

Men's Council Meeting

Monday, 9 October 2017, 8:00pm, Newmarket Hotel

Minutes

Attendance: Amy Singh, Chris Calverley (Coogee); John Sweeney, Barry Meade (Dunbar); Jacob Ansell (Heffron); Kosma Tzanne (Kytherians); Bec Smith, Ian Walter (Lokomotiv); Mick Vasin (Maccabi); Patrick Hardy, Adam Lee (Maroubra); Lino Abrusseze (Pagewood); Franzila Trede, Mark Jumikis (Queens Park); Wally Holzer (Redfern); Paul Peters, Nina Augonstis (South East); Sean Fenton (ESFA President); John Harris (ESFA Director); Scott Sadler (ESFA Director); Jaleh Shafie (Senior Director); Caroline Oakes-Ash (Referees Coordinator); Adam Gwynne (Men's Chair); Sarah Ferris (Women's Chair); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Apologies: Easts, Glebe Gorillas, Lions, Waverley

Meeting opened at 7:54pm

Agenda

1. Season review
2. Election of new Chair
3. Rules discussion/proposed changes (Combined)
4. Draft 2018 Calendar (Combined)
5. Other business

1. Season review

Over 45 Men

ESFA proposed phasing out the 40-44-year-old player eligibility rule in O45 Men to keep in line with FNSW player eligibility i.e. State Cup and Champion of Champions. This won't affect players currently playing in O45's, if applied it will be reduced by a year each year. E.g. 41 minimum age in 2018, 42 minimum age in 2019 etc.

- Coogee, Dunbar, Maroubra and Queens Park agree with proposal

Over 35 Men

Agreed at grading meeting that Friday night will be Championship due to the caliber of teams involved. Dunbar entered the Friday night competition and played all their games on Sunday (except the Grand Final)

It was proposed by Adam Gwynne to have a 30-34 player eligibility rule for 35 men

- Enough O35 players within the association, many are playing in all age
 - Unlimited games for O35 Men without being regraded may work better.
- Received well by Clubs

Clubs consensus Over 35 Championship will not be a Friday-only competition. Negotiated with new entrants each year.

Regrading protocol for Seniors?

- Clubs happy with current FMC regrading as needed, teams enter a new competition at equal 4th. Generally, Teams being regraded don't mind going in at equal 4th, clubs currently in top 4 often do.

Who has final say in regrades? FMC. Judiciary do not want the role of reviewing appeals. Appeals won't be available to clubs in future seasons as it's being removed

12 team competitions won't be in place in future seasons as there isn't enough weeks in a season to have a 12-team balanced competition.

ESFA will aim to have balanced 10, 8 or 6 team competitions in future seasons.

Men's Championship

- Maximum of 10 teams in 2018
- Adam Gwynne asked clubs their view on eliminating Reserve grade. Majority of clubs not currently in the Men's Championship were open to the idea. However, many players cannot play Saturday. Men's Championship Clubs such as Coogee strongly disagreed with the proposal. We currently have 11 teams and don't need to alter the current format to cater for more teams

2. Election of new Chair

Adam Gwynne nominated and elected as 2018 Men's Chair

3. Rules discussion/proposed changes (Combined)

An open discussion with Clubs of recommended rule changes took place. A copy of proposed changes will be available to clubs at the AGM.

\$5 fee for late registrations and Player ID cards

- Clubs do not agree
- Additional reprints at a lower fee may be more reasonable

Minimum squad size for registrations currently 11 players. It was suggested to make minimum amount of player 14. Clubs agree

Consensus for unlimited playing up of Juniors

4th place re-grade to be adopted across board

4. Draft 2018 Calendar (Combined)

A draft copy of the 2018 Calendar was distributed to clubs

- Greek Easter is the same weekend as the 1st round. Clubs affected have been asked to notify ESFA. Affected fixtures will be rescheduled. Where possible ESFA to schedule matches between affected clubs on Rd 1 to avoid other clubs being impacted by Orthodox Easter

5. Other business

VPA Sportstech Video Camera to record all Men's Championship games

- Cost: \$3500 per unit
- Help with judiciary review. John Harris confirmed a higher demand for reviews in Men's Championship compared with other competitions
- Assist in coaching
- ESFA will help facilitate
- UNSW suggested a Go pro at a much lesser cost
- Refs to wear a Go pro? Previously trialled in 2015, didn't work as it only showed the referees view. Didn't gather adequate information
- Cost to Clubs, TBC
- Promote best Men's teams in ESFA on internet/social media etc.
- Why not use technology available?
- Who's monitoring video footage submitted? Clubs may alter/not submit

Are we able to have all Grand Finals at Hensley? Not as good atmosphere at Heffron, compared to Hensley.

- ESFA will endeavor to schedule a 3rd weekend of GFs at Hensley on Sunday only

Printed team-sheets. Often players details aren't readable

- ESFA to send to Clubs/give online access to Clubs
- Received well by Clubs
- Smartphone app/access may also be considered
- Add players 'playing up' in writing

Is ESFA able to provide a reduced fee for later registrations?

- No. FNSW do not subsidize the fee for late registrations
- Some Clubs offer reduced registration for late comers

Maroubra: O55 Men and O40 Women

- Players too old for current competitions (O45 Men and All Age Women) but would like to continue playing within ESFA Smaller pitch
- Modified rules etc.
- Over 40 Women consensus to investigate options and positive response

Meeting closed at 9:21pm