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WHAT TO DO IF NO REFEREE ARRIVES

Let me begin by saying that Vicsoccer appoints qualified, neutral referees to EVERY match. Sometimes, for a wide variety of reasons, a referee does not attend his appointed fixture. It could be he is sick, his car has broken down, he got lost.... you name it. Sometimes referees call us to let us know of their predicament, and sometimes they don't.

Our Rules of Competition specify what MUST happen if an appointed referee has not arrived at the ground by the appointed kick off time. The match must go ahead, and the two teams concerned should try to agree and if a registered Vicsoccer referee is present from either club, he is authorised to take control of the match. If no qualified referee is present, the HOME CLUB appoints a person to referee the match. A person appointed by the home club in this way must referee the whole match unless he becomes unable to continue for any reason, in which case the HOME CLUB appoints a replacement. Club appointed referees have the same official standing as qualified, neutral referees. Players may (and should) be cautioned or sent off depending on the nature of any offense committed, and offenders will be dealt with exactly the same as if the referee has been a qualified referee in uniform.

Here are some frequently asked questions about this topic:

Q. What if no referee arrives and the clubs agree not to play the match?

A. The match must proceed. If one club refuses to play it will be dealt with for failing to complete a fixture. This carries a \$200 fine and loss of match points. If BOTH clubs refuse to play (or agree between themselves not to play) then both clubs will be guilty of failing to complete a fixture and will be dealt with accordingly.

Q. Is it permissible for each club to referee one half of the match.

A. NO. NO - a thousand times NO. The appointed club referee must referee the entire match, unless he becomes injured or otherwise unable to continue. If this happens the home club appoints a replacement.

Q. How do we know if a referee is an official Vicsoccer registered referee.

A. Vicsoccer referees carry a letter of authority, and will soon be issued with photo ID just like a player.

LOOKING AHEAD

At its annual meeting in February this year, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) considered a number of matters, and authorised several minor changes to the Laws of the Game which will come into effect at the start of competitions beginning on or after 1st June, 2009. Consequently they will come into effect in the Vicsoccer Leagues on 1st January 2010.

The most significant change is in the form of a directive on defending players who leave the field without the referee's permission in order to leave an attacking player offside. The directive states that *any defending player who leaves the field for any reason without the referee's permission shall be considered to be on his goalline or touchline for the purposes of offside until the next stoppage in play.*



RESULTS

DIVISION 1 EAST SENIORS

ABADIR v ETA BUFFALO	1 - 1
ALBERT PARK v CLUB MAURICE	5 - 1
CARRINGBUSH v OLD XAVERIANS	2 - 1
EAST KEW UNITED v CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1 - 2
HIGHLANDER UNITED v JFG WANDERERS	0 - 1
KOOYONG UNITED SC v OLD HILL WANDERERS	2 - 0

DIVISION 1 PM RESERVES

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

DIVISION 1 PM SENIORS

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

DIVISION 1 WEST SENIORS

ALTONA NORTH v WESTERN SLIVICA	1 - 10
ASYLUM SEEKERS RESOURCE CENTRE v FOOTSCRAY	0 - 2
CHILE SPORT v ALTONA CITY	4 - 1
SOUTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB v LEROS UN	5 - 1
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB v BARNSTONEWO	1 - 1
UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB v SATELLITE CITY UNITE	2 - 3

PREMIER LEAGUE AM SENIORS

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

PREMIER LEAGUE PM RESERVES

ALBERT PARK v MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB	0 - 0
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC v HNK GOSPIC BEARS	5 - 1
HELLENIC MOORABBIN v OLD XAVERIANS	1 - 5
HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB v PRESTON SOUTH	1 - 2
SACRED HEART SPARTANS v ETA BUFFALO	2 - 3
SINGH SABHA v PERU UNITED	7 - 0

PREMIER LEAGUE PM SENIORS

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

ID CARD ROLLOUT

The online registration system, after a few early hiccups (mostly caused by clubs not conforming to photo protocols) is now up to date and the final run of ID cards is being done this week. We still have a significant number of ID cards that were produced last year in the office. These cards were either never collected by clubs after they were produced, or were sent in by referees and then not collected. It is the club's responsibility to ensure that ID cards are collected from the office. We are happy to post them out to you, but after several cases of cards "gone missing in the mail" in 2007 we are no longer prepared to post cards in the ordinary mail. Cards will only be posted by EXPRESS POST, which is guaranteed next day delivery and which provides a bar-coded tracking system to allow missing items to be traced and to verify delivery. Express post delivery costs are invoiced to the club. If you want you ID cards posted by Express Post, you must send us an email request to that effect from the OFFICIAL CLUB EMAIL section of the Virtual Office.

LOST CARDS

The barcodes on our player ID cards allow us to track cards into and out of the office. We are therefore aware of whether or not a card has been produced, when it was given to the club and whether or not it has come back into the office for any reason. Cards that are lost incur a replacement fee of \$20 per card. If the referee took the card for disciplinary reasons, and the appropriate disciplinary incident is recorded, and if subsequently the card was not returned to the club, the card is replaced free of charge.



TABLES

DIVISION 1 EAST

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBERT PARK	9	9	0	0	53	8	27
KOORYONG UNITED	6	5	0	1	21	6	15
CLUB MAURICE	8	5	0	3	18	13	15
JFG WANDERERS	9	4	1	4	22	18	13
OLD HILL WANDERERS	9	4	1	4	20	19	13
HIGHLANDER UNITED	7	4	0	3	8	16	12
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	8	4	0	4	12	27	12
ABADIR	9	3	2	4	17	18	11
EAST KEW UNITED	8	2	1	5	12	16	7
ETA BUFFALO	8	2	1	5	13	22	7
OLD XAVERIANS	8	2	1	5	9	20	7
CARRINGBUSH	9	1	1	7	12	34	4

DIVISION 1 PM

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD MENTONIANS	9	8	0	1	50	15	24
MELBOURNE EAGLES	9	8	0	1	23	7	24
THORNBURY UNITED	9	5	1	3	24	16	16
KENSINGTON CITY	8	5	0	3	28	14	15
YETI SOCCER CLUB	9	3	5	1	20	17	14
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	8	4	1	3	20	18	13
HALLUM	7	4	0	3	15	22	12
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	9	2	3	4	14	22	9
SWINBURNE	9	2	2	5	20	26	8
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	9	1	2	6	16	32	5
MONASH GRYPHON	9	1	1	7	6	25	4
TROJAN ATHLETIC	9	1	1	7	21	43	4

DIVISION 1 PM

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KENSINGTON CITY	9	7	2	0	27	13	23
OLD MENTONIANS	9	7	0	2	38	10	21
MELBOURNE EAGLES	9	5	3	1	18	12	18
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	9	5	1	3	18	12	16
HALLUM	9	4	3	2	14	11	15
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	9	4	1	4	18	14	13
YETI SOCCER CLUB	9	4	1	4	15	15	13
SWINBURNE	9	3	3	3	16	20	12
THORNBURY UNITED	9	2	2	5	10	22	8
TROJAN ATHLETIC	9	1	2	6	12	23	5
MONASH GRYPHON	9	1	2	6	14	28	5
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	9	1	0	8	6	26	3

DIVISION 1 WEST

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTERN SLIVICA	9	8	0	1	58	8	24
FOOTSCRAY VARDAR	8	6	1	1	30	15	19
SOUTH PARK RANGERS	9	6	1	2	30	17	19
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CC	9	4	3	2	23	14	15
LEROS UNITED	9	3	3	3	29	22	12
ALTONA NORTH	9	3	3	3	28	22	12
UFC	9	3	2	4	27	18	11
ASYLUM SEEKERS	9	3	2	4	15	20	11
SATELLITE CITY UTD	9	3	0	6	18	36	9
BARNSTONWORTH UTD	9	2	2	5	15	22	8
CHILE SPORT	9	2	1	6	12	45	7
ALTONA CITY	8	1	0	7	11	57	3

PREMIER LEAGUE AM

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	9	8	1	0	29	8	25
ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	9	7	0	2	21	9	21
LEROS UNITED	8	4	3	1	18	9	15
HNK MOSTAR SAINTS	9	4	2	3	34	29	14
ALTONA CITY	9	4	2	3	20	15	14
BARNSTONWORTH UTD	9	4	1	4	22	18	13
MORDIALLOC FC	9	4	0	5	17	19	12
CARRINGBUSH	9	4	0	5	14	21	12
SOUTH PORT UTD	8	3	1	4	20	24	10
MIDDLE PARK FC	9	1	4	4	15	27	7
CAULFIELD COUGARS	9	0	3	6	10	23	3
EAST KEW UNITED	9	0	3	6	11	29	3

PREMIER LEAGUE PM

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD XAVERIANS	9	7	2	0	24	7	23
MIDDLE PARK FC	9	4	3	2	22	7	15
ALBERT PARK	9	4	3	2	15	9	15
SINGH SABHA	9	4	3	2	17	14	15
HNK GOSPIC BEARS	9	3	3	3	14	17	12
SACRED HEART SPARTA	8	3	2	3	19	17	11
ETA BUFFALO	8	3	2	3	19	17	11
HELLENIC MOORABBIN	8	3	2	3	16	21	11
HUME VICTORY	8	3	2	3	23	31	11
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	9	2	4	3	18	16	10
PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	9	3	0	6	11	14	9
PERU UNITED	9	0	0	9	9	37	0

PREMIER LEAGUE PM

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD XAVERIANS	9	7	1	1	36	11	22
MIDDLE PARK FC	9	6	2	1	28	16	20
ALBERT PARK	9	5	2	2	23	17	17
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	9	5	2	2	22	19	17
HELLENIC MOORABBIN	8	3	3	2	14	12	12
SINGH SABHA	9	3	2	4	17	20	11
HNK GOSPIC BEARS	9	2	2	5	21	23	8
ETA BUFFALO	8	2	2	4	15	23	8
SACRED HEART SPARTA	8	1	4	3	10	18	7
PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	9	2	1	6	7	22	7
HUME VICTORY	7	1	3	3	10	13	6
PERU UNITED	8	2	0	6	14	23	6

MORE LOOKING AHEAD...

In order to avoid unnecessary conflicts between match officials and coaches or other occupants in the technical area, the IFAB has agreed that, provided they behave in a responsible manner, one person be permitted to remain in the technical area and no longer be required to return to their position on the bench after conveying tactical instructions.