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To: Regional Zone Presidents and Secretaries
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The following information is provided to keep everyone updated on what is happening in the area of small-sided football.

Optus Small-Sided Football Implementation Document

Recently, Football Federation Australia announced Optus as the Official Partner of the Game Development programs, which includes the naming rights for the program which will now be known as Optus Small-Sided Football (SSF) as well as the community coach education pathway.

In 2009, zones and clubs across Queensland will continue with the implementation of Optus Small-Sided Football with the introduction of the Under 9 age group. The majority of this age group is likely to consist of those who played the format as Under 8s in 2008.

The attached document was presented to the recent Presidents meeting, outlining the implementation plan for 2009, playing formats, playing conditions and some practical recommendations to assist with the implementation. Areas that should be carefully read and passed to all involved include the following;

Under 6, 7, 8

- Restart of play after a goal
- Restart for a goal-kick
- Clarification of fouls
- Recommendations re players standing in front of goals

Under 9

- Introduction of Goalkeeper
- Goalkeepers with ball
- Goalkicks
- Throw ins

The document also outlines the roles and responsibilities of Game Leaders for 6-8 year ages and Instructing Referees for 9 years age group.

Optus Small-Sided Football Resources

The promotional and educational resources for 2009 have arrived in Brisbane and will be despatched to the zones to arrive the week commencing 12 January 2009.

Included in this delivery will be promotional posters, parents flyer, handbook, laws brochure, game leader leaflet, instructing referee leaflet. Two DVDs are currently in production and will be distributed as soon as available.

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Optus Small-Sided Football Website

An excellent resource for zones and clubs would be to create a link on their websites to the FFA information page as below. This gives public access to PDF files of all the above resources. Please note that this has been updated from last year to reflect all the changes.

http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/Community/default.aspx?s=community_newsfeatures_news_news_item&id=20772

Optus Small-Sided Football Equipment

One area that is likely to see requests for information is the availability of goals in the size outlined in the playing conditions for Under 9s (5m x 2m).

Football Federation Australia and Football Queensland understand that purchasing new goals that fall strictly within these tolerances will likely be expensive and a difficult logistic exercise. Both organisations encourage a common sense approach in implementation and accept the use of existing Rooball goals, commercially available portable options and, if necessary, poles or markers.

Attached is one supplier we have been able to access that may be of interest to your clubs.

Should anyone have any questions relating to this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

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