



Football South Coast

Monthly Board Summary Update

Board Meeting Date: 13 August 2018

A. Referee Board Committee Review

1. The Keep/Stop/Start Survey has been communicated to the Referees. Summary of results:
2. An Identity Statement Developed:
OUR IDENTITY
“Provide qualified match officials to meet the current and future needs of football at all levels”
3. Next Steps
 - Identify key areas of support needed from FSC required to underpin new structure
 - Develop the appropriate organisational structure
 - Develop Roles and Responsibilities

B. Infra-Structure Update including Artificial Pitch Project

1. Synthetic Pitch Usage Model
 - A second meeting has been held with delegates from each Football Council to discuss a balanced usage model
 - Clubs are encouraged to provide feedback to their respective Football Councils

Junior Clubs

- During the season there will be 19 weeks where junior clubs will have an allocation each Sunday. Option to either allocate one club per Sunday or scheduling all graded football to be played on the Sunday (per age group / Division)
- All clubs playing against SCU juniors that have been scheduled on the field
- U8 Gala Day to be held in March prior to the start of the season – to assist teams in their transition from SSG to U8/u9 size fields
- Other Mini Roo Gala Days
- School Holiday Clinics
- Summer Football (Friday nights and Saturdays)
- Semi Finals and Finals at the discretion of the Junior Football Council
- Grand Finals – perhaps only on the Friday night
- Champion of Champions

Women's Clubs

- 1.5 hours of free usage has been allocated to each team, however this is based on sharing the ground with one other team (during January and February – evenings and weekends)
- Bonnie Lassie over 2 days (Saturday and Sunday)
- Semi Finals and Grand Finals at the discretion of the Women's Football Council

Community League Clubs

- 1.5 hours of free usage has been allocated to each team, however this is based on sharing the ground with one other team (during January and February – evenings and weekends)
- Community League Finals and Grand Finals at the discretion of the MFC and Community League Sub-Committee

Men's Premiership

- 1.5 hours of free usage has been allocated to each team, however this is based on sharing the ground with one other team (during January and February – evenings and weekends)
- All Clubs playing against SCU
- Pre-Season Games, Finals – at the discretion of the Men's Football Council

SCU

- One Saturday per fortnight
- Tuesday and Thursday nights for training (from 5:30pm)

Representative Teams

- One Saturday per fortnight for Boys Youth, Girls Youth and Men's Match Days
- Monday night for senior team training – user pay system (from 5:45 to 8:15pm)
- Tuesday and Thursday nights – 4:15 to 5:30pm for Boys and Girls SAP teams

All Clubs

- The ground will also be available for clubs to book on Wednesday and Friday afternoons / evenings and Sunday afternoons (after junior games have been completed)
- The anticipated rate will be between \$60 to \$80 per hour
- Use can be for training or wet weather catch up games

First in first serve basis, however FSC will try to ensure all clubs get an even spread of this usage upon request

2. Synthetic Pitch Project Update

- Perimeter Fencing is nearing completion
- Lighting work has commenced

3. Variations - A retaining wall will need be constructed on either side of the covered seating

4. Security Models - Quotes are being obtained in relation to locking systems, alarms and CCTV systems

C. Wollongong City Council Sport Reference Funding

- Funding has opened by WCC and emails sent to all clubs.
- Applications are due to FSC by the 31st August 2018 for FSC to review and rank the projects.

D. Audit and Risk Committee

1. A framework has been developed in relation to member protection
2. It was recommended that a Member Protection Sub-Committee be created to ensure all policies and guidelines are communicated to our stakeholders

E. FSC Development Programs

1. FSC has applied to FNSW for (1) Girls Conference League (2) Girls SAP (3) Mixed SAP, (4) Boys Association Youth League (5) Men's State League and (6) Women's NPL 2

F. Men's Football Council Update

1. The Men's Premiership competitions are coming to an end of the normal playing season with a total of twenty (20) rounds of football being played of the competition in IPL and DL
2. The current competitions are now getting interesting through strong and close competition results leaving several clubs vying for league champions, that may not be finally decided until the last round of the competitions proper.
3. The relevant independent annual forums were conducted on the 17/07/18 (DL) and the 19/7/18 (IPL) with several issues being raised for further analysis and review by the Men's Football Council going forward

DL overview summary

- Prizemoney has not changed for many years and the Club's expense is increasing on a regular basis
- Mandatory relegation and promotion to and from District League (DL) to Community League should be scrapped as all DL Clubs have significant investment in the game through their facilities that they have maintained for multiple years
- Volunteer retention assistance required from FSC
- Consistency between promotion and relegation between IPL/DL Leagues E.G. U20s in both Leagues to be considered going forward and closer structure between U23s and Reserve grade
- Junior development of players needs greater consideration to coaching delivered to date
- Centralised database for each club to be able to go on line and view disciplinary position (red / yellow cards for their club at any time)
- Rescheduling of matches needs to be simplified to minimise impact on volunteers
- Greater sharing of best practices amongst DL Clubs including Supplier opportunities
- Consistency of ground signage towards RESPECT of match officials (FSC to Purchase)
- Limited appointment of match officials to Youth Grade causing concern and the fact that those appointed often do not turn up without any warning creating issues with clubs

PL Overview Summary

- Closer alignment of grade structures to be considered going forward with possible increase in the number of registered players to extend beyond 50. (Sustainability of the Leagues)
- Significant concerns with the quality of players coming through that are syphoned off to Wolves or SC Flame and not coming through the IPL pathway (Academy directions away from IPL)
- Concerns that the younger players are not staying around and leaving after their games and not supporting the clubs
- Should the IPL structure be reduced from 12 to 10 mandatory clubs and go back to a two (2) team IPL competition (Elite Competition)
- Quantity of players still an issue however the quality available is of even more concern
- Minimum playing numbers of U16s (currently 3) at present, to be reviewed to a greater number
- Serious consideration to stop juniors at 16 and the older players are transitioned to seniors to minimise the competition between seniors and juniors for players
- Reassessment of current Bampton Cup rules to allow players registered within the transfer window to be eligible for the remainder of the Bampton Cup by Cup Tie requirements remain in place
- Sub -Committee to be established to look at the structure for the league going forward and make recommendations to MFC for consideration.
- Reassessment of the Ground Criteria as it is largely outdated, given the small numbers of spectators attending IPL matches.
- Grand Finals should be at Urban Grounds and not WIN Stadium to ensure IPOL clubs share in the spoils and financial returns
- Grand Finals winners are not receiving any correspondence regarding prize money in 2017 even though the matches were played at urban grounds.
- Old IFA funds in trust should be made available to clubs for interest free loans
- Breakdown of the 'Infrastructure Levy' is required to show how the funds are being invested back to the IPL clubs
- Concerns raised over the need to have twelve (12) contracted players registered and provided to the office along with the additional costs to Clubs having to register professional Contracts
- IPL prize money has not increased for several years but the level of expense is increasing each year to participate and run the Clubs.
- Appointments of Referees and assistant referees is not working and causing significant concerns for the Clubs having the same person refereeing multiple times a month. (MatchRef not Working)
- Potential to revisit the number of yellow cards in the final series from two (2) to three (3)

G. Women's Football Council Update

1. Congratulations to Albion Park Soccer Club who again won the State Cup with a 4-0 result marking their 50th win in a row across all competitions.
2. Congratulations again to Albion Park for their NAIDOC celebration held at Terry Reserve on the 5th of August. It was a fantastic event with an exciting game to top it off.
3. The last full round of the regular competition takes place on Sunday the 12th August. There will be a few rescheduled games the following week to finish the season. There is still a tight competition for the top four in each division.
4. The final series venues have now all been confirmed after working with the Men's Council for collaboration with venue clashes. Thank you to the clubs that sent in EOIs.
5. The WYL sub-committee will be meeting with the Women's clubs to promote the league for next season.

H. Junior Football Council

1. Junior Competition:
 - Semi – Finals weekend Aug 24 – 26 (10 Junior clubs will be hosting matches)
 - Finals weekend Aug 31 – Sept 2 (6 Junior clubs will be hosting matches)
 - Grand Final weekend Sept 7 – 9 (Shellharbour hosting 26 Junior and 6 Women's Grand Finals).
2. 2018 Grand Final update - Junior Council has held meetings with Shellharbour JSC in preparation for the hosting of the Grand Finals.
3. Junior Council Girls competition structure review - Two proposals have been submitted by the Junior Council for review and feedback from Junior Clubs following concerns raised with the grading process in 2018 and the potential of losing teams due to the current structure.
 - Teams are allocated in even age groups (12 Girls, 13/14 Girls and 15/16 Girls).
 - The age group eligibility is increased to 3 years rather than the current 2 years.
 - Two divisions catering for the Social vs Competitive teams.
 - Teams to be allocated into divisions based on ability. - Each division will be balanced by ability and not have teams winning by huge scores.
4. Girls Champion of Champions - FNSW have requested an Expression of Interest from FSC to introduce an Under 15 and Under 17 Girls competition for the 2018 Champions of Champions – Junior Council agree.

I. Finance Update

1. The profit and loss is tracking to budget
2. No other key issues or updates
3. There was a concern about the significant amount of receivables from clubs who were in the 90+ days of their accounts. Competition rules and policies around this will be strictly enforced 2019 which include a deduction of competition points

J. South Coast Flame FC

1. The club continues to progress to budget and coming mid table across the Club Championship with the 20s just missing out on a semi-final position
2. Planning has commenced for 2019
3. The Girls Conference League are premiers across all age groups and all Association Youth League teams are in the running for semi-final spots