

# REFEREES CIRCULAR



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FOOTBALL REFEREES**

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## Establishment of the State Technical Committee

Football NSW has recently approved, at my instigation, the establishment of a State Technical Committee (STC) to deal with all matters relating to the technical education, identification, coaching and progression of match officials here in NSW.

The State Technical Committee comprises three individuals appointed by Football NSW on my recommendation. The members of the STC are:

- Mr Simon Micallef – Representing the interests of the semi professional game
- Mr John Parker – Representing the interests of the amateur game
- Ms Sharon O'Niell - Representing the interests of female participation

All of these individuals bring to the STC an extensive range of skills, experience and commitment that I will find invaluable in managing and developing match officials in our state and I ask that you all offer your full co operation to them as they seek to go about their duties in the coming months.

When it first meets the STC will consider, as a matter of urgency, the subject of identifying the Branch Coaches currently at its disposal and setting in place a range of educational, coaching and mentoring sessions aimed at modernising the approaches taken by match officials to the application of the Laws of the Game as they apply to Football NSW competitions. The single greatest challenge that faces us as referees continues to be the growth of the sport from a playing perspective and the significant demands that this places on each and every Branch at grassroots level. The STC will be focussing on bringing some consistency to the education, identification and progression of match officials.

In preparation for their new tasks may I ask that each Branch take the time to put together a brief resume of their current Branch Coach (including a digital head and shoulders image) to be entered into the database of coaches to assist the STC. Some Branches may have supplied this information previously however due to the very slow response rate to date I would ask that you undertake the exercise again to refresh the data.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Fenech".

Stephen Fenech  
State Referees Coach