

NZ SOCCER REFEREES NEWS-1

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Federation Two Referees Centre Referees' Academy
16 and 17 September 2006 **Keith Hay Park Mt Roskill**

soccer²
the power of two

Twenty four young referees – with only two over the age of 21 – participated in an Academy that was held in conjunction with the Soccer2 Identification tournament in September. There were four from United Soccer 1, one from Force 3 and the rest were from Federation Two Referees Centre.



The Academy started three weeks earlier with an evening of Fun, Football, and a bit of Food. The participants were all issued with an Academy booklet that gave the information

regarding the roles of referees, assistant referees and 4th officials. It also contained facts about fitness and food. We did have a feed of pizzas on the night but during the Tournament everyone ate healthy food – subways, fruit, one small piece of cake and drank lots of water with Replace in it.

On the morning of the 16th September the participants were taken through a warm-up session run by Helen Tunstall (an absolute gem from New Zealand Soccer) amid much laughter about the early start (8.00 am) and the excitement of the upcoming games. Before every game the referees had to lead their teams in warming up, using the activities they had learnt from Helen.

Each referee had the opportunity to lead a team as Referee, and had games as AR1, AR2 as well as one game as 4th Official. At every game there were a band of Referee Coaches who made copious notes then wrote helpful reports to give to 'their' team for that match along with a chat about the good things that

happened in the match and ways to improve performances.

Despite a brief spell of inclement weather all participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves and performed with credit. The Tournament Organisers were so impressed that they have asked that any future Academies be held at this Identification Tournament in years to come.



A big thank you must go to Helen, and the Coaches – Loryn Tompsett, Perry Tompsett, Chris Kerr, Peter Shackleton, Nga Kairua and Paul Smith.

It was an absolute delight to work with such an enthusiastic group of referees and coaches.

Alexandria Maclennan
RDO

LEVEL 1 INSPECTORS COURSE 2006



Chris Keville and Rod Holling

On Sunday 19th November Ken Wallace conducted a L.1 Inspectors Course in Dunedin.

The day started with a look at why the 7 participants, who travelled from Timaru and Invercargill, were in attendance. Reasons varied from having to give up being an active referee and wanting to be still involved in the game, and put back something; to up and coming referees, wanting to be updated on their own knowledge of the Laws so that they themselves can become confident Mentors whilst still active.

The course then turned to an extensive look at the “latest trends” in refereeing and an in depth look at “data collecting” and assessing referees with the use of DVD.

A test on the “Laws of the Game “concluded the morning.

Lunch, always a highlight, was provided by members of the Otago Referees social committee members.

The participants travelled to Carisbrook where match assessments were carried out on a National Women’s game, with group discussions being held at half time and after the game, and the NZFC match between Otago and Waitakere, where assessment reports were to be furnished.



Participants answer questions on the Laws of the Game

Special thanks must go to the Viki Kelly and Trish & Gary Binney for their services in providing lunch for everyone and to Ken Wallace for conducting the course.

Linda Ritchie

NEWS

The French National Assembly has approved changes to the status of referees with the aim of providing more protection and halting a decline in the number of referees. The new law gives referees at all levels the status of public utility employees such as policemen. This has an important effect on their security given that verbal or physical attacks on such workers lead to fines 20 times larger than normal. Referees will also be taxed less on their sporting income.

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CONGRATULATIONS

NZFC REFEREE OF THE MONTH

October - Mike Hester

November - Neil Fox

December – Peter O’Leary

2007 FIFA MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE

Michael Hester (Wellington)

Neil Fox (Auckland)

Peter O'Leary (Hamilton)

ASSISTANT REFEREE

Brent Best (Dunedin)

Paul Dunham (Wellington)

Jacqui Stephenson (Wellington)

Nick Waldron (Auckland)

INSTRUCTOR

Ken Wallace (Auckland)

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

OFC U-20 TOURNAMENT, TRUSTS STADIUM, WAITAKERE

DATE	HOME	AWAY	REFEREE	AR1	AR2	NO4
19 Jan	Samoa	Fiji	O'Leary	Best	Dunham	Hester
21 Jan	Tahiti	Samoa	Hester	Dunham		
21 Jan	Solomon Islands	New Caledonia	O'Leary	Best		
23 Jan	Solomon Islands	Fiji	Hester	Best	Dunham	O'Leary
25 Jan	Vanuatu	Solomon Islands	O'Leary	Dunham	Best	Hester
27 Jan	Tahiti	Solomon Islands	Hester	Best		O'Leary
29 Jan	New Caledonia	Fiji	O'Leary	Dunham		Hester
31 Jan	Vanuatu	Samoa	Hester	Best	Dunham	O'Leary



APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Craig Borland has been appointed to the NZS Appointments Panel (AP) representing the three northern Federations – United Soccer 1, Soccer 2 and Force 3. Craig's term runs until July 2008.

The current members of the AP are Brian Klee (Wellington) representing Central and Capital Soccer and Tony Ambrose (Christchurch), representing Mainland and Soccersouth. Their terms expire later this year. NZS will be seeking expressions of interest for their positions later this year.

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