



Annual Report 2009

NSW Floorball Association

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Introduction

It is with great pleasure that NSWFA present the annual report and review for all associations, affiliations, members and the general public on the status of floorball with NSW for 2009.

Documented within these pages are the comments of many of the committee representatives and 12 month reviews on the main competitions held within NSW.

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Presidents Report*

Much hard work over the last 12 months have ensured that floorball with NSW retains strong competition and development objectives that plan for the future growth of the sport.

With the global financial crises (GFC) impacting major business, retaining the capacity of the volunteer committee with employment uncertainty was a challenge itself. However, I commend the efforts of all involved to see that the dedication of their floorball commitments under such duress did not wavier.

The year 2009 proved once again that while challenging the committee's hard work was rewarded with a very successfully Elite Series and presentation night. Again the Sydney teams and regional teams (Newcastle) showed a strong presence at the AFO in Canberra and the showing of these teams is a testament to the hard work of the committee with competition thought and development. Additionally the NSW Waratahs women's team won the AFO in their respective competition and that caps off a great effort for all involved with the NSW women from inception to present day.

Given we are in the last quarter of 2009 we already have strong plans for the next season and the AFO to be held within NSW in 2010 has provided additional challenges. However I am very confident that all teams with NSWFA will again show to all Australia and Asia-Pacific that we have the strongest competition and healthiest club structures throughout the region.

Jason Cowland

* Note that the Vice-Presidents report is contained within the above.

Secretary Report

The structure and regularity of meetings over the last 12 months did fluctuate, due to the expected commitments of all committee members and their employment conditions.

Additionally the impact of the GFC did hinder at times scheduled meetings as prevailing employment conditions often changed late and therefore absenteeism was increased.

However, with structured agenda and total commitment all meetings were accurately minuted and actions followed up to ensure the growth of the sport and continually seek areas of improvement.

Due to growing a number of participated teams and regions as well as new competitions (mixed series), we've concentrated on developing stronger and more robust legislation.

We successfully established referees' educational programs (with great help from Michael McCallum) as well as created refereeing opportunities in private sectors (SCEGGS school). We've constituted regulations and rules in terms of managing clubs and competitions.



We are focused on expansion geographical as well as cross generations and genders. Our target is to establish the best club and legislative structure and foundation in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Petr Prazan

Treasurers Report

The last 12 months has been one of the most successful in terms of members registration and fee collection. No club has any outstanding monies owing to NSWFA, with a stronger emphasis on club penalties, all clubs were consistently paying advance match fees.

Areas are sponsorship again has proven to be difficult and the GFC has only hindered these opportunities. Sponsorship is a main area that needs improvement in the future years to ensure that we have strong naming rights and corporate presence.

Allocation of funds to development in women and juniors was a priority and while the funds were not of major proportion we have now established a base for women and a juniors program to have appropriate equipment for growth.

Janne Iivonen

Development

The Sydney Olympic Park (SOP) program has been very successful to promote the game to new schools. The facilitators at SOP have been very supportive of floorball in their program and as such have continually promoted the sport via their website and program fliers.

Numbers of school kids as active participants were supplied to the AFA to show the progress of the program. While we are yet to get a juniors competition going, SOP have engaged with us at possibilities of school holiday programs and after school programs which we will pursue.

Additionally introduction sessions were conducted at SCEGGS private girls school in Darlinghurst with both teachers and students in which consideration has been given to introducing into the school term as a regular sport.

Again resourcing is challenging but working together with small steps will ensure success.

Alan Clay



Webmaster

It is pleasing to see that the NSWFA website (www.nswfloorball.org) is perhaps the most active website within Australia. We now have a much improved communication channel among all floorball clubs and teams.

This has greatly enhanced our ability to feed to all parties interested latest developments of floorball in NSW. Additionally it was pleasing that the AFA were very impressed and as a result we provided assistance to the AFA in their own webpage development.

We also have had some success with flier promotion and general floorball correspondence being communicated to our members.

Amaru Medina

Competition

Men

A very successful Elite series saw the Northern Beaches Stingrays take out a great final against Glebe FC. There was a great mixture of players with many new players playing in the elite series during the season.

Challenges ensured with competing sports over summer but the competition retained a healthy 6 team format. Venue's again prove to be difficult, but only very minor fixture changes were required at the Rockdale Stadium and their support for floorball has been fantastic. However the venue is too small for a full size court which needs to be addressed in future seasons

As of this writing up to 20 NSW players will be trialling for the Australian squad.

Women

Great success with all involved in the development of floorball for women in NSW. Over the season we had scheduled in some competition rounds for the 2 women's teams which was the first step of increased participation for women.

The NSW women's team won the AFO in their league at Canberra and many thanks go to all whom have been involved with the development of floorball for women. Additionally some NSW women have trailed for the Australian squad and as of this writing 2 have been confirmed as selected for the Australian team.



Juniors

The SOP program has been a great way to introduce kids and schools to floorball much still needs to be done but the excellent work and facilitation by Alan Clay has opened the door for a great opportunity.

Regional

Newcastle

Great work by the team at Newcastle including Sam Turner and others have progressed floorball within the regional to include regular weekly matches on a smaller scale.

Newcastle are to be commended for this and their great efforts at the AFO in which 2 teams were entered and one making a final appearance. We welcome with great pride the introduction of a Newcastle team into the next Elite Series competition.

Wollongong

As recent as the last few months floorball within the Wollongong area has progressed into the University facility. While we still have minor issues with equipment, etc there has been a steady increase in player numbers at training. It is also with great pride that Wollongong as a regional will have a representative team in the Elite Series for the coming season.