



## EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### JUNIOR COUNCIL REVIEW MEETING

Monday 18 October 2010

8:00pm – ESFA Office

1371 Botany Road, Botany

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## MINUTES

**1: Apologies:** Olympic Eagles

**In attendance:** Peter Kriesler (Director of Football), Danny Said (Junior Council Chair), Frank Friedman (Girls Council Chair), Adam Giles (Acting Competitions Manager), Aaron Dibdin (Acting Operations Manager) Johannes Franke, Easts, Maccabi, Mascot,

**Absent:** Bondi, Coogee, Heffron, Maroubra Utd, Pagewood, Queens Park, Reddam House

### 2. Opening Comments

Peter welcomed all and thanked everyone for participating in the 2010 season review meeting. Peter explained he will be co-chairing the meeting with Danny and the primary purpose was to obtain feedback from the clubs regarding the 2010 ESFA season.

### 3. Re-grading

Peter suggested one of the biggest issues relating to the boys competitions in 2010 was the re-grading system. Most clubs are more than happy to have their team placed in a lower division where the opportunity for success is much higher than playing in a top division.

Re-grading traditionally takes place after round 3 each season. In 2010 the U15 boys and lower division U16 boys formed a joint competition. Feedback from clubs was that it worked pretty well. Same idea floated for next season depending on player numbers in each age group. The Football Management Committee will determine which teams shift divisions next season as has happened in the past.

### 4. Competition Structure

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.

Some clubs also suggested that, similar to the girls some age groups could be staggered in 2011 to promote better competition. An example would be abolishing the U15's age group who would then play in Divisions 2 and 3 in U16's. A downside is ascertaining who plays in Champion of Champions in that age group which is disbanded.

The 2011 draw for all juniors will more than likely commence on the first weekend of April and run for two weekends. There will then be a two-week break over Easter and the Anzac day long weekend.

## **5. Recommendations for 2011**

- ESFA website – Create section of website where clubs can advertise for any extra players. This will work either if a team has too many players or alternatively for those that need a few more. That way as many people as possible will be kept in football.
- Time requests – A significant improvement in 2010 was the increased use of allowing clubs to submit specific time requests. Game Amendment Forms were also extremely useful however the '3-week' window of submission before the relevant game was completely ignored by many clubs towards the end of the season. Needs to be enforced more strongly in 2011.
- U10's and U11's – Both ages/divisions to be discussed in Junior Council meetings 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.
- Competitive divisions – The next ESFA Board meeting is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Clubs have requested that a decision be made on whether the U10 and U11 divisions will be competitive in 2011. If positive, decision needs to be marketed to parents ASAP to avoid losing kids to other winter sports.

## **6. Saturday/Sunday Split**

Another big issue regarding the junior competition is the distribution of games being played on a Saturday and Sunday. Many parents were upset with playing regular Sunday games when they had signed their kids up to play Saturday competitions.

Adam suggested the biggest reason that some games were played back-to-back on Sundays were due to wet weather catch-ups which he needed to reschedule once Taleah had left. Clubs were happy to accept that but need a further solution for 2011. Maccabi has offered again to nominate both Saturday and 'Sunday Only' teams.

Peter suggested that some competitions split into Saturday and Sunday within the same age group/division. Clubs didn't agree that would be suitable. Peter then asked for solutions to the problem however everyone agreed there wasn't much else that could be changed successfully.

## **7. Champion of Champions**

East's expressed concern that there was no home ground for the Champion of Champions participants this season. Adam explained that although Heffron 53 and 54 were available for use, FNSW have a certain criteria that must be met for Champion of Champions fixtures to go ahead. Some of these include a suitable canteen, fencing etc. which were not present and therefore the grounds couldn't be used. Other fields that may have met FNSW's criteria, such as the use of Little Bay in 2009, did not have goalposts still erect and had already commenced re-development at this time of the year.

Aaron and Peter announced that work is being done by ESFA to secure an Association home ground in 2011. Matraville Sports High is being investigated as a suitable venue and some investment from ESFA has already occurred.

## **8. General Business**

Peter thanked Danny for his efforts as Junior Council Chair in 2010. Adam reminded clubs of the ESFA AGM which is to be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Those who wish to run or know anyone involved with clubs that may want to run for Board positions need to nominate.

**Meeting closed 9:15pm**