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Scorpion Kings

The Central Scorpions recently obtained a clean sweep of the 2010 CMI Toyota State League Series, winning both the Men's & Women's Crowns.

In doing so, the Scorpions claimed their fifth consecutive Regional Championship.

With both matches played in cold wet conditions, games were always going to be close, with teams adjusting to the slippery ball.

In the Women's Grand Final, Northern Vipers started strongly looking to avenge last years loss obtaining an early 2-1 half time lead, however Scorpions equalized late in the second half to lock the scores away at 2-2. In a tense final few minutes neither side could gain an advantage despite numerous offensive pushes, and at the conclusion of regular time scores were tied at 2-2.

In a fitting finale between these two sides who had

beaten each other and drawn during the regular season, the Grand Final was decided by a drop off. The drop off went down to 3 vs 3 with Central Scorpions overpowering a tiring Vipers defence to claim their fifth straight Women's CMI Toyota State League crown.

In the Men's division Eastern Stingrays were looking to cap off a solid season against the Central Scorpions, although someone forgot to mention this to the Scorpions, who relished their underdog status against their more fancied rivals.

The Scorps boys jumped out of the blocks to attain a 2-0 early lead. When the Scorps made it 3-0 shortly after half time it was clear that an upset was on the cards, and despite a late score by the Stingrays the Central Scorpions claimed their first Men's CMI Toyota State League title since 2005.

Following their success the Central Scorpions also claimed their

fifth consecutive Regional Championship rounding out the trifecta for the Scorpions.

Congratulations to Caroline Pillman (Central Scorpions) & Chris Sainsbury (Eastern Stingrays) who claimed the 2010 CMI Toyota State League MVP awards for their respective divisions.

Congratulations also to Dave Walker who was named MVP referee for the series.

After a thorough review of State League recently, several alterations have been recommended. These recommendations will see Men's & Women's State League return in November 2010, while the mixed competition will occur in March 2011.

These adjustments cater for SA representative commitments and enhance SA teams preparation for NTL.

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Referee Recruitment & Retention Program

TFSA is pleased to announce that following feedback received during recent ASET programs, significant human & financial resources have been allocated to establish qualified referee presenters and coaches in regional & metropolitan competitions via a Referee Recruitment & Retention Program (RRRP).

The RRRP is being held from **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th September 2010** and is being presented by National Referee Panel member Ian Matthews in conjunction with the SA Referee Panel.

The aims of the RRRP are to enable affiliates to conduct their

own level 1 referee courses via qualifying local presenters, and to establish qualified referee coaches who can act as mentors and offer support to referees in their own competitions.

The cost of the course is free and TFSA will subsidize 100% of the travel costs for those attendees whose affiliate is located further than 300kms from the CBD.

If you would like further information or to register attendance please visit the TFSA website and/or contact Tim Wyld

Ken Gilbert Honoured With National Selection

Local referee Ken Gilbert (pictured right) has been honoured with national selection at the upcoming Masters Trans Tasman tie in Townsville, QLD.

Ken is a Senior Referee within the SA ranks and a devoted participant at all levels across the sport. It doesn't matter whether he is refereeing at City Touch, or the Men's final of the CMI Toyota State League, Ken's always well-respected by players, coaches and administrators within all levels of the sport.

Ken has been an active member of the SA Referee's Panel over the last few years. He has been a key driver of the development of referees, whether they are at

park or representative level. He has an easy going nature and is always willing to lend a hand, whether it is giving up extra weeknights to ensure our domestic competitions are functioning correctly, or to conduct referee training sessions, Ken is there.

Ken had a solid NTL campaign this year, and was rewarded with a final. TFSA would like to congratulate Ken on his Masters Trans Tasman appointment and wishes him all the best in Townsville.

The Masters Trans Tasman Series will be held in Townsville from Friday, 11 to Sunday, 13 June 2010, and will comprise of the Women's 30s, and Men's 30's, 40's, 45's and 50's Divisions.



SAPSASA Championships

The 2010 SAPSASA Championships were held in perfect conditions at the TFSA fields on Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd June.

40 teams entered the 2 day event, meeting TFSA expectations and allowing state selectors & coaches the opportunity to assess plenty of junior talent.

In the 4/5s division Hills Christian School stamped their authority, claiming both the boys & girls championship.

They were represented in the

6/7 Girls Grand Final as well, although were matched up against a strong Mitcham Primary School outfit, who claimed the 6/7 Girls title 4-2.

In the 6/7 Boys final perennial strong performers Tyndale Christian School defeated Mitcham Primary School 2-1.

SAPSASA GF RESULTS

4/5 Girls Hills Christian **1** def Tyndale Blue **0**

4/5 Boys Cedar College **0** lost to Hill Christian **2**

6/7 Girls Hills Christian **2** lost to Mitcham Yellow **4**

6/7 Boys Tyndale Blue **2** def Mitcham Yellow **1**

TFSA congratulates all participants and schools that competed in this years championships and looks forward to their continued involvement in the sport.

Junior State Team Numbers Improving

TFSA recently held trials for our state 12s, 15s & 18s teams, with numbers across most age & gender divisions increasing.

Perhaps most pleasing of all was the number of 18s boys available for selection.

It has been a number of years since TFSA last sent an 18s boys team away, but we are extremely confident that this will occur in 2010.

The increasing strength of our junior girls program is again evident with 22 girls attending the 18s trials including 3 from Mt Gambier & 2 from Mildura. Remarkably the 15s girls had some 40+ athletes try out. Boys numbers weren't as high but still promising nonetheless.

The growth in numbers & increased number of regional athletes attending trials is a credit to Bri and all the junior coaching staff & TFSA selectors

who have all performed TID at numerous events. The enhancement of TFSA's school programs & increased number of Gala Days is also attributed to this rise in junior participation.

Our 18s teams are participating in the National Youth Championships in Caloundra, QLD in September whilst the 12s & 15s are competing at the National School Championships in Canberra, ACT in October.

More to come next edition...

State Executive Council Welcomes Matt Mitchell

The TFSA State Executive Council (SEC) would like to welcome its newest member; Matt Mitchell (pictured right) who was recently elected to the advisory council.

Matt brings a wealth of experience as a player at all levels as well as a sound technical knowledge through his roles as a referee, coach and selector.

Matt's perspective on tournaments and future progression of the sport locally will be a great asset to the SEC and provide a voice for players across the state.

The SEC is always looking for new members (especially female members) if you would like to join and contribute to the development & success of the sport in SA, please contact Tim Wyld.



Alliance State Coordinator Appointed

TFSA would like to congratulate Mark Jones on his recent appointment as Alliance State Coordinator.

The Alliance is essentially a "rest of Australia" team that will be participating in the highest standard national competition; The Elite 8's. The 'Elite 8', is an 8 team series to showcase the best Opens Touch Football that we have to offer. Teams in the 'Elite 8' include four (4) from NSWTA, three (3) from QTA, and 'The Alliance', a team from the Rest of Australia.

Mark's main responsibilities in this role will be to oversee the training of selected SA athletes, and to assist the head coaches implement their plans locally.

Mark is our current State Women's Open & Boy's 18s Coach, and is perfectly suited to the role.

We wish Mark all the best in his role



TFSA forms partnership with Rugby SA

Touch Football SA would like to announce & welcome our newest Corporate Partner - Rugby SA.

Rugby SA is the peak sporting body of Rugby Union in SA, and one of the states leading sports organisations, with 13 metropolitan clubs and numerous events including the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide.

The connotations between Touch Football & Rugby Union are obvious and we are excited to be able to work together for the benefit of both our members.

The opportunity to promote each others events & competitions to a very similar market is a win/ win for both sports.



We look forward to working with Rugby SA, and increasing our partnership across several initiatives in the future.

Around the Grounds...

Botanics Winter Competition

Botanics Touch Club is running a Winter 2010 season for 8 weeks commencing on Monday 21 June with the Grand Finals being played on Monday 09 August.

The format for the Winter season will be 5 a side and 20 minutes games, each team will be playing 2 games per night.

For more information please call 0410 297 021 or visit the Botanics Touch Club website



STATE CUP 2010 Nominations Open!

As announced in January, TFSA is re-establishing annual State Championships—The State Cup.

The event is being held from Friday 29th-Sunday 30th October at the TFSA fields on green-hill Road, Adelaide.

This event will provide players with an opportunity to represent their affiliate in the following divisions;

Mens & Womens Opens,
Womens 27s & Mens 30s.

In addition to the numerous participant benefits the event will also enable referee's, coaches and selectors to be assessed,

coached and upgraded locally which will improve the standard of competition across SA.

Nominations are now open

To view all the essential documents including the Conditions of Entry please visit the dedicated State Cup website

www.sastatecup.mytouchfooty.com

We look forward to seeing your affiliate represented at this years State Cup!



STATE CUP

OCT 29-31



TFSA Annual Dinner—Award Nominations Open

TFSA is pleased to announce the creation of an annual dinner, held in association with the State Cup, to recognize outstanding achievement & contributions within the SA touch community.

This years event is being held on Saturday 30th October at the Saracen's Head Tavern. Cost is \$45 per person which includes a 3 course meal and drinks on arrival.

During the evening we will announce several awards including:

- The TFSA Volunteer of the Year Award
- The Affiliate of the Year Award
- The Affiliate Administrator of the Year Award
- Our Kildare Reick Scholarship Winners.

Nomination forms & guidelines for all the above awards are now open and available from our website. I encourage you to nominate today! .

The dinner will be a chance for the entire SA touch community to come together during the State Cup and celebrate our sport.

I look forward to seeing you there. To book please contact TFSA.

Border Challenge Reminder

Touch Football SA & Touch Football Victoria would like to announce the return of the Border Challenge.

The Border Challenge has long been a favorite tournament of players in both states, and we are excited to be able to revive the concept.

The tournament will operate differently than its traditional origins however.

This years event is occurring on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July in Mildura.

The event will involve SA State League Regions competing against Victoria's VT League clubs.

Teams will be competing for up to \$1,000 in cash & prizes including Kooga playing uniforms

In addition to our state league regions, our recently selected 18s squads will also travel to Mildura to play matches against their Victorian counterparts in the lead up to National Youth Championships.

To top it all off , there will be a social drop off tournament open to all at the conclusion of the weekend.

Entry is \$350 (inc GST) per state league team. The cost for 18s Squad members is \$150pp which includes accommodation & transport. The Sunday morning social tournament costs \$10pp.

For the full details please visit our website, or contact the office.



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Upcoming Referee Courses

TFSA in conjunction with our State Referee Panel has two upcoming Referee Courses.

Level 1 Referee Course

When: Saturday 19th June

Where: City Touch Clubrooms

Time: 9.30am Start

Cost: \$50 per person (inc all course material & whistle)

To register please email twyld@touchsa.com.au and quote course number **L1R002**

Level 2 Referee Course

When: Saturday

Where: City Touch Clubrooms

Time: 9.30am Start

Cost \$ 38 per person (includes all course material)

To register please email twyld@touchsa.com.au and quote course number **L2R001**

Please visit the TFSA website for the full list of technical courses for 2010. These are located under the technical tab.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME & VENUE</u>
19th June 2010	Level 1 Referee Course	City Touch (9.30am—4.30pm)
17th/18th July 2010	Border Challenge	Mildura Vic
7th August 2010	Level 2 Referee Course	TFSA Clubrooms (9.30am—4.30pm)
26th August 2010	All Schools Mixed Championships	TFSA Fields (8.30am –3pm)
4th /5th September 2010	Referee Recruitment & Retention program	TBC
15th—18th September 2010	National Youth Championships	Caloundra QLD
16th October 2010	Level 1 Referee Course	TFSA Clubrooms (9.30am –4.30pm)
24th—29th October 2010	National Schools 12s & 15s Champs	Canberra, ACT
29th-31st October 2010	TFSA State Cup	TFSA Fields

For a comprehensive list of all upcoming events please visit the events calendar on the TFSA website

www.touchsa.com.au

Top Tips for Affiliates & Competitions

Has your affiliate considered running it's own tournament?

Several affiliates are starting to conduct their own tournament, such as Whyalla's "tri nations" tournament which is proving to be a popular event. TFSA can support in the set up and with Referee provision!*

** minimum 3 month notice required*



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