



# Referee Notes

## May 2007



### From My Desk

Welcome to Referee Notes.

I intend these notes to be an irregular means of communication between myself and the referees in Tasmania. I shall use it to inform you of major events, of decisions on technical matters and requests for information.

Please let know your views on anything to do with refereeing and how I can help.

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### Signaling Penalties

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Referees and Assistants have a need to make sure that they get crucial decisions right. There is probably not more vital decision than when to give a penalty-kick.

The role of the assistant referee is always to help the referee to make the right decision.

If you as an Assistant Referee think an action by a defender should be punished by a penalty and you are sure that the referee has not seen the incident, then you should raise your flag, and when noticed by the referee, indicate a free-kick to the attackers.

Once the referee has signaled for the free-kick, then you should move to the goal line and carry out whatever instructions you have been given before the match.

You should maintain your position with the flag raised until the referee sees you, the ball goes out of play or play moves away

from the penalty area. If the ball goes out, you still need to get the referee's attention, use the 'talk to me' signal, and let him know what you have seen.

### Assistants

- Signal if
  - You've checked the referee's position and you are sure that the referee hasn't seen the incident
  - The referee looks to you for a signal and you *know* that it is a penalty
- Move to the goal line after the referee has stopped play, to indicate that you believe a penalty is required
- If the Referee doesn't see you,
  - if play moves away from the penalty area, lower the flag and follow play as normal.
  - If the ball goes out of play, get the referee's attention. Even if a goal has been scored, there may be a case for a caution or send-off because of the incident that you saw.

### Referees

- Talk about what is expected of assistants during the pre-match instructions.
- Watch for your assistant's signals around the penalty area. Get to the left of play where possible, to make it easy to see what your assistant is doing. Never award a goal, a corner kick or goal kick without a glance at the assistant.
- If you have to talk to your assistants, keep it brief and to the point. You can discuss the details later



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### **Assessor's Course**

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I am considering running a Level 3 assessors during July.

Level 3 is the entry level for assessors and is mainly concerned with helping new referees understand their role and the duties that go with it. The emphasis in the course is on Mentoring rather than inspecting.

The course requires about eight hours class-room time and could be run either over two week-ends ( one day a week) or over a couple of evenings. There will be some follow-up practical exercises taking about ten hours that are done individually.

If you are interested, could you please let me know by 8<sup>th</sup> June, so that I can start to organise things.

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### **Training**

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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 the PCYC in Launceston and the evening starts at 6:00pm. Contact Chris Parr (0418 543 393) for further details.

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### **Public Comments by Referees**

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All referees are reminded that they are bound by the FFA National Code of Conduct and the FFA Match Official's Code of Ethics.

In particular, the FFA National Code of Conduct says

#### **5. DISPARAGING MEDIA STATEMENTS**

5.1 A Member must not make any statement in public, including any contribution to television, radio or print media that:

- (a) is disparaging of a Match Official, opposition team or any Player or Team Official;
- (b) is disparaging or critical of FFA, or any FFA Statute or FFA policy decision, without reasonable basis or justification; or
- (c) comments on any matter the subject of a current hearing before the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee.

A copy of the Match Official's Code of Ethics follows this note.

Referees are members of the FFA as a consequence of their registration. We must be very careful when making public comments, in person, in writing or electronically about decisions made by other referees or about matters that are before the FFT tribunal. It is best not to comment at all about your own or another referee's performance, outside of refereeing circles.



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## FFA Match Official's Code Of Ethics

- Abide by the FFA Football Code of Conduct
- Ensure conduct is honourable and maintains the dignity of the position held
- Portray a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance
- Consider the safety and welfare of all participants to be paramount
- Know the Laws of the game and the interpretations thoroughly
- Act with complete integrity, accepting responsibility for all actions taken
- Avoid circumstances which may lead to a conflict of interest
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction
- Value and respect all participants ensuring their rights are protected at all times
- Undertake continual self improvement and upgrading of personal competencies
- Maintain good levels of physical fitness
- Encourage inclusivity and access to all areas of officiating
- Nurture teamwork with fellow referees, assist them, be loyal to them and avoid all criticism of them
- Refrain from public comments about any game except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws
- Maintain the utmost respect for Football, rejecting corruption, drugs, racism violence and other threats to the game
- Accept that it is a privilege to be a part of Football and strive to make all actions reflect credit upon Football's participants, organisations and affiliates



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