

WFA Newsletter September 2022

Introduction

This is our second newsletter – its an attempt to get up to date information to you. WhatsApp is a great way for instant communication but there is little room for more detailed information and not everyone has it.

Membership

We have over 50 registered members now but we know there are more than 50 that play. We decided that WFA would pay for Play Football insurance this year and all members have details registered. If you have not yet completed the membership form please do as **soon as possible**. Membership is \$10 BUT we give a free session – so no money actually passes hands (less for Sav to do!) FA injury insurance costs \$25 so that's a great reason to just fill out a form!

Growing

Our numbers continue to grow slowly. We currently rely on word of mouth so if you have friends who might be interested tell them to come down to one of our sessions.

Competitions

Father's Day competition – This year's event on Sunday 4th September was another huge success. I am sure you have seen the pictures and write ups. Again a huge round of thanks to Sav for organising, Meredith and John for their hard work and our kind sponsors for their support. It was really great to see father and son/daughter teams and families coming to watch. 10 teams, nearly 70 players and huge fun. The committee agreed that this annual competition will be renamed and in future called **The John Walker Father's Day Tournament**.

NASA – As I am sure you know this event got cancelled due to a lack of teams. We were organised and ready with three teams but the focus was on the anniversary celebrations not playing Walking Football. Seemed little point in going to Pirie to play each other!

Pan Pacific Masters Games – This one WILL go ahead! Competition dates are 10-12th Nov on the

Gold Coast. We already have interest from 22 players so far but would love to have more! (we needs subs, plus can always run another team if we get enough. Email Derek.I.finch@gmail.com if you would like to go either as a player, team manager or supporter. We have 1x over 50 and 2 x over 60 teams. The PPGames have a whole program of entertainment with groups and parties so it should be huge fun As well as a lot warmer! Being away builds team spirit and you get to meet likeminded players from other clubs. Get in early – costs can only go up!

Referees Training

I am sure you will agree that games are better with a referee. However, as with all refereeing, consistency between refs is important. We have an opportunity to run a specific Walking Football Course, depending on numbers interested. If you would like to know more message Derek on WhatsApp or email derek.i.finch@gmail.com . I am aware they are looking for more referees for the Masters Games and I know there will be other opportunities next year so the more qualified refs we have the better. Besides, you can contributed this way when you are injured!

Laws

Updated competition Laws have been issued for the Masters Games. These are based on UK Laws Of The Game (LOTG) and are being adopted in Australia to aid continuity. We are trying to get a copy in a format easy to distribute and will adopt the laws as the official rule (so the referees course becomes more important!!!)

Summer Sessions

Last year we secured the pitch at Christian Brothers in the city. We are looking to use that again this summer and also looking at using pitches from amateur clubs in other areas – the purpose is to increase the number of opportunities to play for existing players (i.e. twice a week not once) as well as other times and venues for new players. More info as discussions take place

What's Next

The next year is about growing our number of players and venues. Introduce your friends and spread the word. Come along regularly and play. We are also writing to all SA clubs to see if they have any older members who would like to join or even hold a come and try session.

We are applying for a grant from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing to fund future development and promotion. Fingers crossed!

For those that enjoy competitions we will be entering QUT in Brisbane again in April. It was a terrific weekend and the teams had a ball (on the pitch AND in the pub!)

We are also working on something big for July next year - if it comes off it will be huge so watch this space.

We are talking to Adelaide united about a game day promotion of some sort. Might need some volunteers!

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Some pics from Father's Day Comp

