



FOOTBALL FEDERATION
TASMANIA

FROM THE DESK OF THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

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Various events loom on the horizon of the Tasmania football calendar.

July 25, Melbourne Victory plays Central Coast Mariners at Aurora Stadium, Launceston.

As a curtain raiser, Football Federation Tasmania is organizing a game between two under 20 teams, one from the south, one from the north.

To embrace the whole football community, teams are being selected from different criteria.

The Premier Division clubs in the north and south have been asked to nominate up to four players each; goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and striker.

From the southern nominations two players from each club – providing they all put names forward – will be selected for a squad of 16.

In the north there are nine Premier teams, so at least one player from each club will be selected, with most supplying two. The squad will again be 16.

The coach for the south will be Nick Lapolla, for the north, Mitchell Billing.

Both men, highly regarded in the football community, were selected by FFT. Neither is presently coaching a Premier league senior team.

The match provides an opportunity for each Premier club in Tasmania to be involved, plus a chance for some of our best young players to showcase themselves.

Nominations have been coming in and clubs are reminded to send them to the FFT office within the next week.

At the other end of the playing spectrum, FFT has organized mini World Cups in the north and south on July 4. Teams will go into a pot and be selected to represent all the nations taking part in the real World Cup.

FFT still has openings in the event and details are on the FFT website.

Also on the horizon are plans to take Football Federation Australia's national curriculum road show to the north.

Those who attended will remember that last month, Alistair Edwards, the Assistant National Technical Director, was at FFT headquarters in Hobart to explain the building blocks of the national curriculum and then put on a practical demonstration.

It is hoped to stage the northern event sometime next month, with efforts to find a suitable date and venue presently being examined.