

VICSOCCKER

PLAYER ID CARDS

- (a) Issuing of a player ID card to a club does not confer ownership of the card to the club. All player ID cards remain the property of the Vicsoccker. The Vicsoccker logo and the design of Vicsoccker ID cards are protected by copyright laws. It is expressly prohibited to manufacture or reproduce player ID cards for any reason.
- (b) Clubs are unconditionally responsible for the safe custody and control of player ID cards at all times except when those cards are in the custody of the referee in the periods prior to, during and immediately after a match. Clubs must approach the referee at the end of each match and ensure that their player ID cards are returned.
- (c) Vicsoccker shall charge an administrative fee, as detailed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges, for replacement of lost cards. Failure of a club to collect its cards from the referee at the conclusion of a match shall not exempt the club from paying the appropriate fee for card replacement if the cards cannot be located within seven days.
- (d) Clubs shall not alter or deface any player ID card. This includes trimming plastic from the card(s) or punching holes in the card for any reason. Any such altered or defaced cards are to be seized by any Federation Official or Match Official and returned to the Vicsoccker office. Upon receipt of such altered or defaced cards the cards will be destroyed and replacement cards issued at the expense of the club. The fee for replacement of such cards shall be the same as for replacement of lost cards.
- (e) It is an offence under this article to:
- (i) manufacture or produce ID cards or representations of ID cards;
 - (ii) present any manufactured or produced ID card and represent it as an ID card produced by Vicsoccker.
- (f) Offences under this article will be referred to the Tribunal for determination.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- (a) Player registrations in any calendar year are categorized as either New Registrations or Renewals.
- (b) Clubs may renew the registrations of players that were last registered with the same club by submitting a request via email or by using the **Renew Player Registration** page of the Vicsoccker website.
- (c) New Registrations will only be processed upon receipt of each of the following:
- (i) A completed **Application for Registration** form, which is available from the Vicsoccker website OR a completed **New Player Registration** submitted through the Virtual Office of the Vicsoccker website;
 - (ii) Two passport sized photographs of the applicant if the manual registration form is used, or a single scanned image that meets the requirements specified on the website for electronic registrations.
 - (iii) Proof of ID of the applicant does not need to be submitted, however each club registering or renewing any player must satisfy itself of the player's true identity and must be able to subsequently produce, on demand, suitable proof that the player's name and date of birth are correct as stated by the club.
- (d) An appropriate manual handling fee is charged for processing documents that are not submitted through the electronic registration system, or for editing photographs that do not meet the criteria specified from time to time on the registration website.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CONTROL OF PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS

- (a) Clubs are unconditionally responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their players, officials and supporters. Clubs must exercise sufficient control over players, officials and supporters so as to prevent them from acting or behaving in a manner that is contrary to the Laws of the Game, these Rules, or which bring the game or Vicsoccer into disrepute.
- (b) It is an offence under this article if a club :
- (i) fails to control the behaviour of its players, thereby bringing Vicsoccer into disrepute ;
 - (ii) fails to control the behaviour of its officials, thereby bringing Vicsoccer into disrepute ;
 - (i) fails to control the behaviour of its supporters, thereby bringing Vicsoccer into disrepute.
- (c) All offences under this article shall be referred to the Tribunal for determination.

PLEASE REPORT THESE THINGS

We are currently investigating several referees who apparently failed to report late starts to matches. This follows reports received by us from the opponents of the late starters. Clubs are reminded and encouraged to report any late start to any match, so that we can check to ensure referees are reporting such incidents when they occur.

We would also like to know if you don't get a referee for your match. Qualified neutral referees are appointed by Vicsoccer to cover EVERY match, EVERY week. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, referees are unable to keep their appointments and late call-offs unfortunately do occur. We do our best to cover call-offs, but this is not always possible. To ensure that we know when referees do not attend, we ask that you let us know if you don't get a referee. You can email us in the normal way, or you can let us know on the answering service results line when you call in your results on Sunday night.

TRANSFER SURCHARGE

- (a) Transfer surcharges are applicable on every occasion where a player registers with a Vicsoccer club and each of the following two conditions apply:
- (i) The player has previously been registered with a Vicsoccer club which has subsequently ceased to be a member club, and
 - (i) The player's previous Vicsoccer club has an outstanding debt to Vicsoccer.
- (b) A player shall not be charged a Transfer Surcharge if he has previously been charged a Transfer Surcharge in relation to the same applicable debt.

SMOKING

- (a) Smoking is not permitted at any time under the following circumstances :
- (i) anywhere on the field of play during a match,
 - (ii) anywhere within the technical area or inside the spectator barrier during a match,
 - (iii) inside the referees' room at any time,
 - (iv) within any structure or building where the authority that own or leases the building or structure to the club has banned smoking within that building or structure,
 - (v) at any other place and/or time so designated by any government, council or other authority from time to time.
- (b) Clubs are unconditionally responsible for ensuring that their players, officials and supporters conform to these requirements.

REFEREEING



MISCELLANEOUS DIRECTIVES

The document *Interpretation of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees* contain several additional directives regarding various aspects of the laws.

In this issue we examine the directives relating to the duration of the match, the restart of play

ALLOWANCE FOR TIME LOST

Many stoppages in play are entirely natural (e.g. throw-ins, goal kicks). An allowance is to be made only when these delays are excessive. The fourth official indicates the minimum additional time decided by the referee at the end of the final minute of each period of play.

The announcement of the additional time does not indicate the exact amount of time left in the match. The time may be increased if the referee considers it appropriate but never reduced. The referee must not compensate for a timekeeping error during the first half by increasing or reducing the length of the second half.

DROPPING THE BALL

Any player may challenge for the ball (including the goalkeeper). There is no minimum or maximum number of players required to contest a dropped ball. The referee cannot decide who may or may not contest a dropped ball.

BALL TOUCHES A PERSON OTHER THAN A PLAYER

If, when the ball is in play, it touches the referee or an assistant referee who is temporarily on the field of play, play continues because the referee and the assistant referees are part of the match.

NO GOAL

If a referee signals a goal before the ball has passed wholly over the goal line and immediately realises his error, play shall be restarted 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.

TRIBUNAL MATTERS

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



ETA BUFFALO to appear at 7.30pm charged with one count of failure to control supporters and one count of failure to control players following its senior match against Old Xaverians on 1st August 2010. ETA players wearing shirt numbers 81 and 8 are to attend charged with serious misconduct after the match. ETA Buffalo is also required to investigate and identify the female supporter at the centre of these incidents and to provide the Tribunal with this person's name and relationship to the club.

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.