



League News Online

CLUBS ON FINANCIAL SUSPENSION

Despite assurances throughout the year, a small number of clubs have failed to settle their 2009 accounts by the time specified. These clubs are now on financial suspension, and have been for the last three weeks.

All clubs with outstanding account balances please note the following:

1. You will not be permitted to play in any further matches until your account is settled in full.
2. If your account is not settled by 31st December 2009 you will be denied credit facilities in 2010. That means all charges will need to be paid in advance. This includes your team affiliations, insurance levies and all player registrations. In addition any players sent off will need to pay their send-off fines before the players are permitted to resume playing.
3. If your club attempts to move to another league in 2010 we will aggressively pursue unpaid debts through agreements in place with the other major leagues in Victoria.
4. Any player last registered in Vicsoccer with a club that does not renew and has an outstanding debt will be subject to a surcharge on his transfer. In 2009, and for the last 15 years, this surcharge has been an additional \$50 on top of the registration fee.

ID CARD RECALL

As part of our move towards a total NO ID CARD - NO PLAY rule in 2010 clubs are required to return ALL Vicsoccer ID cards to the office after the completion of their final matches for 2009.

The reason for the recall is simple. All cards in 2010 will need to have a 2010 sticker on the back of the card, or the player will remain ineligible. Out of date cards will not be permitted. So by having the cards here in the office, we can stamp them and get them in the post to you the same day.

Clubs are reminded that all ID cards remain the property of Vicsoccer, and must be returned on demand. Please accept this as official notice that the cards are required to be returned to the office **after completion of your 2009 fixtures.**

For many of you that will mean after this week's match. But if you have catch-up matches to play, hold the cards until after the catch-up matches are determined - either played or recorded as a draw. If you are participating in the World Cup competition, please hold your cards until after the competition ends.

Clubs are reminded that any unreturned cards will be written off our records and invoiced to the club at a cost of \$20 per card. This will have to be paid prior to competitions in 2010. So, please make it easy on everybody. Return your cards to the office as soon as you are finished with them this year.



RESULTS

DIVISION 1 EAST SENIORS

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

DIVISION 1 PM RESERVES

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

DIVISION 1 PM SENIORS

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

DIVISION 1 WEST SENIORS

ALTONA NORTH v UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	WH
BYE v BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED	NR
CHILE SPORT v SATELLITE CITY UNITED	4 - 1
LEROS UNITED v FOOTSCRAY UNITED VARDAR	WH
SOUTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB v SUNSHINE	1 - 2
WESTERN SLIVICA v ASYLUM SEEKERS RESOURCE C	4 - 1

PREMIER LEAGUE AM SENIORS

ALTONA CITY v BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED	2 - 2
BYE v CARRINGBUSH	NR
CAULFIELD COUGARS v MORDIALLOC FC	5 - 0
LEROS UNITED v BYE	NR
MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB v ALBERT PARK SPI	1 - 4
SOUTH PORT UNITED v ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	4 - 1

PREMIER LEAGUE PM RESERVES

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

PREMIER LEAGUE PM SENIORS

ALBERT PARK v HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB	4 - 0
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC v PRESTON SOUTH OHRI	0 - 0
HNK GOSPIC BEARS v ETA BUFFALO	WA
MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB v HELLENIC MOORAB	7 - 0
PERU UNITED v OLD XAVERIANS	2 - 3
SINGH SABHA v SACRED HEART SPARTANS	1 - 0

LATE STARTS STILL A PROBLEM

Despite warnings that clubs causing a late start will be subject to appropriate financial penalties, there are still clubs treating the league and their opponents with contempt. They rock up at a few minutes to kick off time, take their time getting organised and then the match starts 15 or 20 minutes late.

Referees usually have to shorten the playing time to make it to their next appointment, and the team that isn't late suffers.

All clubs are reminded that there is a penalty of \$50 for being the cause of a late start, and an additional penalty of \$50 if you are late submitting your team sheets and ID cards, which must be with the referee no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time.

Referees are instructed to report EVERY instance of a team being late to submit their team sheets and ID cards, and/or being the cause of a late start by not being on the field, ready to kick off at the appointed time.

We are giving serious consideration to increasing these penalties in 2010, to make them a better deterrent.

Do you have an opinion on the late start problem? If so, why not consider sending a representative to our Rules Review Committee which begins meeting in November. We will have representatives from the Management Committee, the Referees and the Clubs. We already have nominations from two clubs - Leros United and Altona City, but the more the merrier.

I have said this to clubs this year, and say it again here. If you don't participate in the Rules Review process, (as no club did in 2008), then please don't complain in 2010 that you think the rules are unfair or inappropriate. Act Now!



TABLES

DIVISION 1 EAST	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBERT PARK	21	21	0	0	104	13	63
CLUB MAURICE	19	13	2	4	45	25	41
KOONYONG UNITED	18	12	2	4	55	23	38
JFG WANDERERS	20	11	4	5	62	35	37
HIGHLANDER UNITED	17	10	1	6	24	26	31
OLD HILL WANDERERS	21	9	1	11	38	51	28
ABADIR	21	7	5	9	33	42	26
EAST KEW UNITED	19	7	1	11	44	51	22
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	19	6	1	12	27	58	19
OLD XAVERIANS	20	5	2	13	21	49	17
ETA BUFFALO	19	2	3	14	22	58	9
CARRINGBUSH	20	2	2	16	19	63	8

DIVISION 1 PM	RESERVES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD MENTONIANS	20	16	2	2	88	29	50
KENSINGTON CITY	21	16	1	4	74	30	49
HALLUM	18	12	0	6	43	36	36
MELBOURNE EAGLES	21	11	2	7	44	25	35
THORNBURY UNITED	19	10	3	6	43	31	33
YETI SOCCER CLUB	20	7	7	6	46	48	28
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	19	7	1	11	35	50	22
SWINBURNE	20	6	4	10	39	55	22
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	20	5	5	10	36	58	20
MONASH GRYPHON	20	6	1	13	28	49	19
TROJAN ATHLETIC	19	4	1	14	43	80	13
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	19	2	3	13	25	53	9

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD MENTONIANS	20	16	0	4	67	20	48
KENSINGTON CITY	21	14	4	3	62	28	46
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	21	11	5	5	50	32	38
HALLUM	19	11	3	5	34	21	36
MELBOURNE EAGLES	21	9	3	8	35	34	30
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	21	8	5	8	38	34	29
SWINBURNE	20	8	5	7	36	32	29
MONASH GRYPHON	20	6	5	9	44	46	23
YETI SOCCER CLUB	20	7	2	11	36	54	23
THORNBURY UNITED	19	5	2	12	20	47	17
TROJAN ATHLETIC	19	4	4	11	24	42	16
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	19	1	0	17	9	65	3

DIVISION 1 WEST	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTERN SLIVICA	18	17	0	1	76	12	51
FOOTSCRAY VARDAR	19	14	1	4	66	32	43
SOUTH PARK RANGERS	18	11	2	5	57	30	35
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CC	19	9	4	6	39	35	31
ALTONA NORTH	19	8	5	6	35	45	29
LEROS UNITED	18	6	6	6	34	38	24
ASYLUM SEEKERS	17	5	3	9	30	42	18
SATELLITE CITY UTD	19	5	3	11	33	65	18
CHILE SPORT	18	4	1	13	29	75	13
BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	18	3	3	12	25	43	12
UFC	17	3	2	12	26	33	11
BYE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PREMIER LEAGUE AM	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	17	12	3	2	51	23	39
BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	18	11	2	5	52	29	35
LEROS UNITED	17	10	5	2	46	23	35
ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	16	9	3	4	33	18	30
SOUTH PORT UTD	17	6	3	8	39	45	21
MIDDLE PARK FC	17	5	4	8	34	48	19
CARRINGBUSH	17	6	0	11	20	47	18
ALTONA CITY	17	4	5	8	24	35	17
MORDIALLOC FC	17	4	3	10	25	40	15
CAULFIELD COUGARS	17	3	2	12	26	42	11
BYE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD XAVERIANS	21	16	5	0	56	12	53
MIDDLE PARK FC	21	12	6	3	58	25	42
ALBERT PARK	21	11	3	7	41	28	36
SACRED HEART SPARTA	20	9	6	5	50	40	33
ETA BUFFALO	20	9	3	8	40	33	30
HUME VICTORY	19	9	3	7	46	50	30
PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	21	8	4	9	29	33	28
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	20	6	7	7	37	34	25
SINGH SABHA	21	4	7	10	22	32	19
HNK GOSPIC BEARS	21	5	3	13	23	41	18
HELLENIC MOORABBIN	20	4	3	13	29	54	15
PERU UNITED	21	5	0	16	20	69	15

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MIDDLE PARK FC	21	13	4	4	61	34	43
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	20	11	5	4	49	35	38
HUME VICTORY	18	9	4	5	39	29	31
ETA BUFFALO	20	9	2	9	35	45	29
ALBERT PARK	21	7	6	8	43	38	27
HNK GOSPIC BEARS	21	6	6	9	45	47	24
HELLENIC MOORABBIN	20	6	6	8	31	43	24
SINGH SABHA	21	5	6	10	32	45	21
PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	21	5	4	12	21	44	19
PERU UNITED	20	5	1	14	34	57	16
SACRED HEART SPARTA	20	2	9	9	27	42	15

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2009
 You've got to be
 in it to win it.



RULES REVIEW

Each year we have a review of our rules of competition. Each year we ask clubs if they want to be involved in that process. Each year most clubs say no, but a few say yes, and each year those that said yes don't turn up when the time arrives. It makes you wonder why we bother. But we do, and we will again. So here goes:

Any club wishing to participate in the 2009 Rules Review Committee are invited to register their interest by emailing the Vicsoccer office at info@vicsoccer.com. Please include the words RULES REVIEW in the subject line of your email message. Persons participating should be either one of the nominated club officials (president or secretary) or a club member nominated by the club to represent them.

We generally have several "email meetings" where topics and suggestions are sent back and forth between members of the Rules Review Committee, then we host several workshops where we all meet and thrash out any proposed changes. I look forward to receiving expressions of interest.

Just to put you in the mood, here are several items that have been raised during the year that may be up for review:

What happens when a team withdraws from a competition?

At present all match records are expunged, i.e. each match the team has played in is changed to no goals for or against, and no points awarded. It is as if the team had never existed, and had been a bye from the start of the season.

Several alternatives have been suggested, each with its good points and bad points. Got an opinion? Join the Rules Review Committee and have your say.

What happens when the official appointed referee does not turn up?

It shouldn't happen, but it does. It is inevitable that sometimes an appointed referee will not arrive. At present the home team appoints a referee, and that person referees for the entire game.

There have been some interesting suggestions about what should happen here. Has this problem affected you this year. Got a suggestion? Join the Rules Review Committee and have your say.

Do you have any other issues with our rules? Do you think clubs that cause a match to start late should be penalised more severely? Do you agree with the No ID Card - No Play rule? Maybe you have a better idea, or a compromise.

If so, we would welcome your participation in the 2009 Rules Review Committee - our way of putting YOUR rules of competition back into YOUR hands. Take us up on the offer, or don't grumble in 2010 when the rules don't suit you!

REFEREE IN 2010

Vicsoccer is to commence a referee training course soon, to prepare a new batch of referees to join our ranks in 2010. The new candidates will be trained in refereeing theory and practice, and on successful completion will be awarded a certificate in The Laws of Association Football. Practice matches will be available during the 2010 World Cup competition.

Referees in Vicsoccer earn tax-free cash each Sunday. Current fees are \$90 per senior match, or \$110 for Premier League matches. Reserve matches pay \$60, and assistant referees are paid half of the referee fee for the match in question.

Training is provided free of charge at our office in Caulfield. So if you would like to give it a try, jump onto our website at www.vicsoccer.com and follow the link to the referee page for details on how to register.