discussion (all grades)

Chair advised that the SFMC starting position is that they were not looking for changes now in the quest to keep the status quo. The meeting was then opened up for feasible regrading discussion.

Queens Park believe a team that has zero points after 6 games is not in the correct division. Chair advised teams are looked at on a case by case basis. Queens Park advised their Division 4 were half willing to tough it out but are ambivalent which is not a great thing for player retention in the future.

Lokomotiv Cove raised Heffron Hawks in Men's Division 9. Chair advised that normally we may have looked further however, the AA8 had already been disrupted through the regrading of Glebe Wanderers and it would be preferable not to disrupt further. The AA8 have gone from 9 teams to 8 teams due to this regrade and this changes finals series and therefore SFMC are loathing to make further changes.

Queens Park advised the O45s seems to be working in that they have played top teams in the division and been beaten, but the lower team match ups have been close. Pagewood advised that as a Club they had agreed to move both their teams into Championship at the Senior Grading meeting however the Pagewood B's were not happy nor enjoying the football. Chair pointed out that Easts too are struggling in the O45 Championship Division. Chair said the table showed that there were games still played in that division for all teams to be competitive. Pagewood responded that their players don't want to play or come back in season 2019 and player morale needs to be considered. Pagewood B players are older and mostly in their 50s. Pagewood concluded that it was known the team could not be moved but wished-for feedback to be noted.

There would be no regrades for men's competitions for 2018 with status quo to remain.

3. Finals Series

The Chair advised Finals Series were currently being completed along with the ESFA Knockout Competition draws which would be issued by Monday 28th May 2018. The Knockout Competition would require mid week fixtures.

Heffron asked about the 8 team comp finals and whether split. The Chair advised of the current Competition Rule:

(A) For some 8 team competitions we will use the 5 team, 4 week Finals Series format, which shall be:

Week	Match number	Match name	Teams
Week 1	1	Qualifying Final	2 nd vs 3 rd
	2	Elimination Final	4 th vs 5 th
Week 2	3	Major Semi-Final	1 st vs Winner 1
	4	Minor Semi-Final	Loser 1 vs Winner 2
Week 2	5	Preliminary Final	Loser 3 vs Winner 4
Week 4	6	Grand Final	Winner 3 vs Winner 5

7 team comps run out to 21 rounds – 18 games with 3 byes. Extended comps have a 2 week final series. (All information may be found in Schedule C: Competition Rules in the ESFA Library section of website).

The meeting was asked if the O35 Championship teams would wish to play 5 more fixtures at end of current early ending season with a 2 week finals series. The following votes were taken: Glebe Wanderers – yes, Coogee – yes, Pagewood – yes, Dunbar – yes, UNSW – refrained as did not know enough about their 35s side, Mascot – not in attendance. The O35s clubs would be required to find grounds for these fixtures and advise ESFA.

Wally advised that his 45s games need to be played at 9:00am for remainder of season. Was noted by Caroline who advised it was already on her desk to work through.

4. Game Amendment

Caroline advised the meeting of the constant upheaval when Game Amendments are processed late. There is a domino effect which involves referees, clubs and time given for each amendment. There are rules surrounding Game Amendments. ESFA can say no to any amendment after 9:00am on a Tuesday and can fine a Club who continues with late Game Amendments. ESFA were still receiving Game Amendments on a Friday for immediate weekend ahead. Obviously, ESFA would prefer not to say no or fine, however advise that this has occurred already. Caroline implored the Clubs to be mindful of consequences.

5. General Business

John Sweeney asked about the O35 Championship competition and was there a team withdrawing. The meeting was advised that no official withdrawal has been received from any team within that competition.

In regard to AAMC criteria, the Chair advised the document was currently being looked at by the Board after SFMC had forwarded to the Board. Further advice on the criteria will be issued to Clubs shortly, upon resolution.

Coogee United asked about referee coverage. It was noted that when a Club has to source a referee due to non coverage, it costs the home team only. It was also advised by Coogee they had sourced two ESFA referees for games, who were unable to be appointed by ESFA due to the current system. Lokmotiv Cove seconded this in advising of same. There were ESFA Referees present in the meeting who also voiced concern at current system as this meant ESFA referees were used, but home clubs only were paying. Caroline advised the meeting that discussion had commenced within the office and Referees Branch to come to a solution and compromise to make things easier for both referees and clubs. Coogee believed there was suggestion that Clubs just pay refs out of their own profit.

Coogee asked that feedback be sent to Football NSW about the minimal registration of 18 players in the State Cup. This lets down clubs who may wish to use players from within their Club lower than the grade which is entering.

Randwick City asked about Saturday teams not being able to defer for State Cups whereas Sunday teams are and why can't AAM Championship teams defer on the Saturday. Adam advised the rule was put in the Competition Rules around 5 years ago due to Waratah and State Cups as there was an opportunity to balance teams, with Sunday AA encouraged to play State Cup and Saturday AA encouraged to enter Waratah (now FFA). If it is believed to be in ESFA Competition best interest in 2019, the rule could be reversed as 10 teams in the AAM Championship is manageable for deferrals.

Coogee gave feedback that the ESFA Goalkeeper Coaching Course was fantastic and recommended but believed it was not well communicated to Clubs, on the website or on Facebook.

Heffron Hawks asked why in Div 8 the Round 1 fixture is coming up under Round 8. Adam advised it was due to Greek Orthodox Easter and was an easier than to redraw.

WOB advised there was an anomaly in AAM1 draw and it was agreed this would be looked at.

Queens Park advised to not use Camdenville Oval at night as a game scheduled there tonight, was not played due to poor surface and lighting.

With no further business, meeting closed at 8:38pm.

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