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Happy New Year to our Member Clubs.

We hope you had a great festive season and are energised for another fantastic year of football.

1. Club Survey

Thank you to all clubs for completing the survey. It was pleasing to see that there was some positive feedback in relation to the Club Bulletin. There were some key areas that were noted and we can certainly build on, to improve the relevant and usefulness of the information such as:

- Sharing information amongst our clubs on good news stories
- Outlining lessons learnt from clubs on different things that may be of use to other clubs this will be a good opportunity to update all clubs on things such as infrastructure improvements at grounds, etc
- Exploring or clarifying the laws of the game perhaps explaining a different aspect of the laws of the game each Club Bulletin, with some input from the Referee's Council.



To make these points a success, it will require assistance from our clubs. So if you have any stories or a contribution to make, please email us at admin@footballsouthcoast.com.



2. <u>Certificate of Insurance for Clubs – From FNSW</u>

To all Clubs, Associations, Branches, Futsal Clubs and Referee Branches

INSURANCE - CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY

The new Certificate of Currency for 2015 is attached.

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3427206

Please provide the attached Certificate to Councils and venue providers as proof of your Public Liability insurance when hiring grounds for 2015.

A self-completing Certificate is available via the following link:

http://jltsport.com.au/fnsw/certificate-of-currency

All insurance information including the claim form is available on our insurance website www.jltsport.com.au/FNSW

3. Working with Children

In 2015 – obtaining a WWC number will apply to ALL paid roles when dealing with players under the age of 18 years. It will also apply to volunteers including club committee members, strappers, and any other volunteers that have interaction with under 18's. There will be some exemptions to this. This includes referees, canteen workers and administration officers that do not have any contact with children.

It is critical that all of our clubs are aware of the obligations that will exist and failure to comply with the requirements will result in material financial fines.

Some detailed information has been provided by FNSW on their website and is a great source of information. <u>http://www.footballnsw.com.au/index.php?id=665</u>

If you have any further enquiries please contact Michelle from FNSW on 9286 7225.

4. FSC Calendar

A reminder that the FSC Calendar is located on our web page. It is updated regularly and provides details on key game dates, FSC Board meetings, club meetings, council meetings, trial dates, etc. <u>http://www.foxsportspulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3448641</u>





5. Promotion of 2015 Registrations

In anticipation of the upcoming registration season, FSC has facilitated a number of promotional activities. This has included:

- Articles to be written within The Illawarra Mercury Junior Sport section
- A YouTube clip has been developed and loaded on FB with a 'SHARE' promotion – to win two paid junior club registration fees for the year (a BIG Thank You to Peter Harkin from Thirroul for creating this for us. Thanks Peter!)
- A Season Media Launch is taking place on the 29th January with Brendon Santalab, Aaron Calver and some players from the South Coast Wolves and Stingrays with i98fm, WIN TV, the Illawarra Mercury and Advertiser in attendance
- I98fm to include information as part of their regular Illawarra Updates
- A flyer has been developed (attached) and will be sent to all schools across the area for inclusion in their newsletters
- Ongoing promotion via Facebook and our web page



6. FSC Administration Coordinator

We are pleased to advise that Debbie Hoyn will be joining the FSC Team as the FSC Administration Coordinator.

Debbie has a lifelong passion for football being involved as a parent, player, coach and club administrator and has significant experience in administration, marketing and business management. Debbie's primary role will be the management of all junior programs, however will at times be involved in competition administration to assist the Competition Coordinators.

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7. FSC Season Launch – 13th March 2015

A reminder that the Season Launch will be held on the 13th March 2015 at the Fraternity Club. Representatives from each Football Council and the Referee Council are assisting in the organisation of the event. Competition Coordinators will send out further information shortly. We hope to see as many of you there as possible for this historical event, as this is the first time all of our clubs (women's, junior's and men's) and members of the referee's will be celebrating a season launch together.

8. FSC All Stars – Wednesday 25 February

The FSC All Stars, in its second year, sees the introduction of the FSC Women's All Stars. Please get behind this event and promote it to your clubs. It promises to be a great night of football.



9. Johnny Warren Memorial Cup

If any teams within your club will be participating in this event, you will be required to complete a sanction form for the team and forward it to the FSC Office, who will then forward to FNSW for approval to ensure the appropriate insurance coverage is in place for all FSC registered players.



10. <u>HOLDEN – Home Ground Advantage – There is still time to</u> <u>Apply</u>

Local sporting clubs are an integral part of the Australian way of life, much like Holden. That's why we've made a long term commitment to helping grass roots sport by giving local clubs the chance to upgrade their facilities with the Holden Home Ground Advantage project.

Apply for a grant up to \$10,000 or \$100,000 for your local sporting club today and give Scott and Kim a run for their money by entering your own video clip to support your application.

Applications are now open but be quick, they close on 28th February 2015. Click on the following link for more information:

http://www.holden.com.au/homegroundadvantage



11. FSC Disciplinary Regulations Review

Each year the regulations are reviewed by the Football Councils, FSC staff and the Disciplinary Commissioner. The process is progressing and any amendments will be recommended to the FSC Board for approval.

Any changes to the procedures will be communicated to clubs prior to the commencement of the season at your relevant Club Meeting.

In preparation for the 2015 season, an expression of Interest to participate as members of the Match Review Committee has been uploaded onto our website:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/get_file.cgi?id=3449312

FROM THE FSC TEAM