



Football South Coast

Monthly Board Summary Update

Board Meeting Date: 11 March 2019

A. FSC Board Composition

1. Interviews were conducted for the independent board position to replace Nicki Bowman who has decided to step down to pursue other roles.
2. Martin Rowney was approved to be appointed into the role vacated by Nicki Bowman and will be officially appointed at the FSC AGM
3. A vacancy exists on the FSC Board in relation to the Representative and Development Committee, the role is to be advertised with interviews to follow.

B. Referee Board Committee Review

1. Work is continuing to document roles and responsibilities
2. Task Briefs are being developed for other roles
3. Referee groupings are currently being finalised
4. Matchref platform is still being investigated in relation to 4 week appointment blocks

C. Infra-Structure Update including Artificial Pitch Project

1. The license agreement has been executed with Wollongong City Council
2. The lighting system has been commissioned and is in operation. Lux level testing was completed on the 6th March (Field 1 in some areas is 300 lux, Field 2 is 150 lux and Field 3 65 lux).
3. FIFA testing has occurred and pending final report
4. Remediation of Ground 2 continues and will not be available for a 7 week period. Alternative training solutions provided to SCU.
5. Amenities upgrades have commenced and progressing well.

D. Other Strategic Matters Update

1. FSC Flare Football In-club programs are being finalised with a number of interested clubs.
2. Peoplecare will be the District League Naming Rights Partner and Illawarra Mercury will continue as the Premier League Namings Rights Partner in relation to Men's Premiership Competitions
3. IMB Bank have agreed to be the Junior Competition Naming Rights Partner
4. Additional sponsorship opportunities are also being followed up given the Builders Club are no longer able to sponsor the Women's League
5. The 5 A Side competition is running well and team numbers remain steady

6. A number of coaching courses have been run and further are being planned prior to commencement of the season

E. Men's Football Council Update

1. Clubs experiencing some teething issues associated with the new FFA Registration platform
2. Details of upcoming Fraternity Cup games was outlined
3. FFA Cup nominations have been finalised with eight (8) IPL clubs, one (1) DL Club and four (4) CL Clubs nominating. It was acknowledged that this is a record to date on nominations and all involved are to be congratulated on participating.

Community League:

4. Season proper commences on 6/04/2019 where all clubs are scheduled to play 18 rounds with a break at Easter where some additional games will be scheduled in a potential new tournament (Peter Webster Cup) that will be a round robin arrangement with clubs competing from the All Age divisions (16 teams only this year)
5. 2020 may well see a Community League tournament like the Bert Bampton Cup style but this is a work in progress at this stage and will be communicated further during the year
6. Over 45s competition will commence this year with seven (7) clubs initially involved and will play a home and away scenario during 2019. It is noted that this is the inaugural year and some minor adjustments may be required once playing strength is considered to minimise major impact and results
7. Club were advised that they will be notified if referee's have been appointed and if not, it is the Home CLUBS responsibility to ensure that the games are officiated in line with competition rules and the laws of the game. A workshop will be scheduled to ensure club representatives are up to speed with changes to the laws of the game
8. Fees and Payment discussed and communicated that all accounts over sixty (60) days will result in no points for that club, therefore all accounts must be paid as and when payable NO EXCEPTIONS
9. Presentation provided to the forum on the Registration platform and requirements, along with trial match requirements .
10. Further discussion with regards to timely delivery of team sheets in 2019 to the FSC Office. All clubs are to take a photo on their mobile phones of the completed team sheet in case it goes missing in the mail.

F. Women's Football Council Update

Competition Update:

1. Gradings and appeal meetings were held on the 24th of February and the 1st of March. 44 teams across 23 clubs were graded into 5 Divisions. Two appeals were heard and granted for the following make-up:
 - o 1st Div – 8 teams, 2nd Div – 10 teams, 3rd Div – 10 teams, 4th Div – 8 teams, 5th Div – 8 teams
2. Unfortunately there was only three O30s teams nominate so were unable to run a stand alone Competition. These teams were graded into the divisional competition.
3. There was a lot of difficulty with the new registration system from the FFA which made it had for clubs to have their registrations completed in time for grading.
4. The WYL sub-committee are in discussions on how this competition should run with 9 nominations (originally 10, however there was a late withdrawal).
5. The competition will begin on Sunday 7th April.

Bonnie Lassie Update

6. Unfortunately due to the unplayable state (and the need for returfing) of the second pitch at Ian McLennan Park, the Bonnie Lassie has had to be moved from this location (as two fields are needed to run the tournament).
7. We are very thankful to Shellharbour Juniors who will now be hosting the tournament at Myimbarr.

Women's All Star Match

8. The Women's All Stars match that usually happens at the beginning of the season has been postponed. There has been difficulty in securing a team to play against (this has happened in the past as our pre-seasons haven't quite aligned with Sutherland's and organising this between associations has been difficult). We will keep the board updated on the progress of this and whether it is something that will be continued in the future.

G. Junior Football Council

Boys / Mixed competitions

1. Gradings and appeals completed, and declaration of the Boys / Mixed competitions ready for approval. These were subsequently approved by the FSC Board.
2. The Under 12 Boys / Mixed age group competition will be declared after grading matches in the first 7 to 9 rounds and teams will be allocated to divisions.
3. The Girls Competition Structure for 2019 will be finalised at the Junior Council meeting on Monday 11th March. The final determination of teams has been delayed due to number of team nominations in age groups, strength / ability of teams and appeals.
4. The Junior Council has graded teams in combined age groups with the aim to have teams in competitive competitions. Prior to finalising the Girls competition structure, the Junior Council will review and confirm requirements in relation to age eligibility
5. Current breakdown of Combined Girls Competition structure. U12 / U13 Girls (includes one U13 Girls team) U14 Girls Div 1 (includes two U13 teams and six U14 teams) U14 Girls Div 2 (includes four U13 teams and five U14 teams) U15 / 16 Girls Div 1 (includes four U15 teams and four U16 teams) U15 / 16 Girls Div 2 (includes four U15 teams and four U16 teams)

FNSW U12's Tournament Participation

6. FNSW requested feedback from associations suggesting that U12 Boys and Girls NOT be part of the State Cup and Champions of Champions. The Junior Council consolidated view is that players in this age group are ready for the transition to the full field and competitive environment, the U12's Boys and Girls age group should be part of the FNSW tournaments. Council considered it is a memorable experience, it is well supported by FSC junior clubs, teams are playing graded football and on full size fields prior to the tournaments.

Junior Council Matters

7. Junior Councillor / Member Club allocations completed (Councillor's have been placed into one of 4 hubs – Far North, North, Central and South and are points of contact for clubs in their respective hubs).
8. Councillor Portfolios to be finalised.
9. Next Meetings:
 - Junior Council meeting – March 11th 2019
 - Junior Club meeting – March 20th 2019
 - FNSW Association Standing Committee – May 13th 2019

H. Finance Update

1. The Audit report from KPMG has been completed and signed off
2. Financials for the 2018/2019 period tracking to budget, however usage models for the synthetic pitch have been impacted by handover date and amenities upgrade work.

I. South Coast Flame FC

1. Trial games have been scheduled with season commencing on the 23rd March 2018 for senior squads, AYL has already kicked off
2. No key issues or points to raise