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ACCIDENT SUPPORT SCHEME

A review of the Accident Support Scheme has identified areas where improvements can be made.

The review was undertaken to ensure the Accident Support Scheme would continue to treat participants fairly while at the same time maintaining the existing fee structure. Additionally, to also minimise some administrative processes for those individuals who required access to benefits of the program.

The following minor changes to the Accident Support Scheme have been made and will take effect for the 2011 Registration period.

Changes:

1. The classification of players for the purposes of fees will be Junior and Seniors rather than Student and Adults.
2. The age category for Juniors will be from five (5) years of age up to and including eighteen (18) years of age.
3. The age category for Seniors will be nineteen (19) years of age and above.
4. All registered players will be entitled to claim loss of wages irrespective of their age or classification under the Accident Support Scheme.

What Do These Changes to the Accident Support Scheme mean:

1. Clubs are no longer required to seek and provide proof of identity of an individual seeking to be registered as a student. This category no longer exists.
2. There is no change to the fee as the Junior Insurance rate remains at \$9.50 and the Senior Insurance rate at \$59.05.
3. A player is simply categorised as either a Junior or a Senior.
4. The terminology of identifying players as Juniors and Seniors brings NSW into conformity with other State Associations and the National Association.
5. Eliminates confusion in the completion of the FFA registration form.
6. Juniors who work are now able to claim loss of wages without having to pay the higher premium.
7. More players will fall under the premium rate that applies for Juniors now that eighteen (18) year olds have been designated as Junior players.

Although the Junior category has been changed to include 18 year olds as Juniors from a Football NSW fee structure perspective this does not mean from a competitions point of view that Associations need to classify these players as Juniors for their domestic operations.

Over the coming months Football NSW Limited will review all documents associated with insurance and fee structure as well as collection of player registration data. Any material changes will be communicated to all Clubs and Associations in sufficient time to enable changes to their systems.

Please communicate these changes to your grassroots clubs as soon as possible to allow them sufficient time to review their current systems and processes so that they can cater for any changes they feel may be required prior to the new season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Quarmby', written in a cursive style.

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