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1. Wollongong City Council – Sports Planning Process – 2015/2016

Wollongong City Council has opened its Sports Planning Process for 2015/2016.

Football South Coast has representation on the Wollongong City Council Sports Reference Group. As part of this representation FSC provides a service to clubs whereby all applications are reviewed with feedback provided prior to submission to council to ensure applications meet all key criteria and have the best possible chance of funding.

FSC also is part of the sub-committee that prioritises funding proposals across all of the different sports and therefore it is imperative that FSC is able to appropriately represent all football infrastructure projects.

The closing date for the application is the 14th August. In order to facilitate a review and feedback process – all clubs are requested to submit their applications to FSC via email to admin@footballsouthcoast.com by the 4th August.

Further information can be found on the Wollongong City Council website as follows:

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/facilities/sportrec/Pages/default.aspx>

2. A reminder about Plaster Casts – From FNSW

We advise that plaster casts or any rigid support or other type of cast is not permitted to be worn by players when training or playing.

Where participation in a match is concerned, this ruling is covered by FIFA Law 4 of the game.

If a player presents him/herself for a game wearing a plaster cast or rigid support, the referee retains the right under Law 4 to prevent or remove any player from playing should the referee rule that they are wearing non approved equipment.



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Where a player is fitted with a plaster cast or any rigid support and has evidently suffered an injury, then coaches, managers and clubs have a responsibility to ensure that their players are fit to play.

Team officials could be found to be negligent in their actions if they allow a player to play knowing that they are still recovering from or have sustained injury prior to the game.

The safety and welfare of players must be a priority for coaches, managers and clubs and allowing a player to play when knowingly injured could result in legal action and/or may result in a report of neglect of a child under the NSW Child Protection Act.

A plaster cast or hard support equipment when worn by a player can also pose a risk of injury to other players and match officials and therefore no player is permitted by Football NSW to wear a plaster cast when playing or training.

In addition, a coach or manager should also never allow a player to play where it is known that a player has themselves intentionally removed or allowed an unqualified person to remove their plaster cast. In all cases it is best practice for coaches, managers and clubs is to only allow a player to return to play once a Doctor's certificate stating they are fit to play has been sighted.

Regards,

Michelle Hanley
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Football NSW

3. New Working With Children Check Website

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian has released a new website and new webpage for the Working with Children Check in NSW.

Link to new website: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Link to WWC webpage: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>



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WWC: SPORT GUIDE *Coming Soon*

In 2015 the WWC Check requirements will apply to paid people and volunteers in sport. FNSW has been working closely with NSW Sport & Recreation and NSW OCG in developing WWC resources for the sport industry.

The WWC Guide and resources will be released soon in preparation for 2015 to assist sport clubs increase the awareness of the Working with Children Check and How workers and volunteers in sport apply for their WWC number.

WWC: SPORT INFORMATION SESSIONS *Coming Soon*

To support the WWC Guide and resources there will be a series of Working with Children Check Information Sessions conducted throughout NSW for sport administrators and MPIOs.

The dates and venues for these sessions will be announced and distributed in the next few weeks. Please ensure that your organisation registers for the session in your area as soon as the dates are announced.

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