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VAFF Football League 2017 Newsletter

9th August

Good Will Tour 2017 (Free Air Fare for 2 Lucky Players)

The organising committee had held the first meeting on Sunday to start organising this Good Will Tour. There is some good news we can share with you. Firstly, we have negotiated with the China Southern Airline to get a good deal on the flight cost. Secondly, we will offer 2 lucky players **free air fare**, that is, they will only need to pay for the airport tax which is about \$200 - \$300. To qualify for this special bonus, you must submit the Expression Of Interest together with \$200 deposit by Sunday 3 September. The 2 lucky players will be randomly drawn out of the hat.

The Games:

- Dragon Warriors v Tolo FC: On paper, Tolo FC is far more superior than Dragon Warriors but we all know Dragon Warriors have been very competitive in every game they played. While it was heading towards another narrow defeat to Dragon Warriors at 1:2 with 10 minutes to go. A counter attack from Dragon Warriors caught Tolo FC by surprise and a rather clumsy challenge similar to the first one inside the box, Dragon Warriors slotted in their second penalty to level at 2:2. A very fast paced and enjoyable game.
- VT Stars v FD United: FD United has consistently shown their high spirit and determination against the highly fancied VT Stars team. Three quick goals from VT Stars at 11th, 16th & 29th minute put them in cruise control mode but FD United's 'never give up' spirit lifted the team to slowly and gradually score 4 excellent goals to steal the 3 points off VT Stars.
- Cambodia United v Fearless FC: Fearless FC has gone from strength to strength to record their 10th win in their last 11 games (31 from possible 33 points) with a convincing 4:0 victory over the once invincible Cambodia United to take out the Minor Champion of VAFF Football League 2017. Although the game score was lopsided, it was played in high spirit and sportsmanship with no cards issued.

The Final Series

As there is still a catch up game this Sunday between Dragons Warriors & Cambodia United, the fixture cannot be published until that is concluded. It is interestingly to know that currently the 2nd, 3rd & 4th teams are equal on points with only the goal difference separate the 3. Here is the fixture as it stands:

Sunday 27 August

1. 11:40 6th (Springvale United) v 7th (Dragon Warriors)
2. 13:20 1st (Fearless FC) v 2nd (TOLO FC)
3. 15:00 3rd (VT Stars) v 4th (Cambodia United)

Sunday 3 September

- 5th place playoff: 11:40 FD United v Winner of Game 1
- 3rd place playoff 13:20 Loser of Game 2 v Loser of Game 3
- Championship 15:00 Winner of Game 2 v Winner of Game 3

All games will be played at Tatterson Park and the venue for the Championship playoff will be announced soon.

Rules for the Final Series (Knock Out Format)

At the final series, all matches will be played as per the current regular season match duration. In the event of a draw at the end of regular time:

- A coin toss will take place before the commencement of extra time and if applicable, a penalty shootout will take place
- 2 x 10 minute halves of extra time will be played (Silver Goal Rule applies, NOT Golden Goal. A winner will be declared at the end of both extra time halves irrespective if/when a goal is scored in extra time)
- Should it remain level after extra time, a penalty shootout will take place, whereby each team will nominate 5 players to take a penalty over 5 rounds.
 - Should it remain level after the first 5 rounds, each team will nominate 1 player who has not taken a penalty from the players who finished on the pitch at the conclusion of the match.
 - Red carded players will be ineligible to take a penalty. Should all on field players (including the goalkeeper) take a penalty and there is still no clear winner, the next player will be the first penalty taker, followed by the second penalty taker and so on. This will continue to occur until there is a clear winner.

- Teams will be given 3 extra interchanges during the extra time, which can be used at any point during the 2 halves of extra time (this is on top of the 6 that are entitled during regular time ONLY).
- The 6 interchanges that could have been used during regular time do not accumulate into the extra time periods

Best & Fairest Count

Please note the Best & Fairest count will not be disclosed starting from 23rd July and the full result will be announced at the EOS Presentation.

End Of Season Futsal Tournament

In partnership with South Melbourne FC, we will be organising an end of season Futsal tournament at the newly built indoor Futsal stadium at South Melbourne's Lakeside Stadium. It will be a 5-a-side tournament and we are aiming to get 12 teams involved. Please express your interest for this cup tournament and please invite other teams to join as well. At this stage, we are aiming to hold the tournament on Sundays starting on 17th September and here is some information:

- **12 teams into two groups:** Group A (6 teams) Group B (6 teams)
- Each team will play each other twice which guarantees 10 games during the group stages.
- Top 4 teams of both will then qualify for the Quarter finals which will be played as a Double header. (Team finishing top of Group A will play team 4th placed team of GROUP B etc)
- Semi finals will also be played over two weeks.
- **GRAND FINAL - Trophies & Presentation ceremony in South Melbourne Lakeside social club**
- Game structure - 2x 18 minute halves
- Inter change subs (Maximum of 9 players per squad) (5-a-side game)
- \$10 per player per game

A Deposit of \$100 will be required to register a team and this money will be refunded at the end of the tournament. That is, no registration fee is required.

IMPORTANT Notice to All Teams

1. Substitution Rule:

- Each team is permitted a maximum of six (6) total player interchanges during a game. (Variations may apply for finals series matches). Players have no limit to the number of times they may individually be changed, and an interchange can occur at any stoppage during the game.
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- Each team will be allowed to make up to three (3) changes at half time, which will not be part of the six (6) overall interchanges. The referee must be notified prior to the start of the second half.
- Player Uniform - Any players that has a very different socks or shorts from the majority of the team will NOT be eligible to play. Please observe these rules closely before any disappointment occurs. The Match

Committee has been instructed to carry out this rule with very little allowance and the aim is to maintain a high quality standard of the league.

2. Team Sheet - As noted for couple of weeks already that Team sheet must be downloaded from the website and no hand written copies will be accepted otherwise a fine will be issued.
3. Several other administrative issues:
 - As instructed by the council for both grounds and this has to be strictly followed:
 - No Smoking at around playing area and the technical area
 - No Alcohol consumption at around playing area and the technical area
 - No Pets / Animals at around playing area and the technical area
 - No Food at around playing area and the technical area
 - Cleanliness of the ground – it is the team’s responsibility to ensure no rubbish will be left on the ground after you leave so it is important to report to the match committee if teams before your arrival left rubbish behind otherwise it is your responsibility
4. Please note Home Team will be on the right hand side of the ground and Away team will be on the left hand side of the ground. The technical areas will be marked by the match officials at the start of the game and team members including coaches & **spectators** MUST stay on their respective side and no cross over is allowed.

The Fixture

Please check <http://vaff-web.org.au/season-2017/fixture> for the latest and most accurate fixture. Please note the fixture is subjected to change without notice although we always inform the impacted teams should that happen.

Gothia Cup (13th – 19th August)

This World Youth Cup is a very high profile event and VAFF is honoured to be the authorized organisation representing Australia & NZ. At this stage, we have Box Hill U14 Boys & Northcote U13 Boys registered for the tournament.

Current Suspension:

Team	Player	# of Game Suspensions	Offence
VT Stars	Dung Nguyen	1 Game	2 Yellow cards in a game
Springvale United	Ryan Dao	Indefinite	To be confirmed
Dragon Warriors	Nick Tran	Indefinite	To be confirmed

Extra Player Registration

NIL

Fines and Payments

Current week:

Please note fines payment must be made before your next game otherwise a late payment fee will apply and in the worst case scenario, a forfeit game will be resulted.

Lost and Found

Nil

VAFF Banking Details

VAFF banking details for electronic banking transfers/payments:

- Bank: NAB
- Account Name: Victoria Asian Football Federation
- Account BSB: 083-091
- Account No: 12-981-2042

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