



League News Online

REFEREE ASSAULTS

Last Sunday week we had an unfortunate incident where a referee was assaulted by a player of a club. The assault was by pushing the referee's chest. Needless to say, this particular form of assault, like any referee assault, is considered it to be the most serious breach of our rules possible. This article reviews the Vicsoccer Rules of competition and our administrative policies relating to assaults on match officials.

Our Rules of competition state as follows:

Each member club is unconditionally responsible for the behaviour of its officials, players and supporters. Disciplinary action will be taken against clubs, club official and players whose actions (or the actions of the club's officials, players or supporters) are in the opinion of the federation in defiance of the Constitution of the federation, its rules of competition or the laws of Association Football or are actions which bring the game or the federation into disrepute."

Where a match official is assaulted and there is prima facie evidence indicating guilt of a particular club, it is the policy of Vicsoccer that the club plays no further matches until the matter has been dealt with by the Tribunal. The match(s) in question are considered as postponed fixtures until such time as the Tribunal rules on the disposal of such match(s).

Penalties that may be imposed on clubs found guilty of failure to control the behaviour of their players, officials and/or supporters include fines of up to \$500 per offence, suspension from all federation competitions for periods up to 10 years, loss of match points or any other such penalties or combination of penalties that the Tribunal deems appropriate.

It is entirely appropriate that in cases of assaults the offender is also dealt with by the criminal justice system through the courts. In the case of this week's assault, the offending player has been identified and details of his identity, including his name, address and ID details have been retrieved from the Vicsoccer records archive and passed on to the investigating police.

CLUB OFFICIALS ID

It has been reported that some club officials are not wearing their ID cards when sitting on the bench or dealing with referees in pre and post match administration. Clubs are reminded that only persons wearing Club Official's IDs are permitted inside the spectator barrier or to have dealings with match officials.

This week sees the first instance of a club charged with failure to abide by the relevant rules requiring Club Officials' IDs being worn. More charges can be expected in coming weeks as referees are being encouraged to report failure by clubs to abide by the rules.

Club Official's IDs are an important deterrent to the type of misconduct that clubs want to see eliminated. We are constantly being asked to continue to clean the game up, and this necessarily requires rules and regulations such as and similar to the club officials ID regulations.



RESULTS

DIVISION 1 EAST SENIORS

ABADIR v OLD XAVERIANS	1 - 0
ALBERT PARK v HIGHLANDER UNITED	2 - 0
EAST KEW UNITED v CARRINGBUSH	2 - 1
ETA BUFFALO v CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1 - 3
KOOYONG UNITED SC v JFG WANDERERS	4 - 4
OLD HILL WANDERERS v CLUB MAURICE	2 - 3

DIVISION 1 PM RESERVES

KENSINGTON CITY v HALLUM	0 - 3
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE v MONASH GRYPHON	1 - 2
MARIBYRNONG UNITED v YETI SOCCER CLUB	2 - 1
MELBOURNE EAGLES v ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	3 - 3
SWINBURNE v THORNBURY UNITED	3 - 4
TROJAN ATHLETIC v OLD MENTONIANS	2 - 5

DIVISION 1 PM SENIORS

KENSINGTON CITY v HALLUM	2 - 1
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE v MONASH GRYPHON	0 - 6
MARIBYRNONG UNITED v YETI SOCCER CLUB	6 - 0
MELBOURNE EAGLES v ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	2 - 1
SWINBURNE v THORNBURY UNITED	8 - 1
TROJAN ATHLETIC v OLD MENTONIANS	0 - 1

DIVISION 1 WEST SENIORS

ALTONA NORTH v CHILE SPORT	7 - 3
BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED v SATELLITE CITY UNIT	1 - 1
LEROS UNITED v WESTERN SLIVICA	NR
SOUTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB v ALTONA C	NR
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB v FOOTSCRAY U	5 - 2
UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB v ASYLUM SEEKERS RESOU	PP

PREMIER LEAGUE AM SENIORS

BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED v ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	2 - 0
CAULFIELD COUGARS v ALTONA CITY	0 - 1
LEROS UNITED v EAST KEW UNITED	2 - 1
MORDIALLOC FC v HNK MOSTAR SAINTS	NR
SOUTH PORT UNITED v MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CL	4 - 5
ST ALBANS VUKOVAR v CARRINGBUSH	3 - 2

PREMIER LEAGUE PM RESERVES

ALBERT PARK v CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC	1 - 0
ETA BUFFALO v PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	3 - 4
HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB v HELLENIC MOORA	2 - 1
PERU UNITED v MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB	0 - 5
SACRED HEART SPARTANS v OLD XAVERIANS	0 - 5
SINGH SABHA v HNK GOSPIC BEARS	1 - 4

PREMIER LEAGUE PM SENIORS

ALBERT PARK v CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC	2 - 2
ETA BUFFALO v PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	2 - 1
HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB v HELLENIC MOORA	3 - 1
PERU UNITED v MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB	5 - 1
SACRED HEART SPARTANS v OLD XAVERIANS	1 - 3
SINGH SABHA v HNK GOSPIC BEARS	0 - 1

CHECKING ID CARDS YOUR RIGHT AND YOUR DUTY

The true definition of an amateur is one who participates for love, rather than money. At this level, it's more about playing the game in the spirit of sportsmanship than winning. So it's always disappointing to see clubs violating the principal of sportsmanship by playing ineligible players. Often these players are professional players who play elsewhere at a higher level. Sometimes the club simply wants to avoid paying the appropriate registration fees, thereby lumbering the rest of you with a higher financial burden than would otherwise be necessary.

Our rules of competition are designed to discourage this dishonest practice by making it more likely that offending clubs will be caught. We can't have inspectors at every match – or can we? Yes we can. You – the club secretary – can become an impromptu inspector by taking on the roles permitted by our rules of competition. Here is what all good club secretaries should be doing. Prior to the match you request the referee to hand over the ID cards of the other team. You have a right to take these cards from the referee and compare the player photographs to the players actually on the field. If there are any discrepancies, you then advise the referee at half time. The referee will check the identity of the players in question, hold the suspected ID cards and forward them to the league with his report.

Some referees are not aware of the club's rights, and to get around this problem we are sending out a letter with this edition of League News. The letter is sent to each club secretary, and is held by the club secretary to be shown to the referee in the event of problems.

Secretaries should keep the enclosed letter in a safe place until it is needed.

If you suspect that players in your opponents team are not who they say they are you should have no hesitation in bringing it to the attention of the referee. If you have either a still camera or a video camera handy, a photograph of the offenders may help in later establishing their identities.

Penalties for fielding ineligible players are loss of match points and fines of up to \$500 per player for each player found to be ineligible.



TABLES

DIVISION 1 EAST		SENIORS							PREMIER LEAGUE AM		SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
ALBERT PARK	14	14	0	0	82	10	42	ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	14	11	3	0	43	15	36		
CLUB MAURICE	13	10	0	3	34	18	30	BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	14	9	1	4	44	21	28		
KOORYONG UNITED	11	8	2	1	38	14	26	ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	13	9	1	3	27	14	28		
JFG WANDERERS	13	7	2	4	41	26	23	HNK MOSTAR SAINTS	12	6	3	3	56	37	21		
HIGHLANDER UNITED	11	7	0	4	15	19	21	LEROS UNITED	13	5	6	2	26	19	21		
OLD HILL WANDERERS	14	6	1	7	31	33	19	ALTONA CITY	13	5	2	6	23	25	17		
ABADIR	14	4	3	7	23	32	15	CARRINGBUSH	14	5	1	8	23	37	16		
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	12	5	0	7	15	33	15	MORDIALLOC FC	12	4	2	6	22	25	14		
EAST KEW UNITED	12	4	1	7	25	32	13	SOUTH PORT UTD	13	4	2	7	34	45	14		
OLD XAVERIANS	13	3	1	9	12	33	10	MIDDLE PARK FC	13	3	5	5	28	46	14		
ETA BUFFALO	13	2	1	10	18	44	7	CAULFIELD COUGARS	13	1	4	8	16	28	7		
CARRINGBUSH	14	1	1	12	15	55	4	EAST KEW UNITED	14	0	4	10	18	48	4		

DIVISION 1 PM		RESERVES							PREMIER LEAGUE PM		RESERVES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
OLD MENTONIANS	14	11	1	2	65	24	34	OLD XAVERIANS	14	10	3	1	37	13	33		
KENSINGTON CITY	14	10	0	4	51	24	30	MIDDLE PARK FC	14	8	4	2	37	11	28		
MELBOURNE EAGLES	14	9	2	3	31	19	29	ALBERT PARK	14	7	3	4	25	20	24		
THORNBURY UNITED	14	8	2	4	38	25	26	HNK GOSPIC BEARS	14	6	3	5	24	21	21		
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	13	7	1	5	31	28	22	ETA BUFFALO	13	6	2	5	30	26	20		
HALLUM	12	7	0	5	28	30	21	SACRED HEART SPARTA	13	5	3	5	33	30	18		
YETI SOCCER CLUB	14	3	7	4	27	37	16	SINGH SABHA	14	4	5	5	20	22	17		
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	14	3	5	6	27	39	14	HUME VICTORY	12	5	2	5	28	38	17		
SWINBURNE	13	3	4	6	31	36	13	PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	14	5	1	8	20	24	16		
MONASH GRYPHON	14	3	1	10	13	34	10	HELLENIC MOORABBIN	13	4	3	6	22	28	15		
TROJAN ATHLETIC	14	3	1	10	34	59	10	CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	13	2	5	6	22	26	11		
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	12	1	2	9	22	43	5	PERU UNITED	14	2	0	12	15	54	6		

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
OLD MENTONIANS	14	12	0	2	53	13	36	OLD XAVERIANS	14	10	1	3	45	20	31		
KENSINGTON CITY	14	11	3	0	47	18	36	CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	13	7	4	2	28	22	25		
MELBOURNE EAGLES	14	8	3	3	28	22	27	MIDDLE PARK FC	14	7	3	4	38	28	24		
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	14	6	4	4	29	20	22	HNK GOSPIC BEARS	14	6	3	5	35	28	21		
HALLUM	13	6	3	4	22	17	21	ALBERT PARK	14	6	3	5	32	28	21		
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	14	6	1	7	23	21	19	ETA BUFFALO	13	6	2	5	24	29	20		
SWINBURNE	13	4	4	5	27	26	16	HUME VICTORY	11	5	3	3	22	17	18		
YETI SOCCER CLUB	14	5	1	8	18	36	16	HELLENIC MOORABBIN	13	4	6	3	23	21	18		
TROJAN ATHLETIC	14	3	4	7	19	28	13	SINGH SABHA	14	3	3	8	20	29	12		
MONASH GRYPHON	14	3	3	8	26	37	12	SACRED HEART SPARTA	13	2	6	5	16	27	12		
THORNBURY UNITED	14	3	2	9	14	37	11	PERU UNITED	13	3	1	9	22	33	10		
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	12	1	0	11	7	38	3	PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	14	3	1	10	12	35	10		

DIVISION 1 WEST		SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
WESTERN SLIVICA	13	12	0	1	69	9	36	
SOUTH PARK RANGERS	12	9	1	2	43	18	28	
FOOTSCRAY VARDAR	13	9	1	3	46	26	28	
ALTONA NORTH	14	8	3	3	40	27	27	
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CC	14	6	4	4	32	24	22	
LEROS UNITED	13	5	4	4	38	31	19	
SATELLITE CITY UTD	14	5	1	8	29	47	16	
ASYLUM SEEKERS	12	4	2	6	18	26	14	
BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	14	3	3	8	19	32	12	
UFC	13	3	2	8	31	29	11	
CHILE SPORT	14	3	1	10	23	65	10	
ALTONA CITY	12	1	0	11	15	69	3	

England beat West Germany in 1966 for its only World Cup title thanks to an overtime 'goal' that hit the crossbar, bounced straight down, and straight into infamy. Despite protests, Soviet referee Tofik Bakhranov allowed the goal. Old World War II wounds may have been a factor - when asked to explain his call, Bahhranov said: 'Stalingrad.'