



The Football Competition – “A Feast of Football”

Newsletter Issue 1

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Welcome to the first issue of what will be a monthly newsletter designed to bring you up to date with progress as we move towards the opening ceremony of the Inter-Island Games on the “*Sunshine Isle*”.

The competition will be run by an Executive Committee from the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association and we will provide:-

- A competition giving players of both genders & varying abilities, from competing Islands large or small, the opportunity to test their individual skill & team work against each other in a competitive but friendly environment.
- Currently, subject to the final entry date of 31st December 2010, we will have 18 men & 12 woman’s teams competing.
- We will be using 9 venues, grounds belonging to Brading Town FC, Cowes Sports FC, East Cowes Vics FC, Newport FC & West Wight FC. These grounds are all enclosed with both standing & seating areas & floodlights (hopefully they will not be needed).
- The other 4 venues will be the grounds belonging to The Isle of Wight Community Club (formerly Plessey FC), Oakfield FC, Shanklin FC & Ventnor FC. These 4 grounds are more basic & while the pitch will be roped off, there is no seating area.
- All 9 venues have a clubhouse where drink & snacks will be available to purchase.
- Wherever you play you will receive a warm welcome.

Match Officials

Those familiar with English football will recognise the Leagues mentioned.

We will have :-

- Lee Probert who currently referees in the Premier League
- James Linington, Keith Stroud, Steve Tanner, Gary Sutton & Gavin Ward who all currently referee in the Championship
- all matches being refereed by at least a level 4 official
- all referee assistants who will be level 5 with current experience of running the line in a Step 5 League
- a 4th official on all Men's games
- a 4th official in the woman's semi-finals, play-off for the bronze medal & the final

Finally we hope you have found this short newsletter useful.

It would be helpful if we had a record of the name & Email address of your football co-ordinator in order that future issues go directly to the right person.

In addition, feedback is welcomed, & if you have any questions relating to the competition will you please E mail them to our Football co-ordinator Ken Morris on footballmorris@aol.com or iowdfa@lavabit.com & we will provide answers in Issue 2.