

Rooball Referees

Three Rooball Referees from 2006 returned to take charge with the whistle. A recruitment drive resulted in 14 new referees coming on board and completing the Football Brisbane Inc Rooball Referee Training and Assessment. A few team officials/parents also completed the Training and Assessment task.

This year saw Samford's first female Rooball Refs take charge. Seven of our seventeen referees were girls who matched it with the boys.

We offer a big thank you to Vicki Reid for organising the Referee Bibs that reinforced our official role on the field. Thanks also to Wayne Cannon for sharing his experience in refereeing and conducting a practical training session on possibly the coldest night in Samford. A final thank you to the small band of parents who ensured the lines on the fields were marked on most match days – not an easy task with the state of our fields. Refeing a match without field markings is not something the black and white referees tolerate, but our young refs did this despite the difficulty.

I would like to congratulate each and every Rooball Referee for their efforts and reliability this season. Their ages range between 12 and 15. At this young age they take control of the game with the players, coaches and spectators all having their input – a daunting task. Thank you to the Samford teams who supported our refs and praised their efforts. To the very small number who momentarily forgot what junior, non-competitive football is all about – please consider how your actions can affect the Referees of tomorrow; an increasingly rare commodity.

I believe some of Samford's Rooball Refs will undertake the black and white Referee course and take to the competitive fields next year. Good on you and best wishes with that endeavour. For those wanting to return to Rooball Refeing next season, you may need to recruit a Rooball Referee Co-ordinator as I can't guarantee I can continue in the role next year.

I am sure everyone benefited from their involvement in Rooball Refereeing at Samford. Hope to see you on the fields next season.

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