



# EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

**WOMENS COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

Newmarket Hotel  
Corner Gardners Rd & Corner Botany Rd, Mascot

**COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

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## MINUTES

Attendance:

Amy Singh (Coogee); John Sweeney, David Buck, Richard Finch (Dunbar); John Djukanovic (Lokomotiv); Patrick Hardy, Ian Robinson (Maroubra); Angela Palogiannidis (Mascot); Paul Peters (Olympic); Alana Mew, David Patch (Queens Park); Kirsten Armstrong (Sydney Uni); Adam Gwynne (Men's Council Chair); Jaleh Shafie (Women's Council Chair); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Meeting opened at: 7:05pm

Agenda

1. Season Review
2. Rules discussion/proposed changes
3. Election of new chair
4. Other business

### Apologies

UNSW, Maccabi

### 1. Season Review

Introduction by Jaleh

- Clubs very happy with the successful 2015 season
- Washed out weekends were managed well by ESFA staff and clubs

Long gap between finals, due to the spare wet weather weekend not being used

- Some teams had 2 weekends off
- flexibility for movement of fixtures, if no wash outs e.g. mid-week finals or move a week forward
- However, better than last year (spare weekend better than being vulnerable to reduced finals)

Randwick council have been a lot more flexible with keeping grounds open after rain

Split of AAW4 mid-season (AAW4 6 teams/AAW5 4 teams)

- Split caused from teams consistently getting beaten by double figures
- 4 team competition not interesting for players
- An inappropriate team should be moved 2 or 3 games into the season
- Responsibility of clubs to nominate teams in appropriate divisions
- Adopt promotion/relegation phases during the season, much like Miniroos?
- Split in lower divisions only
- Communication of regrading important i.e. start of season

Referees

- Happy with the coverage this season
- feedback should be considered e.g. not be given the same referee after a bad report, if possible
- The increase of Junior games takes up a lot of appointments
- Referees need to be paid more (fees haven't changed for a few years): FNSW sets ref fees
- Need to support referees against abuse
- Develop a more effective system to monitor spectators. It is the clubs responsibility to control abuse (David Buck has offered to help with RTO policy over the next 6 weeks)
- Female referees: need to attract females to sign up as a referee
- Should promote courses earlier in the season

## **2. Rules discussion/proposed changes**

Women's Lowest division

- something needs to be done about the lowest division. A large mix of O30 and 18-20 year old women, which is not ideal due to the mismatch in age.
- allow a certain amount of underage players in an over 30 competition – much like O45 men
- need to increase adherence

O30 year old Women competition in 2016

- Discussed with David Lewis from Maccabi, he has been researching the possibility of home and away fixtures with other associations (Northern Suburbs and Southern Districts associations)
- Need to track registration numbers within the association

- Clubs to communicate interest to ESFA
- Send an expression of interest to other associations
- Futsal is a great way to bring numbers into Football

O30 year old Gala Day before the 2016 season

- Invite inter and intra association teams
- Seek interest for a 2016 competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February
- David Phillips would be ideal but more than likely booked (field TBC)

### **3. Elect new chair**

Jaleh wishes to step down

Amy Singh has been nominated and Elected as the 2016 Women's Council Chair

The council thanks Jaleh for her years in the council chair position

### **4. Other business**

Hypothetical Grading for 2016

- A club should not have 2 teams in the same division, although the argument was made that grading should be skill based and not by club
- Championship should be 8 teams (along with entry into State Cup)
- Big clubs with a lot of women should enter a team into Championship
- Merge division 1 with another association?

Coaching for women – refer to Football NSW

Meeting finished at 8:07pm