

SEASON START MEETING 2020

Football Gold Coast



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Welcome!



- Thank you for attending
- Tonight is an information night to inform you on the 2020 season
- Please ask questions in an orderly manner and be courteous to others

Board Structure



- Newly elected board members- Andrew Parkes and Ryan Alexiou
- David Benigno appointed to the board

Board Structure



- Board have been given individual portfolios for the 2020 season
 - Andrew Parkes- Chairman
 - Geoff Oberg- Finance
 - Chris Broadfoot- Seniors
 - Ryan Alexiou- Junior Competition
 - David Benigno- Coaching Development
 - Maria Roughley- Miniros

Information



- Clubs not passing on information to members- crucial to do so!
- FGC have over 8,500 players and over 1,100 officials- we cannot take questions and answer complaints from them all
- Communication and Complaints Protocol is now in place
 - Complaints made by club members (coaches, players, parents) will **NOT** be entertained by FGC staff and will be directed back to your club

Communication and Complaints Process



- **Complaint** – A club member is unhappy about a situation. Their first point of call is you as the club.
- **Club** – All complaints must be first heard at the club. If you are unable to solve the issue and need further assistance your club committee will email Football Gold Coast.
- **FGC** – Once the club have tried to resolve the issue and are unable to do so, the next step is to email FGC at admin@footballgc.com.au. If you are unhappy with the process taken by FGC then it will progress to the FGC Board.

Communication and Complaints Process



- **Board** – The situation will now be handled by the FGC Board for investigation. If you are unhappy with that decision then the next step is to Football Queensland.
- You must use these steps in the above order. All complaints made to FGC need to be done in writing otherwise we cannot act on it. If your members make a complaint to FGC about your club and you as a club have not attempted to resolve the matter, in most cases it will be referred back to the the clubs own complaints handling procedures to follow before FGC will conduct any review or investigation.

CMC Rules



- Rule 3.0.2 addition- coaching accumulated cards
 - Coach accumulates 2 yellow cards= 1 match suspension
 - Coach accumulates 4 yellow cards= 2 match suspension
 - Every yellow after 5 yellow cards= 3 match suspension

CMC Rules



- Rule 4.3.3- ID Checks
 - Once a team has taken the field, FGC will deem ID Checks have been carried out and opposing team accepts all players eligible
- Rule 4.11.15- Wet Weather
 - Men's PL and CL (including reserves) from weekend to Tuesday week
 - All Friday night junior games to Monday week

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.3.1 (a) REMOVED
 - The majority of players should come from older age level (50%+1)
- Rule 6.3.9- Player Eligibility
 - No player to play in any age group below actual age (only exception for 6.3.7 for females playing 1 year below in male competition and any severe medical conditions under discretion of FGC)

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.4.4- REMOVED
 - Playing down age groups or divisions
 - No application to the board in relation to relaxing this rule for special circumstances
- Rule 6.4.4- ADDITION
 - If a player is nominated in a higher age group, they will not be permitted to come down and play in their appropriate age group
 - Exception to the rule- 7.3.5- Senior Competitions

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.4.5- REMOVED

- Playing down a division in same age group

- Rule 6.4.5- ADDITION

- Any player can't play down a division in the same age group

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.4.6
 - Able to play 6 games up a division/age group instead of 4 games-
7th game must stay

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.4.7- REMOVED

- Special dispensation for goalkeepers

- Rule 6.4.7- ADDITION

- Special dispensation for goalkeepers will only be considered for a GK coming from a lower division or age
 - Must only play in goals

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.5.2 (d)- Finals Eligibility
 - Maximum 3 players per game from a lower registered team within the club as long as age eligible and complies with CMC Rule 6.5.2 (b) (played minimum of 4 games in that team)
- Rule 6.5.3 (d)- ADDED- Hardship Clause (Finals Series)
 - Consideration will only be given for players from a lower age group/division to a higher age group/division

CMC Rules



- Rule 6.5.7- REMOVED- Hardship Clause to Play Higher Level Players
 - As per rule implemented that you can't play down divisions/age groups
- Rule 6.5.5- ADDED- Hardship Clause to Play Higher Level Players
 - Clubs may be able on application to play lower level goalkeepers. No consideration for higher levels to play in lower grade

CMC Rules



- This has been a very quick overview of rule changes
- Please familiarize yourself with the CMC Rules
- If in doubt, don't assume - call!

Ground Officials Reminder



Competition	Ground Official Requirement
Premier League/Coast League & Reserves	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official AWAY Club to provide ONE Ground Official
Metro (Men, Women & Weekend)	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official
Juniors (Under 12-18)	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official AWAY Club to provide ONE Ground Official
MiniRoos (Under 8-11)	HOME Club to provide ONE Ground Official per 2 fields being utilized.

Player Registrations



- Active Players and Team Lists
 - For players to participate, they must be registered, listed on a team list (in PlayFootball) and made “Active” in PlayFootball **ONE WEEK** before the commencement of their competition
 - **Note: The U12 competition need to be registered by Wednesday 26th of February**

Player Registrations

- Following round one, any additional registrations must be finalized by 12 noon Friday to be visible on MyFGC and eligible.
- Team lists need to be created both in PlayFootball and MyFGC
- Pending Registrations
 - **Pending/awaiting payment** and/or **Pending/awaiting approval**- a player's registration status who is one of the above cannot take the field. They are counted as ineligible and more importantly the club and player are not covered by insurance

Player Registrations



- Player Refunds
 - Please note that the refund process remains unchanged from the 2019 season
 - All forms, FAQ's and policies can be found on the FGC and FQ website under "Players and Registrations- FQ Forms and Policies"
 - As this can be a complex process for new volunteers, we are able to offer assistance by email- accounts@footballgc.com.au or call 55 021 555 and speak with Hannah

Player Registrations



- If you have any players that have registered but not played the game (and have left the sport), to receive an FQ refund- complete the online FQ player refund request form. There is only a 6 week timeframe from the beginning of the competition to apply for this refund. After this time you will be charged for this player.
- No refunds will be given to anyone who takes the field once and does not transfer to another club (FFA/FQ/FGC component)

Player Activation



- AFTER THE FIRST ROUND CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT ACTIVATION OF PLAYERS IS AS FOLLOWS;
 - Weekday Games= 12 noon on day of scheduled game
 - Weekend Games= 12 noon on a Friday prior
 - If the players are not made active by the set time, they will not be eligible for their games.

ITC



- ITC (International Transfer Clearance) have not changed as per the 2019 season
- In short, below are some player examples who would require an ITC;
 - Aged 10-17 for new players from overseas
 - Players aged 18 and over who are not registered in Australia the previous year
 - Players that are either a foreign national (including refugees) seeking to register in Australia for the first time or

ITC



- Are Australian and are returning after having lived and played football in another country (it is irrelevant if they were registered or not)
- **ONCE 30 DAYS HAS LAPSED THEN FFA CAN ISSUE A DISPENSATION “PENDING ITC” HOWEVER PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 30 DAYS IS FROM THE DATE THAT FFA HAVE REQUESTED THE CLEARANCE- NOT WHEN THE PLAYER HAS REGISTERED**

ITC



- **FFA MUST SEND THE CLUB A CONFIRMATION EMAIL/LETTER TO GRANT DISPENSATION- NO LETTER NO PLAY**
- **Please note that FGC has no impact or involvement in the ITC process. This is an FFA/FQ procedure**

ITC



- A player/parent is responsible for starting the ITC process at the time of registration in the PlayFootball platform
- Once the registration is submitted online, FFA are notified automatically for a need to complete an ITC for that specific member
- The members PlayFootball record will show them as “Pending ITC”- this will only change once FFA have issued the ITC and amended the record to “Approved ITC”. Players cannot participate until such time until this is approved

ITC



- Clubs should be mindful that ALL PLAYERS may not be eligible to play. Questions must be asked to determine if a player requires an ITC to ensure that the club is compliant.
- If FGC is required to investigate and see if that player was required to provide an ITC, the player and team/club will be fined accordingly
- “We didn’t know/The player didn’t tell us/He/She filled out themselves” will not be taken into account
- **IF IN DOUBT APPLY FOR AN ITC**

Nominations



- Nominations have closed for Metro and U12 Divisions
- Nominations for all Junior Competition and Miniros are due on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH**
- PL, CL, Juniors (excl. U12) and Miniros team lists are due on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH**
- U12 team lists are due **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH**
- Midweek Metro are due **WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH**

MyFGC



- Ensure that MyFGC team sheets are used to their full potential
- Team sheet issues from previous seasons
 - **NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME**- team sheets must be finalised 15 minutes before kick off, if not referees are instructed that the game is to be forfeited by the offending team
 - **ACCURACY**- ensure scores/scorers/yellow and red cards are correct
 - **NOT COMPLETED**- no coaches/managers/officials on team sheet

MyFGC



- **SHIRT NUMBERS**- ensure that shirt numbers are allocated to the right person
- **PROTEST BOX**- this will be a dropdown box and wrong information to be put here- not a complaints section for opposition, club or referees
- **CONFIRMATION**- after the team sheet is completed, the officials will have 24 hours to accept the records before it is automatically locked and deemed true and correct

MyFGC



- **RATE THE REF-** this is where you can give feedback on the referee.
Please give us feedback on the referees good or bad
- **FINALISATION-** in the case where the club referees are used, all team sheets must be finalized and scores/scorers uploaded within 48 hours of the completed game
- **ALLOCATION-** players must be allocated to a team in PlayFootball and then allocated to their playing team/s in MyFGC

MyFGC



- **ATTENTION TO DETAIL IS A MUST TO ENSURE ACCURACY**
- Managers **WILL NOT** be able to select and add players/officials to the team sheet if they do not have a **CURRENT ID** photo attached
- All 2019 MyFGC photos will be REMOVED and clubs will be required to update accordingly with a passport style photo

Game Change Requests



- Game change requests made by MyFGC portal
- Submitted to make changes for date, time and venue
- Game change requests **MUST** be finalized 5 days before scheduled fixture to be considered
- Responsibility of the club requesting change that paperwork is completed on time

Game Change Requests



- If this isn't achieved, game will go ahead on original scheduled time
- No scheduled fixtures will be changed without a rescheduled date submission within 2 weeks of original date
- In the case of FFA Cup competition, FGC may reschedule fixtures outside the two week window either side if necessary for the best interest of the competition

New Club



- Merrimac FC have returned for 2020 on a trial period
- Reviewed in end of October
- Minirosos only
- Play all games from Italo-Australian Club



Community Cup



- High performance and development program for players not playing in NPL
- FGC had another great 2019 Community Campaign- all teams in finals
- Held at Sunshine Coast for 2020 from Monday 6th of July - Friday 10th of July
- FGC intend to open nominations to male and female teams
- More information will be provided once finalized

Media



- Filming of games (not individuals) doesn't require permission from opposition parents or FGC
- However, out of courtesy FGC would recommend that opposition team official be advised
- ASNGCPL games that are filmed by FGC will require both coaches interviews after the game
- All games are available to purchase at \$25 each (USB copy)
- FGC will be visiting clubs on Saturday mornings - interactive video content

U12 Reminder



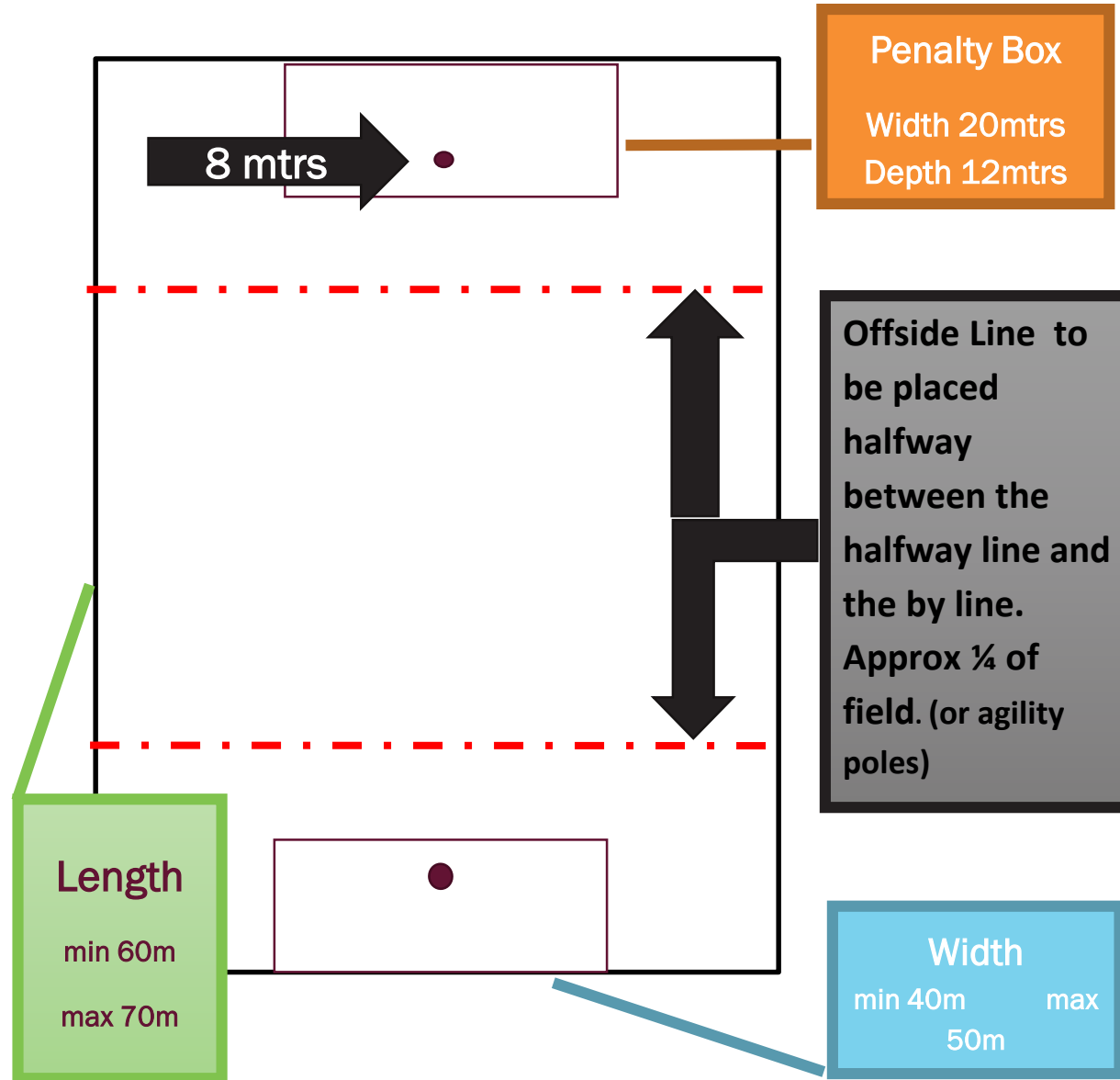
- In 2019, not all clubs adhered to the rules and field lay outs
- 9 vs 9- maximum 3 substitutes (unlimited interchange)
- Size 4 ball
- 25 minutes each way (5 minute half-time break)
- Goals- 5m wide x 2m high (must be solid structure with a net)
- **BOW NETS OR POLES CANNOT BE USED**

U12 Reminder



- GK's cannot kick the ball from their hands
- **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES CAN SEE THE CLUB FINED AND GAMES FORFEITED**
- FGC will be attending your clubs in the first 3 weeks of the season to ensure all your Minirosos and U12 fields meet criteria

U12 Field Dimensions



U12 Grading Rounds



- Held at Nerang Soccer Club over three Saturdays- 29th of February, 7th of March and the 14th of March
- Draws will be available on FGC Website Friday 21st of February 5pm
- Referee Fees - **\$25 CASH** per team per day
- To be paid to venue organizer at time of registering your team
- At conclusion of each game, a team official must verify the score of the game

U12 Grading Rounds



- **Week 1 - teams allocated to where clubs have nominated**
 - JPL and Div 1 (Morning Session) and Division 2/3 and Girls (Afternoon sessions)
- **Week 2 - collate all scores and place teams in new divisions accordingly**
- **Week 3 - exact division sorted (minimal changes to be made appropriately)**

Junior Draws



- Season proper to start weekend of Friday 20th of March including Miniroos
- Break for Easter and ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Depending on team numbers in competitions, school holidays may or may not be free
- Scheduled fixtures can be amended through a MyFGC request to the opposition

Junior Draws



- If U12 requires additional fixtures, games will be scheduled on Sunday due to field requirements and lighting
- Any competition that has 7 teams or less will have a 2 week final series only - Premiership winner straight to GF and 2 vs 3 for second spot in GF
- Any competition with 8 or over will be a 4 team final

Miniroos



- Miniroos - U8 Development League - interest? Yes or no?
- Inhouse Competitions – clubs that have 8 or more teams in the U6 or U7 may on application run inhouse competitions
- All players must still be registered with FGC
- Only two clubs have applied so far – so if you are going down this road, please let us know ASAP
- Carnival dates are now closed– once FQ sanctions all applications we will releasing a carnival calendar through our channels

Senior Draws



- PL and CL will commence weekend of Friday 8th of March
- Murwillumbah pulled out of CL1- leave a 7 team competition resulting in a bye
- Metro competitions will commence either 11th , 18th or 25th of March depending on division size
- 4 nominations for CL2 - not viable to commence
- Senior structure for 2020 under review- meetings to be held Monday 24th Feb with announcement to be made at season launch

Metro Divisions



- **Men's Metro Division 1 – 10 teams**
- **Men's Metro Division 2 – 16 teams**
- **Women's Metro Division 1 – 7 teams**
- **Women's Metro Division 2 – 17 teams**

Metro Divisions



- Although nominations have closed, some clubs have indicated uncertainty about their teams even though they are nominated
- We will begin draws on Monday 24th of February at 9am
- If a team does not officially withdraw from the competitions by that time will be added to the draw and should they remove themselves after that will be fined as per CMC rules
- Please note that these rules will apply to the junior nominations as well

Withdrawal Fines



Withdrawal or Removal of a Team	Juniors	Seniors
After nomination but before draw	\$100	\$200
Once draw has been completed	\$250	\$500
Within 7 days of commencement of competition	\$400	\$750
After the commencement of competition	\$500	\$1,000

Grand Finals



- All Grand Finals will be held at Musgrave Soccer Club
- Junior Grand Finals will be on the weekend of Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of September
- Senior Grand Finals will be on the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of September

Club Championships



- 1) To be eligible a Club must have a minimum of **7 competitive** (Senior and/or Junior) teams. The 7 competitive teams must include a minimum of **2 Senior** and **3 Junior teams** with the remainder to be at the Clubs discretion.
- 2) Teams final premiership points tally will be multiplied by the number as per the table.

Note- *Clubs must use the points accumulated by ALL their competition teams within the club.*

- 3) Once all the teams points have been input and multiplied then this number will be divided by the total amount of competition teams the club has
- 4) Once that number is found then bonus points will be added as per the bonus tables.

Club Championships



Competition	Multiplication
Men PL	10
Men CL	8
Men's PL Reserves	5
Men's CL Reserves	4
Metro (men/women) Division 1	4
Metro(men/women)north/south	2
Weekend Metro	2
JPL	6
Junior Division 1	3
All other Junior Divisions	2

Additional Bonus Points	Points
<u>Top 4</u>	
First	4
Second	3
Third	2
Fourth	1
<u>Grand Final</u>	
Winner	4
Runner Up	1

FGC Fair Play Awards



- Focus being on stamping out dissent and unruly behavior we are considering an award looking at yellow cards, red cards, team offences, dissent etc.
- Working on a formula to make it even and equitable for all
- More information will be given to clubs once this is finalized

Lanyards and Blue Cards



- Everyone (other than players on the teamsheet) who is in the technical area **MUST** have an Officials lanyard and be named on the teamsheet.
- To obtain a lanyard you **MUST** be registered and 'Active' on PlayFootball
- You **MUST** also have a current Blue Card (QLD) or Working with Children Check (NSW) and be listed on your Clubs register
PLEASE NOTE: *The Blue Card and Working with Children Check must be received- not in application*
- **NO LANYARD= NO BENCH!**

NCDP



- NCDP program has been rolled out
- Great initiative for club participation to help them to get to the best they can be
- Great resources available on this
- Any issues email Kat at admin@footballgc.com.au

Enough is Enough Campaign



- Enough is Enough campaign tightening up for 2020 for coaches and staff
- The following slides will indicate the tables for coaches offences and subsequent fines/penalties and player punishments for R6 Offences towards match officials *“Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures”* (in addition to NDR Sanctions)
- We cannot stress enough that Football Gold Coast **WILL NOT** tolerate any abuse towards officials

Coaches/Team Officials - Yellow Cards



Yellow Cards	
Number	Fine
1 st	\$100
2 nd	\$100 x 1 match
3 rd	\$200
4 th	\$200 x 2 matches
5 th	\$300
Every card after	\$300 x 3 matches

Coaches/Team Officials - Red Cards

Red Cards	
Number	Fine
1 st	\$200 x 1 match
2 nd	\$400 x 3 matches
3 rd	\$600 x 5 matches x team deducted 4 competition points

Players - R6 Offences Towards Match Officials

“Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures”

Red Cards	
Number	Fine
1 st	\$50 x 1 additional match
2 nd	\$150 x 2 additional matches
3 rd	\$300 x additional 4 matches x team deducted 4 competition points

PLEASE NOTE: This table of offences will also apply to players that receive a double yellow (R7) for dissent

Team Offences



- Each Club must ensure that its Participants do not engage in Team Misconduct. FGC may, consistent with the FFA Statutes, sanction a Club whose Participants engage in Team Misconduct.

Team Misconduct in relation to a Club is where:

- (a) Five (5) of its Players are cautioned during a Competition match;
 - (b) Three (3) of its Participants are sent off or expelled during a Competition match;
 - (c) Its Participants collectively show dissent towards a match official or collectively seek to intimidate, threaten or exert pressure on a match official to make or alter a decision; or (d) Its Participants engage in a melee or brawl.
- Clubs whose teams are in breach of 3.0.20 and 3.2.21 may be fined \$100.00 for the first offence, and \$200.00 for every offence thereafter. These fines shall be calculated on a per team basis.

Referees



- Peter Hulme has been appointed as the Referee Development Officer
- Comprehensive review was conducted and plan in place for next 4 years
- Encompassing the following;
 - re-introduction of mentor program at club land
 - free level 4 courses in 2020
 - providing starter packs for referees
 - providing pathways with FQ for our referees
 - going into schools to provide level 4 courses

Referees



- FQ Initiatives
 - Teal Shirt- first year referees
 - Pink Armband- U18 referees
 - Discount for returning referees
- Referee support
- Focus on female referees
- FGC would like each club to have a Referee Coordinator in place that can be contacted and liaised with
- FGC Referees will be paid online

Sin Bin



- Sin bin rule will be re-introduced for the 2020 season
- Will only apply for dissent towards a match official
- Only be used when FGC referees are officiating (Grand Finals will be further clarified)
- Here is a small information tile for your knowledge

Sin Bin

OFFENCE ONE

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DISSENT =

PLAYER TO RETURN
YES

SUBSTITUTION ALLOWED
YES*

OFFENCE ONE OFFENCE TWO

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PLAYER TO RETURN
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SUBSTITUTION ALLOWED
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PLAYER TO RETURN
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SUBSTITUTION ALLOWED
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*PLAYERS MUST SERVE THE REQUIRED TIME
IN THE SIN BIN UNTIL THEY'RE ABLE
TO BE SUBSTITUTED

Law Changes



- 12 major law changes for the upcoming season have been introduced
- FGC Referees have attended various seminars educating themselves with these rules
- **PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE-** everyone is familiarizing themselves with the changes and it will take time to transition
- Coaches and Managers meeting was held where all changes were discussed and presented.

Information Meetings



- FGC will conduct three information nights open to all for Laws of the Game and Sin Bin changes which will be hosted by FQ
- North – Helensvale Library and Cultural Centre - Tuesday 3rd of March at 6:30pm
- South – Tugun Community Centre - Wednesday 4th of March at 6:30pm
- Central – GCK- Monday 9th of March at 6:30pm

General Business



Any questions?