

# S.Q.I.F.A.

# NEWSLETTER



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## Editors Note

The 1978 Management Committee in their wisdom have decided to issue a monthly newsletter of which this is the very first edition. It is intended that the newsletter will increase communication within the association, and we welcome any ideas or contributions that may be forthcoming from the members.

The Newsletter will also keep members up to date on items of interest such as Premiership Points and Results, Notices of Events, Representatives Games, etc.

## annual trophy night

The venue for the 1978 Trophy Night this year is Souths Rugby League Club - the date is Saturday Night 23.9.78 and the function will start at 7.00p.m. Cover charge is \$3 a head which includes savouries and we have secured the services of one of Brisbane's top Cabaret bands - SAGA.

Should be a fantastic night, and we'd like to see as many teams as possible represented, not just the winners.

Tickets are on sale from the secretary now. There is a numbers limit so it might be wise to book early.

# Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship could simply be defined as :- "The willingness to win or lose strictly in accordance with the rules of the game".

The game of Touch Football has developed from a rugby league training exercise into a highly competitive and attractive (sometimes) sport, played and enjoyed (sometimes) by hundreds of young and not-so-young enthusiasts each week-end. The basis of the game is the "touch tackle" and the basis of the touch tackle is honesty - of both defending and attacking players. Far too often the defending player calls "touch!" out of sheer enthusiasm or sheer design and far too often the ball carrier runs on regardless of the obvious touch, particularly when the referee is unsighted or unsure.

A touch football referee has, undoubtedly, the most difficult of sporting assignments - he has to rely to a degree on the honesty of the players to acknowledge the touch - without that honesty the game deteriorates into a series of harsh cross-accusations between the players with plenty of referee-abuse thrown in. At this stage of the game tempers get frayed, the touches get harder and the second undesirable element of the game develops - the hard physical tackle. Referees can handle these tackles but need the co-operation of the players to cope with the "touch" problem. Some players insist calling "touched" every time they make a tackle and sometimes regardless of whether they make contact or not. They irritate everybody including their own team members and obviously have no regard for the spirit of the game. Spectators can scarcely believe their ears when some real sportsman on the field calls "missed!".

This association now boasts 44 teams - an increase of 36 from the inaugural year of 1974 and next year will probably see further growth. Those new players who see top division teams indulging in dishonest practices and thuggery could be excused for following the same pattern - and you can imagine how many new referees will be joining up if this pressure from the minority persists.

Unless the players from first division to fourth division take measures to curb the few rebels in their teams and decide to adopt a policy of clean, fair play then touch football as a sport could slip into mediocrity. Remember - honesty is what its all about and SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE NAME OF THE GAME.

*"The Spectator"*

## Referees Notes

Players and referees should by now be fully conversant with the rules of touch football as played by the SQTFA. Two specific breaches are creeping into the game however, and referees and players are asked to be aware of the following:-

(1) Passing after being touched

Players are repeatedly passing the ball after being touched and relying on the referee to bring play back. This slows the game considerably. Deliberate passing of the ball after being touched is therefore a breach of the rules and must be penalised accordingly.

(2) Playing the ball

The procedure is simple. Face the opposing try line, place the ball on the ground and tap back with the foot. Scooping or throwing the ball back between the legs is a breach and will be penalised. Furthermore, the ball must be played on the spot where the touch occurred. Players not coming back to the mark must be penalised.

## Ground Change

It may have come to the notice of players that Camp Hill ground is not in particularly good condition. Since we have an excellent ground at Coorparoo High not in use at the moment we have decided to transfer all Camp Hill games to Coorparoo as from 20/5/78 for the remainder of the season.

## Representative Teams

The first trials for the representative teams for 1978 will take place on Saturday 10.6.78. Captains are asked to contact the secretary with the names and details of players who could be considered eligible. Alternatively players who consider themselves eligible may nominate direct with the Secretary.

## PREMIERSHIP

## POINTS (21·5·78)

### 1ST DIVISION

Chalkees	13
Flames	13
Ubiquity	12
Dragons	11
Dairy Cows(game in hand)	10
Lorikeets	9
Octal 10 (game in hand)	8
United	8
Pumas	4
Stone Rangers	4
Cleveland Cannons	2
Hawks	0

### 2ND DIVISION

Villaroos	13
Flemings	13
Rainworth Rockets	12
Toowong	11
Eagles	10
Y. M. C. A.	8
Demolirs	7
Turncoats	6
Kedron Kannibals	6
Residents	4
Giants	2
Rabbitos	2

### 3RD DIVISION

Nudgee Nobs	16
Bionic Bombers	12
Memorials	12
White Knights	10
Hamilton	9
Allsorts	8
Octal	8
Rosalie Sharks	7
Metros	6
Dodgers	4
Speedie Cheetahs	2
Wild Colonials	0

### 4TH DIVISION

Untouchables	16
KYG (game in hand)	12
Vultures	10
Animals	9
Tresco Tigers (games in hand)	8
Koaldust Kids	4
Epaphos	3
Kangaroos	0