

# VICSOCCER

## BROKEN LEG MARS BARNSTONEWORTH'S SUNDAY MORNING



Sunday's match between Mordialloc and Barnstoneworth has seen Barnstoneworth centre-back Andrew Armitage suffer a horrific injury to his right leg. An ambulance was called to the Warner Reserve in South Springvale after a seemingly fair challenge resulted in two players falling awkwardly, with Andrew taking the full weight of his opponent on his leg.

The player was rushed to the Alfred Hospital where he was expected to undergo surgery to correct the multiple breaks. Although expected to make a full recovery, Andrew is certain to miss the remainder of the 2010 season. We expect and hope that he will be back fighting fit in 2011.

On behalf of all our member clubs, players and officials we wish Andrew well and hope for a speedy recovery.

## A LITTLE BIT OF PERUVIAN MAGIC

Saturday 24th July 2010 is an important day for Peru United, and many of Melbourne's Peruvian community. It is the day that the Peruvian community will celebrate Peru's independence from Spain, declared by General Jose de San Martin on 28th July, 1821.

In keeping with Peruvian tradition, the Independence Day celebrations will be characterized by great food, great music and great dancing.

So if you and the family would like an interesting night out, the Moonlight Receptions in North Fitzroy is the place to be.

Tickets are available through Pablo Barra from Peru United. Pablo can be contacted on 0419 305 978.

# ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## FINANCIAL SUSPENSIONS KICK IN

Under our rules of competition all club accounts must be finalized by 30th June, and clubs that do not have a zero account balance (except for items under dispute) play no further matches until their accounts are finalized. This would normally mean that all accounts need to be settled this week, but for a variety of reasons we have extended the deadline by one week.

Final statements will be sent out in the next few days, and clubs now have until 5pm on Thursday 8th July to pay their outstanding balances in full. Matches will be cancelled at 5pm on Thursday 8th July for any club without a zero balance.

In addition the following restrictions apply to all clubs from 1st July, which is this coming Thursday:

1. Player registrations will not be processed unless the club account is in credit by an amount sufficient to cover the registration cost. This means, of course, that newly registered players will not be eligible to play (since they will not have an ID card).
2. Players who have been sent off will not be released from suspension until their send-off fines have been paid.
3. Automatic fines and Tribunal-imposed fines must be paid within 14 days or no further matches played until the accounts are settled.
4. Any other fees must be paid at the time they are generated, or services will be withheld.

These measures are a reasonable compromise between an over-lenient credit system, which leaves us with significant unpaid accounts at the end of each year, and a no-credit system which applies in other leagues in Melbourne.

## PLEASE LET US KNOW

It seems that not every instance of bad behaviour that should be reported is actually being reported. Some referees are apparently a little slack when it comes to reporting things like late starts to matches, club officials not wearing ID cards, late team sheets etc. How do we know? Simple. Our roving Match Inspectors who visit games without making themselves known to referee or club report these things, and no referees report is subsequently received.

Late starts in particular affect everybody. They deprive the other team of full enjoyment of their game. Late starts will never be stamped out unless those responsible are punished accordingly.

Consequently we now request clubs to let us know if their matches start late for any reason. We will follow up every report received, and if the referee has not reported it we will take appropriate action against the referee as well.

## LATE STARTS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

# REFEREEING

## ASSISTING THE REFEREE (PART 2)



From time to time referees will be called upon to act as Assistant Referees (ARs) to the main referee. Within Vicsoccer, qualified neutral ARs are usually appointed only within our Premier League, with club-appointed assistants officiating in other divisions.

It is often said that being a good AR is almost as difficult as being the match referee. This may or may not be true. There is a growing body of opinion that believes being a good AR is harder than being a good centre referee. This article reviews the FIFA directives for Assistant Referees.

### **THROW-IN**

When the ball crosses the touch line near to the assistant referee's position, he must make a direct signal to indicate the direction of the throw-in.

When the ball crosses the touch line far from the assistant referee's position and the throw-in decision is an obvious one, the assistant referee must also make a direct signal to indicate the direction of the throw-in.

When the ball crosses the touch line far from the assistant referee's position but the ball appears still to be in play or if the assistant referee is in any doubt, the assistant referee must raise his flag to inform the referee that the ball is out of play, make eye contact with the referee and follow the referee's signal.

### **CORNER KICK/GOAL KICK**

When the ball crosses the goal line near to the assistant referee's position, he must make a direct signal with his right hand (better line of vision) to indicate whether it is a goal kick or a corner kick.

When the ball crosses the goal line near to the assistant referee's position but the ball appears still to be in play, the assistant referee must first raise his flag to inform the referee that the ball is out of play, then indicate whether it is a goal kick or a corner kick.

When the ball crosses the goal line far from the assistant referee's position, the assistant referee must raise his flag to inform the referee that the ball is out of play, make eye contact and follow the referee's decision. The assistant referee may also make a direct signal if the decision is an obvious one.

### **OFFSIDE**

The first action the assistant referee makes after an offside decision is to raise his flag. He then uses his flag to indicate the area of the pitch in which the offence occurred.

If the flag is not immediately seen by the referee, the assistant referee must keep signalling until it has been acknowledged or the ball is clearly in the control of the defending team.

The flag must be raised using the right hand, giving the assistant referee a better line of vision.

### **SUBSTITUTION**

When dealing with substitutions, the assistant referee must first be informed by the fourth official. The assistant referee must then signal to the referee at the next stoppage in the match. The assistant referee does not need to move to the halfway line as the fourth official carries out the substitution procedure.

If there is no fourth official, the assistant referee must assist with substitution procedures. In this case, the referee must wait until the assistant referee is back in position before restarting play.

# TRIBUNAL MATTERS

**Tribunal Matters is the semi-regular pages dealing with disciplinary matters within Vicsoccer.**



## **TRIBUNAL RESULTS FOR MONDAY 28th JUNE, 2010**

**HELLENIC MOORABBIN** and **KENSINGTON CITY** each found guilty of one count of failure to control players and one count of failure to control officials resulting in the match being abandoned. Each club was fined \$150 on each count, making a total of \$300 per club.

The Tribunal further ruled that the abandoned match between Hellenic Moorabbin and Kensington City is to be replayed with match officials fees for the replayed match shared equally by both clubs.

**MANDELA SC** found guilty of one count of failure to control the behaviour of its players resulting in the match being abandoned. Club fined \$100.

The Tribunal further ruled that the abandoned match between Mandella and St Geroge Knights is to be replayed with match officials fees for the replayed match to be paid by Mandelle.

**ST GEORGE KNIGHTS** found guilty of one count of fielding a suspended player in its match against Monash Gryphon on Sunday 20th June, 2010. Club fined \$300. Match points awarded to Monash Gryphons. In addition St George Knights will forfeit six league championship points.

Player Ghanim FADDOUL found guilty of one count of playing while suspended. The player failed to appear and the case was heard in his absence. The club was fined and additional \$50 for the player's failure to appear and the player was suspended from acting in any capacity under the jurisdiction of Vicsoccer until 1st July, 2011.

Player Haiman Maroky failed to appear as a witness when called to do so. The club was fined and additional \$50 for the player's failure to appear.

## **TRIBUNAL SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY 5th JULY, 2010**

**PERU UNITED** player 196938 Trevor Bugeja to appear at 7pm for send-off review for allegedly using offensive language towards the referee after being sent off.

Peru United also to appear at their request for review of automatic fines.

### **OUR DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

The Vicsoccer Disciplinary Policy is one of open transparency. All cases listed for Tribunal hearing will be detailed here, and all Tribunal results will be posted here for your information and scrutiny. The notion of justice being done and being seen to be done, and being done in an open forum, is

fundamental. Unlike other sporting bodies, our Tribunal and disciplinary systems are open to any member club to attend. Even if you are not directly involved in the case, you are welcome to attend our Tribunal hearings and sit in and view proceedings.

Tribunal hearings are generally held on Monday evenings commencing at 7.30pm. The Tribunal is located at Suite 9, 229 Balaclava Road, Caulfield.