



# EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## **JUNIOR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

Newmarket Hotel

**COMMENCING AT 7:45PM**

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## **MINUTES**

Meeting opened at 7:45pm

Attendance:

Peter Siles (Heffron); Patrick Hardy (Maroubra); James Mavroudis (Mascot); Marko Kraljevic (Pagewood); Ted Bragg (Redfern); Alistair Little (Queens Park); Marc Flior (Junior Council Chair), Ron Ogilvie (Director of Junior Football); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator)

Agenda

1. Age group and division final series – 2 or 3 week
2. Teams with more than 1 make-up game – risk of forfeit
3. Game postponement issues – changes for 2016 Season
4. Feedback on Referees – constructive and change implementable
5. Other Business

### **Apologies**

Dunbar, Maccabi

Last Council minutes to be resent

### **1. Age groups and Divisions Final series**

Almost all age groups have a minimum of 2-3 wash outs.

Very difficult to get all games caught up.

Regional league players will not be able to play double headers etc.

If we have another wash out, may propose moving semi-finals to the morning, and finals to the afternoon

## 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July wash outs

### U12

Championship: 1 from 4 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 15<sup>th</sup> August

2 week finals

Division 2: 1 from 5 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 8<sup>th</sup> August

### U13

Championship: 0 from 3 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 15<sup>th</sup> August

2 week finals

Division 2: 1 from 3 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 8<sup>th</sup> August

### U14

Championship: 0 from 2 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 15<sup>th</sup> August

2 week finals

Division 2: 0 from 3 fixtures played

From 1<sup>st</sup> August: Split top 4/ bottom 3 teams (creating an U14 Division 3)

Play each other once- 3 extra rounds

Round 14 moved to 9<sup>th</sup> August (Double header weekend)

2 week finals

### U15

Championship: 1 from 2 fixtures played

Maccabi A V Pagewood Red1 – to be schedule mid-week at Jellicoe

Division 2: 1 from 4 fixtures played

Round 14 moved to 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> August

2 week finals

If Maccabi make Grand Final it will need to be on a Sunday

### U16

Championship: 2 from 3 fixtures played

Queens Park B vs Easts to be scheduled mid-week of double header before 9<sup>th</sup> August

### U18

Championship: 2 from 4 fixtures played

Maccabi A vs Maccabi B – to be scheduled mid-week at Reg Bartley

Heffron vs Easts – to be scheduled mid-week at Chifley

## Summary

Marc proposed a reduced final series for some competitions, where necessary:

– from 3 weeks to 2 weeks elimination finals.

All outstanding games not moved to a new weekend will be rescheduled over the next fortnight where possible.

### **2. Risk of Forfeits**

Teams with more than 1 make-up game outstanding may be at risk of forfeiting. - JFMC to assess in coming weeks.

### **3. Game postponement issues – changes for 2016**

Clubs are having problems rescheduling with oppositions. Delegates were directed to 4.4 of the competitions rules:

#### **4.4 POSTPONED AND DEFERRED MATCHES**

(A) Where a match is postponed or deferred, the home club secretary must within 7 days propose an alternative date, time and venue agreed to by the opposition. If ESFA deems this to be appropriate, the match shall be scheduled.

(B) If the home team fails to notify the competition manager or opposing club secretary of a proposed date within 7 days, the away team has a further 7 days to propose a reschedule of the match.

(C) If agreement cannot be reached within 14 days of the date of postponement or deferral, the ESFA Competitions Coordinator will take responsibility for rescheduling.

(D) For juniors, a match may be played as a 'double game'. Each half of the match will be considered as an entire match and the points allocated accordingly.

(E) At least 10 days' notice will be provided to clubs (except at the end of the season) and it will be expected that any reasonable re-arrangement be accepted. If a club does not accept, they may be deemed to have forfeited the match.

(F) Fixtures shall be played on the date and times as nominated in the Official Fixture List or as instructed by the Competitions Coordinator and these dates could include any weekday evening or night fixtures, any daytime, evening or night fixtures on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays.

Therefore, clubs are encouraged to contact the competitions coordinator for assistance, if agreement for a rescheduled fixture has not been met after 2 weeks of negotiation.

#### **4. Feedback on Referees**

-All agreed coverage has been excellent

-Uncovered games are largely due to games getting moved last minute etc.

-Young referees transition from Miniroos to competitive can be difficult.

-RTO's responsibility to assist with player/crowd control

-Volunteer "Parent/family" linesman should only call in and outs and nothing else, unless referee seeks advice

### U12 & U13 – 25m rule

- Pagewood are very happy with the application of the rule
- Some kids/teams/Refs not fully understanding the rule (early stages)
- Some not happy with the rule being introduced during the season
- Overall it is an improvement to game play

### **5.Other business**

#### Blow-outs

If teams have at least 7 players – better sportsmanship to play rather than forfeit. However, the other team should show good sportsmanship and play fairly i.e. if a score gets to double figures, manage team accordingly to make more competitive for all involved

#### Players playing up in Finals Series

Reserves must operate as substitutes not interchange – too hard to police

#### ESFA representative players playing in division 2

No rule against this in current competition rules

#### 2016 U16 Championship

- Redfern do not want to play in a 6 team competition with 3 clubs, like current 2015 competition.
- Mid-week competitions may encourage private school players to join U16 competition

#### Regional League Competition

- Feedback from a number of Clubs is that players are unhappy and might not return next year
- Recommendation was to get specific feedback from each Club so a review can be done prior to Trials for next year

#### Private school kids: very difficult to schedule games on Saturday

- Look at fixed Saturday afternoon fixtures or mid-week fixtures for some competitions

#### Losing more kids to state league etc.

- 3 teams leaving next year

Next meeting to be held in August before the finals.

Meeting closed at 8:57pm

