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To: Queensland Clubs
From: FQ Referees Department
Subject: Pre-Season Referee Appointments
Date: October 12, 2023

Dear Clubs

As you prepare for the 2024 football season and commence the scheduling of pre-season matches, we'd like to provide an important update in relation to referee appointments during the pre-season period.

In line with last year's pre-season games, Football Queensland will not be appointing referees to any FQ sanctioned outdoor football matches from November 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

While football games can still be played and officially sanctioned during this time, clubs will be responsible for sourcing their own referees. Please note FQ will continue to appoint referees to all FQ futsal competitions throughout this period.

This measure is intended to ensure that our dedicated referees have an opportunity to step away from the game and recharge ahead of the 2024 season.

For matches taking place from January 1 to January 14, 2024, we kindly request that clubs submit a sanction request for FQ appointed referees no later than Friday, 15 December ahead of Football Queensland's office closure for the Christmas holiday period.

Clubs are also advised that Football Queensland's 2024 State Referee Conference will be held on Saturday, 20 January and Sunday, 21 January. As in previous years, FQ will not appoint referees to matches coinciding with conference hours (before 7:00pm in SEQ and 5:00pm in other parts of the state).

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

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