

VICSOCCKER

SUPPLEMENTARY

DELAYED START TO LEAGUE SEASON

For a number of reasons we have decided to delay the start to the 2010 home and away season, at this stage by one week. We will be playing organised pre-season practice matches this week, and the schedule will be posted on the web site by tomorrow evening.

The following factors led us to take this action:

1. Only eight clubs have returned their 2009 ID cards to the office to allow them to be stamped for 2010 and returned in time for Sunday's game. No player is permitted to play in any Vicsoccer competition unless he has an official Vicsoccer ID card endorsed on the back for the current year. With the poor response to our request for ID cards to be returned it would mean that most matches would be cancelled because clubs did not have ID cards for their players.
2. Regardless of ID card status, only a small handful of clubs have renewed any players at all. It is not possible to process the anticipated 1,500 registrations if they are all sent in on the last day.
3. We have had two new teams enter very late, and another withdrawn on Sunday night.

If you have not already done so you **MUST** return all Vicsoccer ID cards to the office so that they can be stamped and returned to you when you renew the players. Cards without a valid 2010 sticker on the back cannot be used. You should also log onto the web site and renew your players through the renewal section of the Virtual Office ASAP. If you leave it till Thursday or Friday next week you will probably miss Round 1. Again, **NO ID CARD - NO GAME**. This applies to all players without exception.

The schedule for this week's friendly matches will be posted on the web site tomorrow evening (Wednesday) and the revised league fixtures will be finalised over the weekend.