

# VICSOCCER



JFG Wanderers play in Division 1 East, and with six league matches remaining still has a good shot at the championship. But this Sunday, July 18th, the Wanderers have a different battle to fight. It's the battle against cancer. The club is participating in the Cancer Council's **Call To Arms** fund-raising campaign, and would like your help.

The fund-raising day sees the club entertain Local Port Melbourne for what promises to be a great match, fought in good spirits for a very worthy cause. So if you're free on Sunday morning at 10am why not head down to Carlson Reserve in Clayton Road, Clayton and be part of the fun.

If you would like to donate through the web you can do so by visiting this link:

<http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/personalPage.aspx?SID=285559&HID=1FB4F61F806E285BBF3B23ADB3D9A647&LangPref=en-CA>

## 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

## A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Several issues have cropped up this last week that indicate a few timely reminders about club administration would be appropriate.

### **COLLECTING ID CARDS**

If a player has been sent off, or if you have registered or renewed a player, it is your club's responsibility to ensure the ID card is either collected or posted out. We do not routinely send cards back to clubs after the player's one week suspension has been served. Some clubs prefer to collect cards from the office.

Remember, players are not permitted to play without a current ID card, even if their suspension has been served. So if you forget to collect it, or don't have it for any reason, your player is ineligible. Cards will be posted by Express Post when requested by clubs. This incurs a \$6 charge. We will not send cards through the ordinary post. If you are not willing to accept the Express Post charge, then you must collect the cards from the office. We are happy to leave ID cards in the letterbox for collection so that you can collect them any time of the day or night.

### **PREPAID REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS**

All registrations and renewals must now be prepaid. It is recommended that you keep your club account in surplus to accommodate any late-in-the-week registrations, particularly if you need the players for the weekend. ID cards will not be made available for new registrations or renewals unless there is sufficient credit in your account to cover the cost.

In addition, all send-off fines must now be paid before players are released from suspension, and Tribunal fines and automatic penalties must be paid within 14 days to avoid suspension.

These measures are designed to erode our annual bad-debt problem with clubs. Credit facilities will again be in place next year until 30th June.

### **AUTOMATIC FINES**

The rules of competition provide automatic penalties for a list of specific infringements. Automatic penalties are designed to prevent the need for a Tribunal appearance for minor offences. Clubs should be aware of the following relating to automatic fines:

- 1.** If you believe you are not guilty of the offence you have the right to take the matter to the Tribunal.
- 2.** The Tribunal's role in such cases is to determine whether or not the club is guilty of the offence. If found guilty, the club may be penalised more than the amount of the automatic fine.
- 3.** Automatic fines are imposed when the office receives a written report from a match official or match inspector alleging that an offence for which an automatic fine is prescribed has occurred.
- 4.** There is no point ringing the office to argue about whether or not an automatic fine is warranted. Only the Tribunal can rescind an automatic fine.

# REFEREEING

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE REFEREE PART I



Law 5 grants the referee considerable powers and responsibilities over the conduct of any match.

The Interpretation of the laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees, an official publication authorised by the International Football Association Board, provides further specific examples of how these powers should be used in particular situations.

In this first part of a three part special on Law 5 we examine some of these guidelines.

The referee is authorised to stop play if, in his opinion, the light conditions are inadequate.

If an object thrown by a spectator hits the referee or one of the assistant referees or a player or team official, the referee may allow the match to continue, suspend play or abandon the match depending on the severity of the incident. He must, in all cases, report the incident(s) to the appropriate authorities.

The referee has the power to show yellow or red cards during the half-time interval and after the match has finished as well as during extra time and kicks from the penalty mark, since the match remains under his jurisdiction at these times.

If a referee is temporarily incapacitated for any reason, play may continue under the supervision of the assistant referees until the ball next goes out of play.

If a spectator blows a whistle and the referee considers the whistle interfered with play (e.g. a player picks up the ball with his hands, assuming that play has been stopped), the referee must stop the match and restart the play with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped, unless play was stopped inside the goal area, in which case the referee drops the ball on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when play was stopped.

### **Advantage**

The referee may play advantage whenever an infringement or offence occurs.

The referee should consider the following circumstances in deciding whether to apply the advantage or stop play:

- the severity of the offence: if the infringement warrants an expulsion, the referee must stop play and send off the player unless there is a subsequent opportunity to score a goal
- the position where the offence was committed: the closer to the opponent's goal, the more effective it can be
- the chances of an immediate, promising attack
- the atmosphere of the match
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The decision to penalise the original offence must be taken within a few seconds.

If the offence warrants a caution, it must be issued at the next stoppage. However, unless there is a clear advantage, it is recommended that the referee stops play and cautions the player immediately. If the caution is NOT issued at the next stoppage, it cannot be shown later.

# TRIBUNAL MATTERS

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



## **TRIBUNAL RESULTS FOR MONDAY 12th JULY, 2010**

**LEROS UNITED** guilty of one count of failure to control a supporter resulting in the match being abandoned. Fined \$150. Club not guilty of failing to wear club officials IDs as required by the rules of competition. Club guilty of failure to prevent unauthorised persons from being within the technical area. Fined \$100. Match result to stand - Chile Sport 8 Leros United 0.

**ST GEORGE KNIGHTS** guilty of one count of failure to control their players resulting in the match being abandoned - fined \$200. Guilty of one count of failure to control their supporters resulting in the match being abandoned - fined \$200

**YETI SC** guilty of one count of failure to control their players resulting in the match being abandoned - fined \$200. Guilty of one count of failure to control their supporters resulting in the match being abandoned - fined \$200

Match result Yeti vs St George Knights to stand - Yeti 3 - St George Knights 0

**ABANDONED MATCH SWINBURNE VS MONASH GRYPHON** The match between Swinburne and Monash Gryphons was abandoned as a result of play being stopped due to serious player injury, requiring an ambulance. By the time the injured player had been removed it was too dark to play on. The Tribunal have determined that the result, at the time of abandonment, is to stand (Swinburne 2, Monash 1)

There is currently no Tribunal scheduled for next Monday 17th July, 2010.

## **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

Clubs affected by a decision of the Tribunal have the right to appeal any such decision to the Vicsoccer Appeals Board. Appeals must be in writing, and must state the grounds on which the appeal is to be heard. The Appeals Board may only consider the grounds stated in the appeal.

You should note that an appeal is not simple a second Tribunal hearing. In the appeal process it is the club making the accusation that some injustice has been done, and it is up to the club to prove its case.

## **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.