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The Purpose of This Newsletter

We're excited to launch our very first fortnightly newsletter, designed to keep you connected with everything happening within Hunter Valley Football!

What You Can Expect:

- Upcoming Courses and Events
- Community Stories
- Highlights & Achievements
- Sponsor Spotlights



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Have You Registered For The 2026 Season?

Registrations Are Now Open!

The countdown to the 2026 football season has begun, and now is the perfect time to secure your spot!

Hunter Valley football offers a wide range of competitions, including:

- Minirosos
- Youth
- All age men's and women's
- Over 30s women's
- Over 35s men's

With 26 clubs across the Hunter Valley, there's a team for everyone!

REGISTER NOW!



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Coaching Pathways

Hunter Valley Football is committed to supporting every coach on their development journey. This season, we're placing a strong emphasis on coach development, ensuring every coach has access to the tools, education, and support needed to guide players in a safe and positive learning environment.

Over the coming issues, we'll introduce and explain several key courses available to our coaching community:

- Coles MiniRoos Certificate
- Skill Training Course
- Foundations of Football
- Foundations of Goalkeeping
- C Diploma

Each article will break down what the course covers, who it's designed for, and how it can help coaches grow.



What is the Coles MiniRoos Certificate?

Who it is for?

The MiniRoos Certificate is a Football Australia recognised course, suitable for new and developing coaches working with players aged 5–11, and is most relevant for those coaching 5–7 year olds at the introductory stages of football.

What is it?

It is a 2-hour introductory coach education course where coaches are introduced to using a games-based approach to encourage players to discover skills whilst having fun. Coaches are guided through session structure, adapting practices to achieve the desired outcomes, and review match day processes.

Why it is useful?

The certificate provides coaches with the knowledge and confidence to deliver fun, engaging and age-appropriate sessions. It encourages coaches to create positive early football experiences, adjust activities to suit player needs, and effectively manage match day environments to maximise learning and enjoyment for young players.



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UPCOMING COACHING COURSE

SKILL TRAINING COURSE



JANUARY 31ST



10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



TURNER PARK, ABERDARE



\$66.00

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- ✓ Developing the environment
- ✓ Good coaching behaviors
- ✓ Planning & delivering effective sessions
- ✓ Using small-sided games
- ✓ Match day processes

REGISTER NOW!

The Hunter Hawks Player Development Program is Back for 2026!

The Hunter Hawks Player Development Program (PDP) kicked off at the end of last year, building momentum for the 2026 season. This initiative provides talented community players with extra training opportunities in a high-performance environment, complementing their regular club sessions.

The program focuses on skill development, increased ball time, and expert coaching under the guidance of the Hunter Valley Football Development Officer, Joe Wright. It's all about creating pathways and nurturing talent within our community.



Who are our Referees?

When you think of a football referee, it's easy to picture someone in black with a whistle and a stern look.

In reality, our referees come from all walks of life. That diversity is one of the greatest strengths of our game.

Most of our referees still actually play our game.



Did you know?

Just like every player,
every referee was
once a beginner

Some are students, well under the age of 18 who are pulling on their referee kit on weekends to earn extra money, build confidence, and learn responsibility. Many say refereeing has helped them develop communication skills, resilience, and decision-making far beyond the pitch.

Others are parents, often introduced to refereeing through their children's involvement in football. For them, it's a way to stay connected to the game, contribute positively, and help create a safe and enjoyable environment for all players.

We also have former players. Participants who have spent years on the other side of the whistle. They referee because they love football, understand its challenges, and want to give something back to the sport that gave them so much.

Do we have former international players or referees? No, and just like the players who are participating in our competitions, our referees are starting their journey or are simply out there because this is their preferred level of football.

What unites all referees is motivation. They don't officiate for applause. They do it because they care about fairness, respect, and keeping the game moving. Without them, matches simply don't happen.

Our referees are human, and make mistakes just like every player involved in a match will do.

Next time you see a referee, remember that they're not just enforcing the Laws of the Game, they're ensuring that a match which you are involved in can be played.

Backing Our Referees. Properly



REAL SUPPORT

Referees now have stronger systems, better guidance, and clear pathways.



A NEW STANDARD

Referees are protected, developed, and valued.



INVESTING WHERE IT MATTERS

Because referees are essential to the game.



INVESTING IN QUALITY

More assessments, more feedback, more growth.



NO REGISTRATION FEES

Referees now only pay the state and national fees upon registration.



KEEP WHAT YOU EARN

The 10% referee levy has been removed.



PATHWAYS THAT EXIST

Because referees deserve development too.



DIRECT INVESTMENT

We're investing in referees as a core part of football.



OPERATIONS RESET

Hunter Valley Football now manages all local referee operations.



BACKED TO WALK AWAY

Abuse will not be tolerated.



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