

To all members,

Welcome to the 2010 season, and a special welcome to our new umpires....both our first year umpires as well as those joining us from other competitions.

We slip out an occasional series of updates just so that everybody is aware of what's what.

INCORRECT PLAYER REPORT SHEETS WERE PRINTED. Correct report sheets may be available this weekend, but if not, certainly available for next week. If not available this week, the RDFL has asked that we will in the report sheet 4 times, please.

EVENING UP OF TEAM NUMBERS IN UNDER 18'S. Some under 18's teams may struggle to have 18 players. Where a team starts the game with less than 18 players on the field, the opposition must have the same number on the field.....so, it could be 15 each on the ground, but one team may have 7 on the bench (if they have a full list of 22 players).

UNIFORMS. Addam Icely (our uniform manager) has advised that he won't have the full range of attire at training each week. Addam has asked that if you require uniform, you e' mail or ring him to order, and he will deliver same on the following Wednesday night at training. Please ring Addam on 0400 133808, or AIcely@grace.com.au

THE BALLART COMP. We have struck a pretty good arrangement with the Ballart Footy League, and will supply a full compliment to all games at one location each week.

A summary of BFL match day requirements is available at training, but is attached also.

NEW RULES AND PROCEDURES. Just a reminder, as advised pre-season, there are two changes to rules for us this season:-

- one is that we have implemented the Laws of Football rule that allows a field umpire to pay a free kick against an official (on the team sheet) for abuse toward an umpire, and
- in the past, only reports by a field umpire resulted in a send off. The revised policy is that where a boundary or goal umpire makes a report, the player is subject to the same send off process. The send off is executed by the field umpire when he/she is made aware of the report (next quarter break etc).

ALTERNATIVE TRAINING VENUES. TIM Tingiri arranged a 6 week 'come and try" alternative training venue in Kilmore, and Guy Contarino did the same in Sunbury. Both exercises were successful, and couldn't have proceeded without the support of Tim and Guy. Thanks to you both for your work.

FIRST YEAR UMPIRES' INFORMATION NIGHT. All of our first year umpires should have received an invite for a short information night next Wednesday 28th, 6.45 for a 7pm start, to conclude at 7.30. We hope that you and your parent(s) or partner can come along and learn a bit more about our wonderful world of umpiring footy. No cost, and refreshments will be provided.

....umpires new to us, but not first year umpires are also welcome to attend. Training will be as normal for all other umpires.

REPORT OF PLAYER. Reports that are to go to the Tribunal must be notified to Terry Duffy by Sunday night please (for RDFL matches), and Mark Grey (for BFL match). Contact details are in your Handbook.

...and as usual – have fun, and let me or your coach know of any concerns.

Glen

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