



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Newmarket Hotel
Corner Gardeners Rd & Botany Rd Mascot

COMMENCING AT 7:30PM

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:45pm

Attendance:

David Owens (Easts); Peter Siles (Heffron); Lex Van Santen, Ian Robinson (Maroubra); James Mavroudis (Mascot); Marko Kraljevic (Pagewood); Nick Proco, Ted Bragg (Redfern); Craig Blesson (Queens Park); Marc Flior (Junior Council Chair), Ron Ogilvie (Director of Junior Football); Caroline Oakes Ash (Referees Coordinator); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Agenda

1. Season Review
2. Election of new chair
3. Discuss proposed changes to the days & times
 - U13/U14 Sunday
 - U15/U16 week nights
4. Elect new chair
5. Draft calendar
6. Other business

Apologies

No Apologies

1. Season Review

Positive feedback overall

In the future, important communication to be distributed throughout clubs should state “please forward to coaches and managers” and be on ESFA letter head and sent as a document and not an email

Due to field size, David Phillips should be used for 12 – 13s Grand Finals

Hensley every Wednesday night – worth the money?

- Yes, helped ESFA with washed-out games throughout the season

Teams agreeing to move games without ESFA permission

- No resolution

- The feeling was as long as new game was locked in for a date in a reasonable timeframe (no later than the Monday before the original fixture), that was okay.

2. Discuss proposed rule changes

Championship divisions

- 8 teams priority

- May not be enough “good” teams

- 2 full rounds and create a Division 2 for finals

- Try to avoid byes

State Cup

– ESFA to reschedule round 1 games ASAP. E.g. Wednesday night at Hensley

Deduct points for Forfeits

-1st Forfeit – no action taken, 2nd forfeit – 3 points deducted, 3rd forfeit – points deducted and not eligible for finals

-To be reviewed by the JFMC

Promote entries to 21 comps

- to be run by Junior council

- If 21s is successful, then consider whether 17/18/19 comps suits

Proposed to split teams on equal points based on Head to Head results instead of Goal difference

- Not supported

Finals Protocol (must have 1 game with requested team during the season and can only be used as a substitute)

- Hard to monitor substitute rule during semi-finals and preliminary finals
- Generally in favour of status quo
- Therefore, the Finals Protocols will need to be written into the Competition Rules

3. Discuss proposed changes to the days & times

Difficulties with Saturday games - due to clashes with private school sport
Most teams have late Saturday afternoon special time requests

U13/U14 to Sunday?

- Clash with Regional league

U15/U16 week nights?

- Mixed response to moving 16's to Friday but worth discussing
- Clubs to get feedback from parents and players

4. Elect new chair

No nominations received

Marc Flior steps down from council chair in 2015 – the council thanks Marc

5. Draft Calendar

First few weeks of the 2016 season may be used for non competitive grading purposes

- 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th April: grading games to be scheduled
- School holiday and Anzac Day break period: 16th/17th and 23rd/24th April respectively, games will be scheduled for teams wishing to play over the break
- 2016 Competitive season may commence 30st April/ 1st May 2016 (although this won't allow any spare weekends for washouts in an 8 team competition)
- To be reviewed by JFMC

6. Other business

CoC Referee fees

- RO to refer to Board for confirmation of potential refunds

Redfern moved vote of thanks for ESFA staff for fabulous job at staging Junior

finals, roundly supported

A reminder that no decisions are final at council meetings. The JFMC will review well received notions.

Meeting finished at 9:17pm