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First of all on behalf of the FSC Team we would like to wish our clubs a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Our clubs and volunteers are the back bone of this wonderful sport of ours and your hard work, commitment and dedication is just incredible. We hope that you have a great break over the next few weeks, ready for another wonderful year of football in 2015.



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**1. 2015 Registration Fees**

We are currently finalising the budget for 2015. A separate communication will be sent to all clubs prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> December to allow finalisation of set up within myfootballclub.

**2. 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.



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

The Office of the Children's Guardian is an independent statutory authority in NSW Government. They protect children in NSW by promoting and regulating quality, child safe organisations and services. They have developed a website which provides additional information on the Working with Children Requirements.

The Office of Children's Guardian is also organising Sport Child Safe Organisations (CSO) Seminars. You can click on the links below to register. The first link is Working With Children Check information Session. Morgan Lander will be touching some information about sports sessions. This session only runs for an hour.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=263>

and

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=259>

The current Sports session covers the following:

- How the new check differs from the previous check
- Who will and won't need a Working With Children Check under the new system
- Individual and employer responsibilities
- How to prepare for the new check
- Risk Management
- Codes of conduct
- Kids' participation
- Complaints and Allegations

The Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has also developed a sports specific page on the FNSW website which will be updated over the coming months with new material and resources aimed at sporting groups. <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/News--training-and-events/child-safe-sports>

The OCG also delivers Child Safe Organisations training that explores best practice and situational prevention to child safety. You can look at the website at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/become-a-childsafe-organisation>.

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



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### **3. FSC Office Closure**

A reminder that the FSC office will be closed from the 19th December and will re-open on the 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### **4. Clubs Survey**

A Communication and Customer Service Survey has recently been sent to clubs. It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the survey in order for us to ensure we continually meet the needs of our clubs as our key stakeholders.

This is a great opportunity for you to provide your feedback and comments so please take the time to let us know your thoughts.

All clubs that complete the survey will go in the running to win two tickets to the Sydney FC game on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 at WIN stadium.



### **5. From FNSW: Inter Association Trial Games**

FNSW has advised that the attached form must be completed for any Inter Association Trial Matches for member clubs in 2015.

1. This form must be completed when a **Football NSW member Association team or club wishes to play trial matches against a team or club from another Football NSW member Association** other than their own.
2. This form must be approved by both the Host Clubs Association and the Visiting Clubs Association.
3. Once both Associations have approved the trial match the Host Clubs Association is to keep this document on file should Football NSW request a copy for insurance purposes.
4. There is no need for Football NSW to approve this request if both associations have approved.
5. Trial matches must only be played on approved grounds suitable for football.
6. Grounds must be inspected and goalpost safety checked by the host club prior to usage.
7. Only players registered through MyFootballClub to a member Football NSW Club will be covered for sporting injuries.
8. Football NSW Associations & their member clubs trial matches must be approved for Public Liability coverage to apply.



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## **6. HOLDEN – Home Ground Advantage**

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>



## **7. FSC Disciplinary Regulations Review**

Each year the regulations are reviewed by the football councils, FSC staff and the Disciplinary Commissioner. The process has already commenced 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