



All comps up and running

We are now 8 rounds into the Premier competitions and haven't had it all! Thrashings, upsets and washouts, we are in for another interesting season. In April we always welcomed the return of the Joint Zone League Competitions, which means an increased amount of appointments. Please do all you can to make life easier for the NNSW Football Referees Department, by submitting your unavailability early through MatchRef.

With the end of daylight savings, training is now conducted within the Hunter Region Sports Centre athletics track. We encourage all referees, whether you be on Youth or Senior competitions, to regularly attend the sessions organised by Dr. Ryan Gallagher and his band of merry men. The planned sessions cater for all, and aim not only to

improve endurance and fitness, but also work on refereeing/assistant refereeing skills.

Referees are again seeing the value in the regular coaching nights put on, with particular focus in recent weeks being on SPA/DOGSO and how to facilitate entertaining football.

May's Premier Comp coaching night featured a guest talk from Kurt Ams, a current A-League and FIFA referee.

Take note of the coaching nights coming up for your group!

As always, hope you enjoy your football and see you on the park soon

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The R Factor April/May '19



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2019

6th – Senior Premier Competition Coaching Night, LMRFF

13th – Youth Referee Coaching Night, LMRFF

20th – Zone League Referees Coaching Night, LMRFF

27th – Youth Referee Coaching Night, LMRFF

June 2019

3rd – Senior Premier Competition Coaching Night, LMRFF

7th-10th – Boys State Championships and TOP Camp

17th – Youth Referee Coaching night

24th – Youth Referee Coaching night



60 seconds with.... Rhys Fisher

When did you start refereeing?:

I've always done Club games as a grassroots player for Nelson Bay FC. I joined Newcastle Football Referees in 2011 and then State League Referees in 2016.

Who is the biggest pest at training?:

Biggest pest at training would have to be me

Where do you keep your red and yellow cards?:

Yellow card goes left pocket and red card goes right pocket - spare pair goes in top right of shirt

Who are your favourite Assistants to work with on match day?:

Callan Stammar and Robert Taylor - always good Banter

What is your pre-match meal?:

Always love weetbix for breakfast with yogurt and muesli. Plus like to snack on lollies throughout the day to keep the energy up

Simon Frary saved 3 penalties during Nelson Bay's victory over Singleton Strikers in the FFA Cup Rd 3 clash. How many were flukes?

3/3 were flukes for sure



Social Committee Activities

The A-League grand final is only a few weeks away and the lads are planning a party! We will be hosting a members only event at the Newcastle United Sports Club, Adamstown where we will be showcasing the game on the big screen. Some light refreshments will be provided. Stay tuned for time and date pending the semi final / elimination final results.



Happy Retirement BP!




You may have noticed a significant figure missing at training recently, and we are saddened to announce that Brad Peterkin is hanging up the whistle in 2019.

BP has made a huge contribution to refereeing in Northern NSW, on and off the field, since joining State League Referees in 2003. A first grade veteran, BP has officiated 11 FFA Cup matches, 5 Herald Women's Premier League matches, and over 100 NEWFM Northern League One and NPL Northern NSW matches, including 1 NewFM grand final as a referee and 4 as a fourth official. He was the first Peterkin to referee a NewFM u19 Grand Final and was named Coalfields All Age Soccer Association Referee of the Year in 2003.


Over the last few years, Brad has acted as the Association and Federation appointed trainer, has assessed and mentored referees in youth grades, and was awarded Life Membership of our Association in 2018.

We wish BP all the best as he enjoys spending more time with his family, and focuses on his role as Head Barista at Digby's Coffee Cart.

Editor's Note: We made this announcement on our Facebook page, and the reactions from players and referees alike just go to show BP's impact on the game locally.

 **Jk Thomas** Good on you. I remember you fondly from your days refereeing me in U19s at Magic. Enjoy retirement
Like · Reply · Message · 4d 1

 **Daniel Johnson** Well done mate
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 1

 **Scott Jay** One of the good blokes. Cheers Brad. Appreciate ypur efforts even if it was loud at times.
Like · Reply · Message · 4d 1

 **David Hodgson** Well done mate and I hope you look back fondly on our exchanges.
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 2

 **Mick Stafford** Appreciate all your efforts mate!! Enjoy retirement
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 2

 **Wade Attewell** All best champion... love ya as a ref and loved when I was in the box!!
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 2

 **Steven Wilson** Thanks brad for the training
You certainly catered for all levels
Cheers 🍷
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 1

 **Chris and Danielle Gallagher** Enjoy the free time mate
Like · Reply · Message · 5d 1



Laws of the Game - Advantage by Murray Ross

The Referee plays advantage perfectly when they let the non-offending team build up an attack, but where do you apply the advantage?

The Laws Of The Game are clear on this subject. "The referee allows play to continue when an offence occurs and the non-offending team will benefit from the advantage and penalises the offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time or within a few seconds."

If the offence committed requires a Caution to the Offending team, where and when does this caution come into play?

"If the referee plays the advantage for an offence for which a Caution/Send-Off would have been issued had play been stopped, this Caution/Send-Off must be issued when the ball is next out of play, except for the denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity when the player is cautioned for unsporting behaviour."



However, there are certain scenarios where referees DO NOT apply advantage. "Advantage should not be applied in situations involving serious foul play, violent conduct or a second cautionable offence UNLESS there is a clear opportunity to score a goal. The referee must send-off the player when the ball is next out of play, but if the player plays the ball or challenges/interferes with an opponent, the referee will stop play, send-off the player and restart with an indirect free kick unless the player committed a more serious offence."

Things to consider when playing advantage include:

- **The severity of the offence** – if the offence warrants a sending-off, the referee must stop play and send-off the player unless there is a clear opportunity to score a goal
- **The position where the offence occurs** – the closer the incident to the players own goal, the less beneficial an advantage would be, however, the closer to the opponent's goal, the more effective the advantage can be; and
- **The Chances of an immediate, promising attack**

Remember, if a defender starts holding an attacker outside the penalty area and continues holding him/her inside the penalty area, the referee must award a penalty kick.



Congratulations!!

The Committee would like to give a few shout outs to the following members:

Dr. Ryan Gallagher who, following a successful A-League season, was appointed to the semi final match between Melbourne Victory and Wellington Phoenix. Off the field, Ryan recently had his PhD signed off and is set to get married at the end of the month! Everything's coming up Gallagher.

Three of the Federation's best and brightest have made their National Premier League First Grade debuts. We would like to congratulate **Rob Taylor**, **Stuart Hansen** and **Murray Ross** on their season and this significant achievement in their respective refereeing careers.

And finally, a huge congratulations to Committee Member **Adin Uhrig** and his partner Kate who are expecting a baby Uhrig!

