



JUNIOR GIRLS COUNCIL MEETING

Date:	15 Jul 2013	Meeting Number:	JG 03.2013
Venue:	ESFA Office		
Opened:	6:30pm	Closed:	7:30pm

Attendance: Oonagh Power, Pauline Bollard (Easts)
Elena Albanakis (Olympic Eagles)
David Booker (Pagewood)
Mark Bryant (Queens Park) joined meeting later

Ron Ogilvie (Director of Junior Football)
Mark Puterflam (Director of Small Sided Football)
Aaron Dibdin (ESFA General Manager)

Apologies: Alan Charak

Chair: Ron Ogilvie

Minutes: Aaron Dibdin

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted.

Moved: Oonagh Power

Seconded: David Booker

CARRIED

Update on season to date

Ron referred clubs to the recent email outlining rescheduling of balance of season incorporating washed rounds includes reverting to a 2 week finals series. There also a few individual games to be rescheduled. Delegates asked to check the email and confirm with Aaron is any outstanding matches are missing from the list of games still to be played.

General support for the reschedule programme. (NB some discussion later re G16's)

Ron noted that for the individual outstanding matches, if teams don't agree a reschedule by the end of this week, ESFA will step in to schedule the matches.

ESFA is in contact with Randwick City Council about options regarding extending the season, but that at this stage nothing is yet confirmed. If rain continues to intervene we may need go to a 1v2 Grand Final.

Given ESFA's financial position has been improved there maybe be scope next season to consider using Hensley, or similar, for division 1 or 'Premier' divisions.

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Age groups for 2014

Aaron reported on the FNSW Women's Competitions Review and the shift in elite competitions to U13, U15 and U17 (from U12, U14, U16) and noted that the shift has not been followed in 'community' competitions (State Cup and Champions of Champions).

The meeting discussed the possibility of combining 12s and 13s girls into a 13s age group, and thereafter running 14s and 16s. The meeting discussed whether to run say 17's (assists with HSC issues) and then an older age group at 20s or 21s. This received a degree of support.

General Business

The clubs were reminded of the sibling discount program offered by ESFA this season and the office will re-send it this week.

Aaron committed to ensuring G14 ladders are adjusted and corrected by the end of the week.

In respect of Pagewood G11s who have agreed to join the ESFA competition for the balance of the season – Aaron agreed to get in touch with the G12 clubs to see if they would be OK with playing Pagewood G11s in the bye for the remainder of the season. (This would avoid creating a bye in G11's)

Agreed that in view of their current approach, Redham's involvement in the 2014 girls competition will need to be reviewed.

Recruiting players for 2014 – Joint discussion with Boys' Council

FFA are currently running a survey on coordinated national advertising for the sport.

Coordinated advertising focussing on the sport could give us a better result.

There was a wide-ranging discussion related to the competitions we run and the relationship between our local competitions and representative comps. It was put to the meeting that we'd have better outcomes if rep players came back to play with their local clubs as well.

David stated that we would really need to seek agreement of other associations. David will draft a letter to FNSW regarding dual registration.

Pauline Bollard argued that that FNSW/FFA/ A-League clubs should increase direct promotions – promoting directly in schools in the same way as Aussie rules and basketball do.

The meeting discussed the product on offer and whether we should be looking into:

- Playing during June Long weekend (some agreement)
- During July school holidays (very mixed reaction)
- Monday night competitions or competitions on Sundays for some age groups (some agreement here).

Agreed to check support for running a Referees course in the near future.