



## **ATTENTION: Sports/Football (Soccer) Coordinator**

Football Federation Tasmania, in conjunction with Football Federation Australia would like to invite your school to participate in the Cottee's Schools 5-a-Side Gala Day.

Football Federation Australia are delighted to have Cottee's supporting the national 'Schools 5-a-Side Program' and providing a fun opportunity for boys and girls throughout Australia to play Football. Cottee's Schools 5-a-Side will bring together a number of local schools participating in football matches on smaller fields in a round robin format at local venues. Some students will also have the chance to represent their school in a number of football challenges throughout the day.

Your school must enter three teams - a boys, girls and mixed team. The Cottee's Schools 5-a-Side will provide students - who may or may not have played before - the opportunity to experience and be introduced to football in a fun environment. The focus is entirely on **enjoyment and participation**, as there will be no winners or scores recorded. At the completion of the day, your school will also receive an easy to understand football education resource pack for teachers to implement football activities and lunchtime 5-a-side events within your school.

Details of the day are as follows:

- COST:** Free
- DATE:** March 2010
- VENUE:** as per schedule
- TIME:** Arrive from 9.15am. Welcome and Introduction at 9.40am
- AGE:** Years 3 and 4
- TEAMS:** Each boy, girl and mixed (4 boys/4 girls) teams should have a maximum of 8 players
- ATTIRE:** School soccer or sports uniform. Shin Pads are compulsory and children can wear either football boots or suitable trainers.
- LUNCH:** Children are encouraged to bring their own snacks, lunch and drinks.
- RULES:** Included (Rules are simple and easy to understand)
- GAME LEADER:** Each school is required to supply a capable Year 6 student for each of your teams (3 in total) to act as game leaders.
- FORMAT:** Round robin format with teams playing up to five matches and participating in some football challenges.
- EQUIPMENT:** Ball, goals, markers and bibs will be supplied.

To confirm your schools participation in the Cottee's Schools 5-a-Side Gala Day, complete and return by fax or email, the attached RSVP immediately or by no later than 28th February, 2010 to confirm your place. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 8 schools, so be quick.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Leila Freke on the details below.

Regards,  
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