

Girls Council Meeting

Tuesday, 19 September 2017, 6:30pm, Newmarket Hotel

Minutes

Attendance: Andrew Morris (Easts); Tracy Chorev (Maccabi); Keith Jeffs, Lex Van Santen (Maroubra); Deanne Parker, Julia Chermoukha, John Stavrou (Pagewood); Alistair Little (Queens Park); Elena Albanakis (South East); Mark Ambour (Waverley); Sean Fenton (ESFA President); Caroline Oakes-Ash (Referees Coordinator); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Apologies: Gerry Frittmann (Dunbar)

Meeting opened at 6:36pm

Agenda

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

1. Season review

Referees appointed to games would sometimes not turn up to the game

- No pattern to any one division
- Need more people to sit the course and become a referee, and we also need to retain the referees
- Offending referees are made accountable

Clubs not happy having a bye week

- 3 divisions had a bye. However, none were the same age group

- We need to encourage more girls to play football, and therefore create more teams
- It was suggested more leniency is needed for girls to play in different teams. Current rule allows girls to play 4 games in another team before getting regraded
- Bridge gap between girls and women's football to make it less intimidating. G18 teams have entered the ESFA Women's Cup in previous years

12's: First year as 9 a side

- Overall clubs were happy with the small sided format in 2017
- Field size needs to be consistent throughout the season, as some weeks were "box to box" and others were across 2 halves of a full sized field.
- Goals must be a consistent size. Feedback must be provided to ESFA
- Flexibility with times to help with scheduling i.e. 12's may be at 1pm and/or 2pm. Set times easier for parents. However, flexibility will improve game coverage for referees and help clubs with field setup etc
- Other associations haven't adopted 9v9 12's. FNSW recommended the change to 9v9 two years ago

2. Election of new Chair

Julia Chermoukha nominated for Girls Chair. However, this role is currently under review by the Board.

3. Rules discussion/proposed changes

Girls that want to play at mixed 12 should be allowed. This is to encourage those that excel. Particularly the girls SAP players. Great for development.

G14's: 25 metre rule in 2018? Yes, this should be applied as it's the first-year girls play 11 a side.

G12

- No competitive table. Or have only championship division as competitive.
- Offside rule in small sided format should be removed/relaxed

The FMC and Board will review all rules discussions/proposed changes.

4. Draft 2018 calendar

A draft 2018 calendar was distributed to Club Delegates.

- The first round is scheduled on 7/8 April
- No games over school holiday weekends 21/22 April and 14/15 July
- Wet weather weekend over Queens Birthday (16/17 June)
- Available weekends for Juniors: 15 regular season rounds, 3 weeks finals including GF 25/26 Aug

Calendar to be emailed to clubs

5. Other business

Girls and Womens football meeting to be scheduled before the end of the year.
Date TBC.

Board to review club academy restrictions for future seasons

Judiciary review: referees, culture, appeals, rules

Summary rule amendments. Simplify rules

RTO handbook sent out every year but ignored

Ball Sizes issues etc. Team managers need to be educated on correct ball size for each age group.

- 12 and 13 age groups play with a size 4 ball
- 14 age group and above play with a size 5 ball

Uniforms; big issues with clashes, no consistency with teams within the same club. Board review – Clubs needs to supply teams with an alternate strip

- the Referee may order that the visiting Club change its colours and may refuse to allow the match to commence until a satisfactory change is made

Referees; different interpretation of rules.

- Referees are given the same education as Clubs in regard to U12s and the 25 metre rule

Junior Grading protocol: Clubs nominate gradings, ESFA then sorts

accordingly, review after 1 round of championship games

Pagewood believe more clubs should enter teams in the championship division

- Championship divisions only are competitive, lower grades social?
- Clubs with multiple teams in lower divisions
- Other associations; one team starts in championship

Easts FC: No Player ID cards, PDF works well, Player ID cards for finals only

It was suggested that should be no print outs (cards or pdf). Sent via email to clubs/team managers and/or retrieved online, and then checked on smart phone.

Preseason trial games needed. Clubs need to finalise registrations and field bookings as early as possible at the start of the year.

Junior Director needed to help with operations etc.

Football NSW Champion of Champions: ESFA Apologises for missing potential home games on 24th September. All games have been requested to be in the Eastern Suburbs on 8th October.

Summer Football begins the week of 9th October. Registrations close 29th September. Click [here](#) for more information.

Meeting closed at 7:29pm (Combined)