



FFA GRASSROOTS COACHING COURSES for 2010

The FFA has recommended that all state member federations look to provide all future GRASSROOTS COACHING COURSES **FREE OF CHARGE** to all participants. In order to achieve this ambitious goal FNSW have put in place a number of initiatives that be will implemented in the 2009 – 2010 period. Football NSW and the FFA are committed to ensuring that coach accreditation courses are as accessible as possible to everyone. This includes:

1. FNSW will provide each Association one (1) GRASSROOTS course for between 16 - 100 people **FREE** of charge in each calendar year as of January 1st 2010. That means in the first instance we will offer over 3000 participants the opportunity to attend the course - **FREE**. FNSW will cover the cost of these courses by paying FNSW staff wages.
2. All Associations and Clubs who wish to conduct additional courses will need to nominate their Director of Coaching or equivalent to undertake an FFA Coach Education workshop for GRASSROOTS presenters. The first of which will be conducted later this year and when confirmed, all Associations and Clubs will be advised as well as posted on our Website.
3. FNSW and the FFA will conduct presenter/assessor accreditation courses for **FREE** throughout the year to meet the demand for providing these courses **FREE** to all participants. It is expected that the nominated coach, or equivalent, volunteer their services in providing the course **FREE** to participants. Alternatively, Associations and Clubs can reimburse the coach for his / her services; however, the course is to remain **FREE** to participants.
4. All presenters will receive recognition from the FFA for their time, including apparel to be worn when they are delivering courses. Delivering the GRASSROOTS Coaching Certificate may also lead to individuals being identified and trained to deliver higher level Community Coach Education courses on behalf of the FFA for which they would be remunerated. Other benefits include free ongoing coach education and invitations to other FFA activities such as workshops / seminars.

As the largest member Federation, in order to help service over 650 clubs, it is important to have a cooperative partnership between the national body (FFA), the state body (FNSW), its Associations and Clubs.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working together on this great initiative. It is the vision of the FFA that by the end of 2011 to have at least one such person in each club suitably qualified to provide coach education, as maintaining participation and growth becomes the focus for our great game at Community level.

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