



# Juvenile News

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## Referees Required

With the start of the new season the perennial problem of shortage of referees is causing a major headache for the Match Secretary.

Last season it was estimated that 200 games were not played due to the lack of a referee. That meant that over 3000 young players missed their weekly fix of football.

The officials of the ADJFA have met with their counterparts in the referees Association and have discussed how the shortfall can be addressed.

### **RETENTION**

Obviously it is vital that we retain as many referees as possible so that the situation does not become any worse. Team officials must ensure that they conduct themselves in a proper manner in their dealings with the match official.

They must also ensure that their players and supporters also behave in a sportsman like way. Referees like players will make mistakes. All teams must accept that these are made honestly. Any complaint con-

cerning referees should be made in writing and not verbally during the course of the game when emotions are high.

### **JUVENILE PLAYERS**

One initiative that is to be tried is to try and recruit current Juvenile players to the refereeing ranks. Players over the age of sixteen can become a referee and still continue to play for their clubs. They could officiate at matches not involving teams from their clubs.

A circular letter will be sent to all teams in the 16's to 19's age groups asking that their players consider undertaking the referees course.

The referees association have stated that they would be willing to hold a specific course for such players. The Aberdeen and District Juvenile Association would also help to fund such a course.

It is in everybody's interest to ensure that every effort is made to recruit referees. Without referees there is no game.

# FORE

Following the last edition's piece concerning that there were other sports it was nice to see Cove BC stalwart Donald Smith found time to compete in the Links Golf Championship.

Donald made it all the way through to the final where unfortunately he was beaten 4 and 3 by Alex Cruikshank.

*Editors note. I thought there were 18 holes in golf. 4 and 3 would suggest they only played 7 holes. Or is there penalty shoot outs in golf?*

## FORE AGAIN

Another golf story from last edition. David Law the former Albion player who gave up football to concentrate on golf has won through to the third round of the Evening Express Scratch Section of the Champion of Champions.

David won the Hazlehead Club Championship last season to qualify for this event..

## DEJA VU

It was interesting to read the reprinted edition of the Evening Express of 25 years ago to commemorate the Gothenburg Greats.

All minor football was washed out at Hazlehead, Inverdee and Aulton on the Thursday night nothing changes.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Following the success of the SFA Coaching Conference held in June at the Garioch Centre there will be a North Region In Service Coaching Seminar on the 17th of September 2008 at Cove Rangers Ground Allan Park Cove Aberdeen.

Keep an eye out for the application forms by logging on to the Footballcentral website at [www.footballcentral.org](http://www.footballcentral.org)

## INTER REGIONAL COMPETITION

The SYFA have decided that this season there will be Inter Regional Squad Competition at the 15's and 16's age groups. They have also asked if Regions would be willing to compete at the 17's age group.

Any club official who would be interested in becoming involved with these squads should contact the regional secretary Neil Paterson .

The North Region have a history of doing well in these competitions but entry does rely on the involvement of club officials. Without their input the boys from this area will miss out on challenging their counterparts in the rest of the country.



# STALWARTS STEP DOWN

After more than twelve years as president of the Aberdeen and District Juvenile FA Aberdeen man Gordon Adams has decided to call it a day and retire. Gordon cited purely selfish reasons, for his decision, stating that he wanted to spend more time with his family having spent the best part of the last twenty years involved in some capacity or other with the association.

Gordon was joined in his decision to retire by association vice president George Ferguson who after nearly 25 years involved with Aberdeen Lads Club has also decided it was time his family saw more of him.

Association Secretary Raymond Kelly paid a glowing tribute to the hard work and dedication both Gordon and George have given the association over the years. "Without the hard work of volunteers such as these two men the association could not have grown and flourished over the years to become the largest youth sporting organisation in the North of Scotland. Due to their efforts thousands of youngsters have been able to enjoy the game of football."

Both Gordon and George were installed as Life Members of the Association in recognition of the work they have carried out over the years. They were also presented with gift vouchers as token of the association's appre-

## NEW EXECUTIVE

The AGM saw the composition of the Executive Committee of the Association completely change.

New President will be Neil Paterson who is also the Regional Secretary of the SYFA.

Vice President will be Graeme Burnett of Westdyke BC.

Committee members are as follows Jim Booth of Ellon Meadows, Andrew Hassan of Inch and District, Brian Johnston of Formartine United and Eric Leslie of Dyce BC

## LIFE MEMBERS ELECTED

Along with Gordon Adams and George Ferguson the following members were awarded Life Membership Awards.

Gordon Allan of Aberdeen Lads Club John Fraser of Cornhill Boys Club and Les Hutcheon of Dyce Boys Club.

Life Membership was also awarded Association Secretary Raymond Kelly in recognition of his elevation to the position of President of the Scottish Youth Football Association

# GOALPOST INSPECTION ROUTINE

Sportscotland has published an Inspection Routine for goalposts. This is in line with the BS8461:2005 which lays down standards for the procurement, storage, installation, maintenance and inspection of goalposts.

Copies of the routine can be down loaded from the Sportscotland website or alternatively from the Resources section of the Northern Region website at [www.northern.syfa.co.uk](http://www.northern.syfa.co.uk).

At the beginning of the season is the time to inspect your goals and ensure that they can be erected safely. Make sure players are aware of the dangers of climbing or swinging on goalposts.

Risk assessments should be made regarding the erection and dismantling of the goals. As with all Risk Assessments a record should be kept and a review date set to ensure that any changes are taken account of. Everybody who is involved in erecting and storing goal posts should be given a copy of the risk assessment .

## CHECK IT OUT

For some terrific videos of training routines you should check out the UEFA Website. If you click on to the Training Ground there are numerous items with full video illustrating the routines.

One of the best features Spanish Youth Coach Gines Melendez showing basic drills 2 v 1, 3v 2 and 6 v 4. After watching these you begin to realise just how Spain managed to win the European Cup.

With their players so well drilled in both defence and attack. Their work rate teamwork and communication was obviously honed using these drills over the years.

# CITY PITCH DISCOUNT SCHEME

Aberdeen City Council are offering teams the chance to purchase SEASON TICKETS to pay for pitch hire at 20% Discount. These will be available at the multi pitch venues of Aulton Sheddocksley and Inverdee. ( Hazlehead will have to wait until new changing rooms built)

The tickets will be sold in books of ten with the team handing over one ticket per game. If clubs buy over £1000 of tickets the discount is increased by an additional 10%. That's a saving of £300 on £1000 of pitch fees. That's enough for a team kit!!!

Application forms can be downloaded from the ADJFA Website download section or the Resources Section of the the Regional Website.

## *Corn Corner*

My brothers got dozens of trophies and medals for football.  
What team does he play for ?  
Oh he doesn't play for anybody.  
He just owns a pawn shop!

Referee: " Penalty "  
Home Captain: " Who for?"  
Referee: "Us."

## Can You Do Better?

Have you got a better joke? Have you seen an interesting article on football? Have you got a story?  
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