



Referee Notes

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From My Desk

The State Referee coaches met in Sydney at the end of May. It was a very useful meeting. I was able to get clarification on the contentious issue of players wearing 'skins'; saw the proposed referee's identity card and obtained a copy of the law changes for next year (not a lot).

I have been able to see a lot of referees in the past month. I hope to have seen everybody in the next six weeks. I am pleased to see so much talent amongst our referees throughout the State

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INTERCHANGE

Interchange, rather than substitution is permitted in all competitions except the Men's Premier Leagues.

The rules for interchange are given in the Law book on page 97.

The essence of the rules is Intechange can only take place at a stoppage in play.

The referee must be informed before the interchanges takes place.

The interchange will take place at the half-way line.

The player coming onto the field does not enter the field until the player leaving the field has passed over the touch line.

The interchange is completed when the player enters the field.

FFT have not insisted on the marking of interchange boxes this year. Maybe next

year. In the mean time, use common sense. The players need to enter and leave the field within a metre of the half-way line. They should both use the same side of the field. (This does not apply to players leaving the field because they are injured, although their replacement must enter at the half-way line.)

The reason for insisting on interchange at the half-way line and having the player off before the new player comes on, is fairness. Interchange at any other part of the field than the half-way line will favour one side over the other. Allowing a player to enter the field too soon, will give him or her a longer time to get into position than if they had waited.

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- Talk to the coaches before the game and let them know that you will be ensuring that all interchanges take place according to the rules.
- Do not allow an interchange unless the player is ready to come onto the field.
- If a player tries to enter or leave the field at a place other than the half-way line, then call them back and have the interchange completed properly. Use commonsense; within a metre of the half-way line is alright.
- If a player enters the field too soon, send them back to the touch line to enter the field correctly.
- Only caution players for entering the field too soon after you have tried to stop this happening by correcting interchanges that have been carried out incorrectly.
- Restart play as soon as the new player is on the field, provided your assistant is in position. There is no need to wait until the new player is in position. After all, you don't know



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where that position is!

Assistants

- If you are close to the half-way line you should help to ensure that the procedure is carried out correctly. Use neutral words and a non-aggressive tone to restrain players from entering the field too soon."Just wait until your player comes off, please".
- If more than one player is being interchanged, then watch carefully that as many players leave the field as enter it.

SKINS

At the national meeting of State Referee Coaches it was decided that the policy on skins would be as follows.

Skins are permitted provided that

- they are the same colour as the shorts or of the predominant colour of the shorts
- they do not extend below the knee.

Check the players equipment before the match and have any players rectify their gear before they take the field.

TRAINING

Training in Hobart is on Tuesday nights at the hockey grounds in Dampier Street, Warrane. This training is for all referees and is a mixture of physical fitness training and referee-specific

exercises (including mental ones).

Come along from 6:45pm to meet and train with your fellow referees.

In the North-West, training is organised by Harry Dyer and David De Cani. At present they are using the Ulverstone Showgrounds. Referees should contact either Harry (6431 5677) or David (0417 570 447) for dates and details.

In Launceston, training is on Tuesday nights. The venue is at the PCYC in Launceston and the evening starts at 6:00pm. Contact Chris Parr (0418 543 393) for further details.

FOOTBALL FIELDS

Some great photos of European lower league soccer fields can be seen at this web site

<http://www.hansvandermeer.nl>

REPORTS

A referee's job does not end when he or she blows the final whistle.

Law 5 makes it clear that it is one of our responsibilities to provide "...the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players and/or team officials and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match."

Match reports must come to FFT by 5:00pm Tuesday.

Send-off reports must be with FFT by Tuesday evening so that the disciplinary



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process can be activated. The same is true of incident reports. FFT cannot act on inappropriate behaviour by players, coaches or spectators unless there are credible reports.

Every time you send a coach or manager from the bench, you must report it or the chances are, he'll be back there next week, abusing another referee.

Every time you or your assistants are attacked verbally or physically, you must report it.

The Federation will support referees against coaches, managers and spectators, provided they have the information to do so.

If you are unsure of what to put in a report or the best way to word it, talk to me or a senior referee in your area. We are all ready to help in this vital area of refereeing.

PUZZLER

A substitute plays from the beginning of the match, replacing a team-mate. The referee is not informed. An opponent commits a foul against the substitute. What action does the referee take?
