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1. Community Building Partnership Funding

Funding applications for the NSW Community Building Partnership program will open on the 9th June. The program aims to provide improved community infrastructure for the people of NSW and encourage the enhancement of local community based activities that create more vibrant and inclusive communities.

The program offers grants across the State at an individual State Electorate level for community infrastructure projects. Grant funding of up to \$200,000 is available for every NSW State Electorate. An additional \$100,000 is available for electorates with higher levels of social disadvantage as indicated by higher comparative unemployment rates.

Grants will be open to local councils and incorporated not-for-profit bodies such as charities, sporting, social and environmental groups. Projects are required to be completed before the 31 March 2016.

Applications must be made online at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au between 9 June and 18 July 2014.

Please refer to the following link for more information:

http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/program_information/guidance_notes#_Toc358729037



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2. New – Playing Above Age Consent

A new Playing Above Age Consent form is attached for use by all Community Football associations and clubs.

This new form has been developed in response to concerns raised about disclosure of risk, duty of care and risk mitigation in terms of better protection for individuals and clubs and associations where players apply to play in a team above their own age team.

The content and intent of the form is based on the requirements of our Insurers and on advice of our Insurance Brokers and Legal.

We remind Associations and clubs that duty of care and player safety must remain the primary consideration where application by a young person to play in an older age team is made.

Consideration should be given to younger players being less developed in terms of their strength, stamina and physique and therefore allowing them to play in an older age group or All Age team may place them at a greater risk of injury. It is for this reason that an assessment of such players should occur in accordance with the Playing Above Age Guidelines (attached).

As stated in the Playing Above Age Guidelines, it is recommended that players do not play more than 2 years above their own natural age group and that where application to play more than 2 years above their own age is made, that assessment of that player should occur to ensure their suitability for the older team they are applying to play in.

Many Associations have a policy or regulation that states a player should be a minimum of 16 years of age to play All Age. Football NSW supports Association policies in this regards.

At the request of our Associations FNSW has not introduced a fixed age policy because such a policy would limit player opportunities in regional areas where often teams comprise of mixed ages to be able to form a team.

We refer Associations to the attached documents and request that you ensure that your staff and member clubs are aware of this advice and the new requirement for the completion of the Playing Above Age Consent Form.

Michelle Hanley
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3. The National Club Identity Policy

Please find the following link regarding the National Club Identity Policy.

http://www.footballnsw.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Resources_and_Documents/Policies_Docs/20140701 - COR - FFA National Club Identity Policy FINAL TMc .pdf

For ease of reference the National Club Identity Policy is located on the FNSW website within the policies and documents page under Corporate in the footer section.

It will also be located on the FSC Website under Resources and then Policies.

4. Asian Cup Tickets

Dear Club Member, The AFC Asian Cup, the biggest football tournament in Asia, is coming to Australia in January 2015. And nothing beats watching top-class football than watching it with your friends and team-mates.

We can help this happen. We are offering your club the opportunity to purchase a group block of tickets for your team to attend any AFC Asian Cup Match, enabling your team / club to enjoy the match together. How to purchase?

1. Choose your game(s).
2. Choose your seating category (Cat A, B or C).
3. Contact Graham at the Asian Cup to proceed with your group ticket order: graham.heard@asiancup2015.com.au or (02) 9995 7025.
4. Graham will liaise with the Asian Cup Ticketing Department and 'reserve' the tickets for a period of 3 weeks.
5. The club/team/individual can then either book the tickets by phoning Ticketek, and quoting the team / club name, thus ensuring you are located within the designated team/club area, or alternatively phone/email Graham Heard and book direct.

And that's it. Easy