



## **EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **JUNIOR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 1 March 2010**

**7.30, ESFA Offices**

**Suite 1, Level, 1371 Botany Rd Botany**

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## **ACTION SUMMARY LIST**

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### **OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

#### **(Past Meetings)**

#### **(Current Meeting)**

**3.4 – FMC to review Withdrawal of Teams rule to discuss to move the rule to after round three (3) instead of after round one (1)**

**5 – Taleah to issue final nominations to clubs. Clubs to finalize nominations by 9am Monday morning.**



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## MINUTES

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**1. APOLOGIES** - Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Danny Said (Junior Council Chairperson); Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Bondi United; Easts FC; Maroubra Utd; Mascot Kings; Olympic Eagles; Queens Park; Reddam House; Pagewood;

**ABSENT:** Coogee United, Heffron Hawks, Maccabi Juniors

**2. CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

Danny welcomed all clubs to the meeting and thanked Mark Bryant for his work last year as Junior Chairperson.

**3. AMENDMENTS TO COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURE**

Taleah explained to clubs that during the off season the FMC and Taleah worked hard and merged the competition rules of all four leagues (girls, juniors, mens & womens) into one document.

**3.1 Penalties for Forfeits**

Procedure for forfeits has changed. Clubs wishing to forfeit will need to fill in a forfeit form by Thursday 5pm prior to the weekends match or 48 hours prior to a weekday match to avoid any fine. Failure to fill out the form in time will result in a fine up to \$200. This is to avoid no shows. Taleah explained that circumstances out of clubs control (accidents etc) will be considered by the FMC.

**3.2 Special Requests**

If clubs cannot make a match due to school sport, band camps etc, clubs will be made to fill in a Game Amendment form (will be made available on the website). The form needs to be into the ESFA Office at least 3 weeks prior to the match. The form required clubs to talk to their opposition and arrange and alternative date, time and venue for the game to be played. Failure to submit the form in time will mean the clubs will have no choice but to forfeit. Taleah suggested to clubs to then write to the FMC who will then ask the clubs why.

**3.3 Wet Weather Game Amendment**

Very similar to the Game Amendment form the Wet Weather Game Amendment form is for when games are washed out. Taleah explained that she will be rescheduling the matches and informing clubs. Clubs then have 5 working days to arrange an alternative venue if they are unable to make the reschedule.

Taleah explained that the forms were put in place to stop clubs organizing matches that their opposition could not make. Clubs asked if these forms supersede the special requests form submitted at nominations. Taleah explained that the special request forms will be taken into consideration when the draw is being done. Queens Park asked if they could send through

private school requests, Taleah mentioned that she will accept them up till Monday 9am. The Game amendment form and the wet weather game amendment form is for games that need changing once the draw has been released.

### **3.4 Withdrawal of Teams**

Taleah explained to clubs that the withdrawal of teams after the first round of competition will result in a fine up to \$500 as determined by the FMC. Taleah explained that this is not a new rule but as ESFA moved to charging per player and not per team there was no deterrent for clubs to withdraw teams after the competition has commenced. Queens Park and Pagewood strongly opposed the rule. Taleah explained that the FMC will not fine clubs for trying to keep the team in the competition but the rule is there to deter people from withdrawing mid season like Pagewood pulling out their U/15 in round 9 last year. Queens Park & Pagewood asked for the FMC to review the rule to after round three (3) not round one (1). Taleah explained that the rules was discussed at the All Clubs meeting with no opposition from clubs.

### **3.5 Conduct of Competition**

Taleah explained that the format of the season competition has been decided with the weekly fixture for all 6,8,10 team divisions already determined. Clubs agreed that 10 team competitions were not appropriate for junior competitions with too many 20-0 results.

### **3.6 Playing Season**

The FMC has determined the minimum number of games for the season which the FMC has determined to be a minimum of 14 matches, a bye will be considered a played match and weather permitting.

### **3.7 League Final Series**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that the competition structure for 2010 had all juniors playing a three (3) week final series but that is depended upon wet weather and an uninterrupted season but that the FMC had the right to change the final series to a 1 v 4, 2 v 3 in the event of wet weather etc.

### **3.8 Incident Report**

An incident report form has been made for all Club official teams to report any incidents that happen at matches. The report is to be submitted within two (2) working days from the incident.

### **3.9 De-registration**

Taleah explained to clubs that the de-registration process had changed from last year. Clubs in order to de-register a player will be required to fill out a FFA NRR08 form and an ESFA player de-registration along with their player card to be considered de-registered. Players who complete all relevant forms by Monday 4pm after round one (1) will receive full refund (minus possible admin fee TBA), players de-registered after the 4pm deadline but before 4pm on the Wednesday after round three (3) will be entitled 50% refund and players de-register after this time will forfeit their registration fee.

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## **4.**

### **CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2010**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that she had put together a yearly calendar which had all relevant dates on it for the year ahead including:

- Council Meetings – now every second month (next meeting May)

- Knock Out Cup – encourage all Youth both teams (14,15,16) to join. Composite teams from the same club. Nominations for Knock Out Cup close Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- External Competition – State, Robertson and Bill Cullinan Cup 12,14,16,18. ESFA will make adjustments in the draw for clubs to participate but clubs will need to be flexible in replays. Nominations close 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- Additional – Car free days at Centennial Park, City to Surf all events that may disrupt the season are found in the calendar.

## **5. NOMINATION UPDATE**

### **5.1 Under 10**

Queens Park asked why it was being discussed considering it's not a part of Juniors. Clubs discussed the issue.

### **5.2 Under 11**

11 division 1: no movement or change (6 team division)

11 division 2: Coogee moved from division 3 to division 2 to make a 8 team division

11 division 3: Pagewood and Queens Park moved from division 4 into division 3 to make a 8 team division

### **5.3 Under 12**

12 division 1: Easts, Queens Park and Maroubra moved up from division 2 to make a 7 team division

12 division 2: Pagewood moved from division 3 to division 2 to make a 6 team division

12 division3: Pagewood, Maccabi and Olympic moved up from division 4 into division 3 to make a 6 team division

Maroubra raised concern over the division 2 and division 3 team moving up and suggested that they move back up. Danny mentioned that there were only 3 teams missing from 2009.

### **5.4 Under 13**

13 division 1: Pagewood, Maccabi, Maroubra, Easts, Mascot & QP moved up from division 2 to make a 8 team division

13 division 2: Division 3 moved up to division 2 to make a 7 team division

Clubs argued over the movement of clubs. Danny explained that only 2 clubs had nominated in 1<sup>st</sup> division so they moved all division 2 up and thus moved all division 3 up to division 2. East said that their team would have to drop out if they are not in the lowest division. Queens Park suggested having 3 teams and playing the bye against each other. Clubs agreed to review their teams and come back ESFA on Monday.

### **5.5 Under 14**

14 division 1: no movement or change – 5 team division

14 division 2: no movement or change – 6 team division

### **5.5 Under 15**

15 division 1 Maccabi, Maroubra and Mascot moved up from division 2 to division 2 to make a 9 team division.

Maccabi are still yet to confirm if they have 2 teams so will get back to ESFA by Monday.

### **5.2 Under 16**

16 division 1: ten team division – Pagewood, Maroubra and 2 x Easts teams moved from division 2 to division 1.

Discussion evolved between clubs. Easts mentioned that the bottom 2 teams were very weak and would not survive. Clubs suggesting combining the 16's and the 18's together however other clubs believe the 15's and 16's would be

a better match. Clubs mentioned that a split division did not work last year as they had to endure 9 rounds of smashing results. Queens Park suggested to Easts to control the difference between their squads. Pagewood suggested capping the results, however Maroubra believed that it was only stopping the problem on paper and not on the field.

### **5.3 Under18**

G18 – Maccabi and Mascot moved from division 2 to division 1 to make a 7 team competition.

Clubs agreed to supply Taleah with finalized team nominations by Monday at 9am. Taleah explained to clubs that if she did not have the nominations by 9am Monday morning that old nominations would apply.

**5 – Taleah to issue final nominations to clubs. Clubs to finalize nominations by 9am Monday morning.**

## **6.**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 RTO Course**

RTO Course to be held Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm at the ESFA office. Course is open to club delegates to then go back and teach all new RTOs within the club. People have previously done the course do not need to redo it although highly encouraged.

#### **6.2 Under 10 in SSG**

Pagewood asked why the Under 10 were in the SSG when they are competitive. Taleah replied that the Under 10 follow the FFA guidelines and the decision had been made by the Director of Modified football. Pagewood and Queens Park argued. Taleah mentioned to clubs that it was not her decision nor did she have the power to make a decision and that clubs who had issues with it should raise it with the board. Taleah mentioned that the next SSG meeting would be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **6.3 Policy on Points System**

Maroubra asked if the FMC had considered a points policy to determine who carries what points when teams move division. Clubs discussed. Taleah believed it was in the rules but said that she would clarify for clubs.

#### **6.4 Ground Update**

Taleah gave clubs an update on the grounds situation in Randwick City Council and suggested to clubs that they will need to be flexible in where and when they play and that home grounds may be sacrificed as a result of the rigid terms of the council.

#### **6.5 Team nominations**

Final team changes due by 9am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. No further changes can be made past this time.

#### **6.6 Next Meeting**

Clubs decided that the next meeting should be the 12<sup>th</sup> April to go over any problems before the start of the season

**Meeting Closed 9:00pm**