

Auckland Football Coaching Courses 2009

In 2008, New Zealand Football introduced a restructured Coach Development Framework which provides coaches with a wide range of development opportunities that prepare them to effectively meet the age related and developmental needs of the players they work with.

The new framework is split into three strands; Junior, Youth and Senior, so coaches can specialize in the age-group of players they are working with. The courses in each strand are:

Appropriate for New Zealand - reflective of New Zealand's unique culture and football environment.

Flexible - providing coaches with more choice and a higher degree of ownership in selecting and following their own development pathway.

Player-centred – based on the needs of the players and designed to meet the age-related development needs of players throughout the game.

Applicable and practical - 'on-the job learning' experiences (creating and recognizing learning experiences in the coaching environment).

Life long learning - promoting continued personal development and self-responsibility for learning.

In 2009 New Zealand Football will introduce a number of new courses in the Junior and Youth coaching pathways and will progressively introduce more learning opportunities year on year until the framework is complete.

Click this link - <http://www.aucklandfootball.org.nz/index.php?id=98> - for more information on the framework, the courses available and the current schedule of coaching courses to be run this year -

An exciting new addition to the Auckland Football's Coach Development programme is the Auckland Football Coaches' Network (AFCN).

It costs nothing to join the AFCN and when you sign up you'll receive a regular coaching newsletter with training drills, articles from top coaches and invitations to regular AFCN events such as sample practice sessions and coaches' forums.

For more information about any of the courses, to schedule a course at your club or the Auckland Football Coaches' Network, contact Auckland Football's Regional Coach Development Co-ordinator Aaron McFarland – aaron@aucklandfootball.org.nz

Referee Courses 2009

Referees are a vital part of our game and there are several ways you can help your children, friends and club-mates enjoy the game they love by getting involved in refereeing at a level which suits you.

Club Based Referee programme

Hundreds of mums, dads and coaches each week grab a whistle, not because of a long-standing desire to be the best referee in the world, but simply because their kid's game will be more enjoyable and safer if a few simple rules are followed, that one person looking after that aspect of the game is the norm (ever seen refereeing by committee work?), or simply that it would not take place without someone doing the job.

The Club Based Referee (CBR) programme recognizes the importance of this level of involvement in the game – making it happen for 15,000 players under the age of 17 each weekend.

The programme sees nominated individuals to go through a course (4-5 hours usually spread over 2 nights but hours and format can be altered to suit) to become registered as a CBR. They are then entitled to referee any Federation match at their own club which is not refereed by an appointed official, or at an opposition club if the opposition club does not have either an appointed official or their own CBR.

If you would like to become a CBR contact your club to register your interest or contact Auckland Football Referee Development Officer Paul Smith – paul@aucklandfootball.org.nz

Level 1 Referee Course

The Level 1 Referee Course is the second step on the referee pathway and teaches participants the basic fouls, movements and Laws of the Game.

The course takes approximately 10-12 hours (usually over four nights) and involves classroom work including group discussions as well as practical sessions.

Level 1 referees become part of the Auckland Football Federation Referees group and are appointed to AFF matches from AFF Premier League and below.

Click this link - <http://www.aucklandfootball.org.nz/index.php?id=46> - for more information on the referee courses available through Auckland Football.

For more information contact Auckland Football Referee Development Officer Paul Smith – paul@aucklandfootball.org.nz