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Memo

To: All Junior Clubs
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Subject: 11-50 – 2012 Brisbane Junior Leagues Invitation

2012 will see the following structural changes to our Junior Competitions.

Background

The decrease in Junior Premier League (JPL) licenses in the Brisbane Zone by Football Queensland from six to five sees North Pine fully return to the Brisbane competition. The Zone Executive recognizes the effort and contribution this club has made to player development and as such has assured the club of the opportunity to take up Brisbane Junior League (BJL) positions in each of the age groups should they retain a majority of their JPL players. North Pine has accepted this offer and will therefore be allocated one position in each of the B JL competitions in 2012.

The Zone Council has also agreed to move in line with all other zones in the State by returning to the U15 and U17 age structure for junior competitions. However, this has some inherent issues which will require changes that can only be maintained until the 2013 Premier Competition structure is implemented. Specifically there is the issue of the U15 and U16 competitions merging into a single U17 competition.

While consideration was given to enlarging the size of the competition at the B JL level, difficulties were identified with scheduling, in the short term. Therefore it was considered that these issues would be best prepared for as part of the 2013 competition implementation rather than creating additional change in 2012.

The Structure for 2012

The top levels of junior competition in 2012 will consist of U17 B JL and U17 Division 1 (Cross River). This is followed by the U15, U14, and U13 B JL and finally the U12 Division 1 North, South and West competitions. Below these levels will be The U17, U15, U14, U13 and U12 Divisional groups which are region based competitions.

Selection into the B JL has been by invitation with the main criteria being determined through performance of a club team in the previous season. The exception this year is North Pine who has been added to each of these competitions because of their previous status as a JPL club.

As per the Rules of Competition (Junior Competitions – Under 12 to Under 17) 2011, the bottom two teams of each B JL competition are automatically relegated. Therefore in each of the U17 to U14 B JL competitions, there is a single place remaining to be filled. In previous season, there would be two and the first placed team from Division 1 North and South would be offered these positions.

With only one space now available to clubs for a B JL position. The Zone Executive has agreed to offer the first placed teams in Division 1 North and South the opportunity to play off for the position in a two match home and away format. This is of course unless the first placed club already has a team in the B JL competition and in this case, automatic selection is gained by the other team.

Rules of competition for these matches will be provided once all invitations have been acknowledged by clubs.

The invitation for the Under 13 age group is based on results from the three Under 12 Division 1 competitions, with the top three placed teams from each region invited to join this division.

Finally, the U17 Division 1 (Cross River) competition will be formed from the U15 BJJ teams of 2011, with the last two teams relegated. The first placed Division 1 North team is Promoted. However, as the top two Division 1 South teams already have teams in the competition, the second placed Division 1 North team will be offered the last place.

Please Note: All competitions will be strictly subject to the Football Queensland Age Policy and the Football Brisbane Rules of Competition. Please ensure, that when making the decision to accept a place, that your club does not consider any underage players as they will not be permitted in these competitions.

Invitations by Competition

The following clubs are invited to nominate a team in the age groups listed.

Under 13 – Albany Creek, Centenary Stormers, Ipswich Knights, Loganholme, Moggill, North Pine, North Star, Redlands Utd, The Gap, and Wolves FC

Under 14 – Annerley, Centenary Stormers, Loganholme, Mitchelton, North Pine, North Star, Pine Hills, Queensland Lions, Wolves FC

Final position may be determined by a play off between Peninsula Power and Redlands Utd

Under 15 – Kenmore, Loganholme, Mitchelton, Mount Gravatt, North Pine, North Star, Peninsula Power, Pine Hills, Souths Utd

Final position may be determined by a play off between Brisbane City and Capalaba

Under 17 – Holland Park Hawks, Ipswich Knights, John Paul College, Loganholme, Mount Gravatt, North Pine, Peninsula Power, Redlands Utd, Souths Utd, Wolves FC

Under 17 Division 1 – Albany Creek, Brighton District, Brisbane Force, Grange Thistle, Loganholme, Mount Gravatt, North Star, Peninsula Power, Souths Utd, Wolves FC

Should a club decline an invitation or be unable to fulfill the age requirements mentioned in **MEMO 11-046 – ROC notification to Clubs**, Football Brisbane will review the 2011 competition results and may invite another team, should it be deemed appropriate.

All clubs must respond to juniors@footballbrisbane.com.au declaring whether they wish to accept or decline the position before 5pm, Friday 11 November 2011.

Regards



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