

NZ SOCCER REFEREES NEWS-7

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THE LAWS OF THE GAME

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IFAB Advice on the application of Law 11, IFAB Decision 2

“A player in an offside position may be penalized for interfering with play, before playing or touching the ball if, in the opinion of the referee, no other team mate in an onside position has the opportunity to play the ball.

If an opponent becomes involved in the play and if, in the opinion of the referee, there is potential for physical contact, the player in the offside position shall be penalized for interfering with an opponent.”

“The restart of the game shall be with an indirect free kick taken from the initial place where the player was adjudged to be in an offside position.”

CONGRATULATIONS

NZS REFEREES METAL BADGE AWARDS

Ben Chisholm	Gisborne	2094
Darren Sundborn	Christchurch	2095
Mark Rule	Christchurch	2096
John Bower	North Shore	2097
David O'Neill	Christchurch	2098

RECRUITMENT COURSES

The following recruitment and retention courses have been held in recent months:

FEDERATION	VENUE	LEVEL	INSTRUCTOR	NOS.	DATE
United Soccer 1	Rangitoto College	Intro.	G. Gallop	8	12 July
United Soccer 1	Rangitoto College	Intro.	G. Gallop	4	13 July
United Soccer 1	North Harbour	Intro.	G. Gallop	2	14 July
Soccer 2	Otahuhu AFC	Associate	G. Keegan	12	10 Aug.
Soccer 2	Western Springs	Associate	G. Keegan, A. MacLennan	15	23 Aug
United Soccer 1	North Harbour	Level 1	G. Gallop	22	14 July
United Soccer 1	Swanson	Level 1	G. Gallop	5	29 Aug
Soccer 2	Soccer 2	Level 1	A. MacLennan	17	31 Aug
Soccersouth	Geraldine	Intro.	L. Ritchie	4	17-Sep
Soccersouth	Geraldine	Level 1	L. Ritchie	8	18 Sep
Mainland	St Andrews College	Level 1	W. Stapley	5	7 Feb

JAMIE CROSS

Jamie Cross has been promoted, along with Stephen Fletcher, to officiate on the 2005-6 New Zealand Football Championship (NZFC). He recently travelled to Sydney to officiate at the Australian National Youth Championships with 11 other Australian referees aged 19-29.

“Overall it was a great week, working with very experienced coaches, two of whom had refereed at World Cup’s, France 98 and Mexico 86. Refereeing in a totally different environment was a challenge. With off field sessions being disrupted due to the weather situation we did not have as many class room sessions as planned, but the time spent was invaluable.

This was a great opportunity and hope whoever the lucky person is to attend next year has a great time as I did!”

Name: Jamie Cross

Age: 25

DOB: 11/03/1980

Occupation: Sport admin (Capital Soccer)

Born: Napier

Started Refereeing: 1999

Previous Associations: Hawke’s Bay, moved to Wellington 2001

Favourite Food: Porterhouse steak, eggs & chips

Favourite Movie: ‘The Fast and the Furious’

Refereeing Aspirations: FIFA Referees Badge

Refereeing Highlights: 2000 Chatham Cup Semi Final 4th Official
2000 School of Excellence (Final referee)
2005 Chatham Cup Semi Final Reserve Referee
2005 Australia National Youth Championships
2005 NZFC Reserve Referee

Playing History: Napier City Rovers (95-98)
Wgtn Olympic (03)



WOMEN REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

In March, 24 referees and 14 assistants from all six confederations assembled on the Algarve in Portugal for FIFA's first workshop for female match officials. The nine day course focused on individual fitness levels and a variety of technical aspects as well as the consistent application of the Laws of the Game. It is part of FIFA's development programme to prepare officials for the 2007 Women's World Cup in China.

Bola Elizabeth Abidoye of Nigeria has been a referee for 16 years and been in charge of men's matches in the top Nigerian league since 1998. She has refereed at a Women's World Cup and lists strength, confidence and coordination as vital in refereeing.

Patricia Daysi Da Silva Gonzalez is part of a nine strong team of Uruguayan women officials. She has also been officiating in Uruguay's top professional league since 1998. "It is fun and people accept me as a referee," she explains.

Japan's Mayumi Oiwa used to play volleyball before combining playing, coaching and refereeing football. "I was better as a referee and I thought it was the best opportunity for me. I don't want to be seen as a policeman on the pitch. I like to watch good, fair football."

All considered the workshop a success

SUTFF UPS

FIFA has decided that a **World Cup** qualifying match between Uzbekistan and Bahrain, which was won 1-0 by Uzbekistan will be replayed. In the game played on 3 September the referee Toshimotsu Yoshida (Japan) disallowed a goal scored at a penalty kick because of encroachment by a team-mate. However, he did not retake the kick as Law 14 requires, but restarted play with an indirect free kick to Bahrain. The Uzbek captain had protested to the referee immediately after the mistake and before the restart of play. The replay will take place on October 8.

When a team-mate of the kicker encroaches the correct procedure is:

- ◆ goal=retake the penalty kick
- ◆ no goal=restart indirect free kick to the opposition

A **Turkish league** match that ended in a 1-1 draw between Besiktas and Genclerbirligi was replayed on March 9 after referee Kuddusi Muftuoglu admitted making a mistake at a free kick that led to a goal.

The 34-year-old referee -- on FIFA's international list -- confirmed in his match report that he blew the whistle three times at the 58th-minute free kick, which Genclerbirligi's Ali Tandogan converted to equalise for the away team.

The official match observer also reported hearing three whistles and the Turkish FA has now ordered the game to be replayed.

Muftuoglu, one of Turkey's seven FIFA referees, said he first blew his whistle as the signal for the kick to be taken, then again when Besiktas's Tayfur Havutcu broke from the wall and a third time to allow the goal to stand.

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