



NEWS June 15



*National Clubs Championships, Melbourne 2015
(From top left clockwise A then B grade winners and runners-up)
Boomers: Arista Marion: Boomers: Sydney Redbacks*

A social sport!

You might well question the timing of a focus for this newsletter of korfbal as a social sport. It is chosen because it is the very time when we are involved in the highest levels of competition with the National Club Championships just completed and the final preparation of the Australia U23s leaving for the IKF Asia Oceania Championship in about a month. What we are seeing is korfbal in

Australia becoming more professional in outlook and development yet at the same time not forgetting that we are a mixed sport with a terrific social spirit. We can maintain that spirit across the community even when competition is intense for individuals and clubs, for male and female working and playing together.

The Website

<http://korfball.org.au>

There are lots of things on the new website every week from the latest social news to courses and resources.

Email: Australia@korfball.org.au

Team Australia

Both squads are well into training for the IKF World Championships in Belgium and the IKF U23 Asia Oceania Championships in Chinese Taipei.

You can check their progress on the website.

<http://korfball.org.au/national-team>

A fitness program

As part of the squad's preparation I have been working with Kelly and Dustin Willis to develop a fitness program that we believe will provide a better Korfball base for our elite players and those who are trying to get to elite status. It is working very successfully and this has now been shared with coaches in our clubs.

We are also looking for manager(s) or groups interested in supporting our squad for the World Championships in Belgium in October-November. The management can be for the Australian-based part and/or the international travel so there are options there to suit your availability. If you are interested in assisting our squad in other ways too, such as medical support, please contact

Megan at secretary@au.korfball.org.au

or me at psibbons@bluize.com.au

For the **2015 IKF U23AOC** we plan to leave on Saturday 18th July with training/tourism on the way then fly to Chinese Taipei on the 22nd and

have some friendly matches on the 23rd and 24th. The tournament accreditation is on the 25th and the tournament runs 26/7 – 2/8.

Most grateful thanks to players, clubs, partners and parents supporting the squads already.

Phil Sibbons Open and U23 Coach



Australia Squads *Fund Raising*

The Australian Squad (U23 & Open) has been given the opportunity to host a cakes stall at the Bunnings Mile End store, **Sat June 20th**.

and a BBQ at Mile End Store

on Sunday 26th July

Find out more at

<http://korfball.org.au/national-team>



Korfball Australia is very pleased to announce the players selected for the upcoming IKFU23AOKC in Taipei in July/August

Chris Webb
Chris Hutchesson
Josh Prasad
Riley Cullen
Nik Bungey
Paul Hawkins

Ashlee Othen
Emily Hutchesson
Jess Crispe
Jess Webb
Grace Cullen
Bethan Channing
Lauren Bungey
Georgia Bungey



GLOBAL KORFBALL

Congratulations

to **Megan Marks** on being appointed as a referee in the 2015 IKF Asia Oceania Championships in Chinese Taipei. Megan has had a distinguished career as a national player and as a referee in regional international championships.

It is interesting to know where korfball is leading internationally and below are some points made by Albert Vidanya of the International Korfball Federation's Development and Education Committee which provides resources to youth programs and young korfball playing countries.

Albert noted the next challenge for IKF is to take part in the Olympic Games. It is going to require:

- 75 recognised national organisations by 2023
- 65 active countries
- 50 countries with national championship
- 45 countries entering 2015 IKF World Korfball Championship qualification
- 55 countries with active youth policy

We are well on the way to achieving those goals.

Examining countries showing the fastest development he noted that it was those with ambitious and well-established national plans, stable national organisations and with a focus on youth development.

Albert also noted the importance of continental associations (like Asia Oceania in our case) and the need for countries within such geographical associations to help each other more rather than just expecting help from the top European countries.

We welcome now the 65th member of IKF – **Ivory Coast** (West Africa).



Sydney City v Boomers



We seek expressions of interest for the position of

MANAGER

for the

2015 IKF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(to be held in Belgium in November)

For application criteria, email me in the first instance and I will provide details.

Megan Marks secretary@au.korfball.org.au

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2015 August IKF U23 Asia-Oceania Championships Chinese Taipei

2015 October IKF World Championships in Belgium

2016 March IKF U19 World Cup 3/16 Netherlands

2016 March IKF U23 WC Czech Republic

2017 World Games Wroclaw Poland

2021 World Games Birmingham Alabama USA

The IKF U23 Asia Oceania Korfball Championship (IKF U23 AOKC) will be played in Hsinchu City, Chinese Taipei. It is a qualification event for the IKF U23 World Korfball Championship in 2016.



IKF WORLD CONGRESS

November 4-5 in Antwerp Belgium

And the pools for the IKF WC

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	CHINESE TAIPEI	PORTUGAL
AUSTRALIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	CATALONIA	ENGLAND
RUSSIA	GERMANY	HONG KONG	CHINA
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	POLAND	SOUTH AFRICA

For more information about korfball international events and korfball around the world go to the IKF website at www.ikf.org

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This was a very exciting competition with very close games throughout in both A and B grade. Added to this was the fact that it was the last round-robin games which decided what teams would be in the finals and then the finals had unexpected winners. This meant there was

plenty of tension and very keen competition in games but all played in the good spirit expected in korfball. More on this event can be found on the webpages of Korfball Australia and Facebooks for participating clubs.

A very special thank you goes to Megan Marks, the organising genius of the tournament and also the referee of the A Grade Final.



To emphasise the social importance of korfball events, above is one club – Arista Marion showing their appreciation of one of their greatest supporters and workers **Karina Hutchesson**. Karina is also the Development Officer for South Australia, spending countless hours supporting the introduction and development of our sport in schools

WANTED

Someone who can illustrate korfball activities. We need to produce our own new programs for teachers and students in schools. We can write the programs but need illustrators. There's no money in it. You would have to do it for your love of korfball! Contact Roy

NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfball.org.au

THE KORFBALL YOUTH LEADER AWARD

Gold Awards



Congratulations to the latest **Goldies!** **Lauren, Nik, Georgia, Riley and Grace** who have completed the Gold Level of the *Korfball Youth Leader Award* having demonstrated a range of personal development and leadership skills mainly but not only in korfball. Some of the above demonstrated leadership skills in other sports, activities in their schools, working with people with disability, helping people in other countries to name just a few.

If you are 13 to 19 years old, there is an opportunity for you to learn more about korfball, develop leadership skills and get recognition for them through korfball and other activities through



THE KORFBALL YOUTH LEADER AWARD

- ❖ It is designed to help you get knowledge, skills and experience in leadership
- ❖ There are lots of activities to choose from
- ❖ You work at your own pace

- ❖ You can get a lot of support in club and the community
- ❖ Recognition is at three award levels: bronze, silver and gold

For the activities see the manual at

<http://korfball.org.au/documents/korfball-youth-leader-award-manual/>

And more information from the National Coordinator at

YouthLeadersAward@korfball.org.au



Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Korfball Australia is pleased to be a member of ACHPER (Australian Council of Health Physical Education and Recreation Inc.)

You can find out more about ACHPER and its services to teachers and sports at

<http://www.achper.org.au>



Thought for the Month

There is more expertise outside a committee than on it!

What this implies is that there are always others with talent, expertise and more experience besides those on the committee. It is therefore logical that for better decisions members of a committee should always be looking beyond their members for suggestions or advice. Further, if a committee has made widely known its deliberations and considered wider advice then it is more likely that its decisions will be more representative of those affected and more likely that members of the community will support their decisions.

The quote is not just relevant to high level committees but for those at grass roots such as teams, clubs and associations.

COACHES

The modern approach to coaching in Australia now starts in the earliest years in schools with the “game sense” approach in which we expect players to understand why they develop certain skills or use certain tactics and be able to respond intelligently. Of course it is very much simplified for young children but what it means is that as they grow up they are going to expect much more from their coaches in their chosen sports as to why they are doing something and they are going to want to respond whether things go right or wrong – they all become coaches!

This is not going to devalue the role of the coach –he/she will always have a particular view of the players’ individual and team development and a valuable role in supporting their decision making.

This ties in well with the thought for the month, above - “there is more expertise not on a

committee than on it.” Change “committee” to the coach and outside his or her mentor and the players he/she coaches. There are always other opinions as a coach you can call upon and most important you have your players who, with a background in which their opinions are valued, will be able to make suggestions for improving their personal development or playing success.

Video of korfball shooting techniques from Suzanne and others at

<http://www.ikf.org/ikf/coachingkorfball>

PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS

The *A15 Five Week Korfball Lesson Program* for teachers is available now. Only requires one set of posts and works with up to 28 students in your class. + other resources at

<http://korfball.org.au/documents/korfball-5-week-program-for-high-school-teachers>

Also on the website are older but still useful resources such as the *Aussie Sports* programs for primary and secondary schools, *Skills Sheets* and *1001 Exercises*

And if you don't find what you want there please contact Roy at

NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfball.org.au



REFEREES

Referees are always under the spotlight so it is most important that they have the full support they need. That is not just from coaches and administrators at games but also from others. Referees need to be especially aware that there is always more experience and knowledge of how they perform from others such as referee mentors, coaches and experienced players. So, as referees, we should use them –as we see our top international referees Meagan and Luke do. Rules change and the interpretation of rules change so as referees we need to check these often. Some points brought up at a recent referees meeting;

The **re-start** – is from where the infringement was (unless too advantageous)

Defended shot - at the instant the ball leaves the attackers hands the 4 points required plus

- The defenders must work to get it
- Only defended if defender moves forward as attacker steps back to shoot

Loose ball contest

- Must have control to be awarded to a player
- Contesting some contact expected and allowed as long as not an advantage to one over the other

Free pass is awarded for intentional action that is against the rules (e.g. knocking ball out of hand). Warn players sometimes (e.g. next time you do that a free pass).

And another case regarding possible awarding of a free pass is **contact by a defender** after a shot on the attacker. Besides being against the rules this can be considered intimidation that might be designed to put a player off taking any similar shots.

If you have rules-related questions let us know and we will pass them on to Meagan and Luke through

NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfball.org.au

Modern Dynamic Korfball as the World Champions play. See it at

<http://www.ikf.org/videos/modern-dynamic-korfball-promo>

Introduction to "Korfball 4" (K4) - IKF

Educational www.ikf.org/ikf/coachingkorfball



KORFBALL LEVEL 1

COACH and REFEREE COURSES

Much of the courses can be done on line. For further information and how we can tailor courses for you or a group please contact Roy at

NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfball.org.au



This is an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission. It is designed to offer assistance to any primary school in Australia through giving access to resources both financial and sports programs activities. There are 32 sports involved at the moment but korfball is not one

of them yet. However we can be involved by offering our services to schools and we can provide you with appropriate korfbal teaching resources.

A way to become involved is to become a recognised **Sporting Schools Coach** and then offer to do korfbal coaching as part of their program. Remember that korfbal is not yet an official sport in *Sporting Schools* but the school may be able to get funding. It is a way for you to get involved since it seems a very worthwhile program with great general resources that would be a benefit to anyone coaching in primary schools.

Use the following tags to find out more regarding minimum standards [coaching registration requirements](#). These minimum standards consist of Community Coaching General Principles and/or recognised sport-specific accreditation. More information regarding these minimum standards is explained on the ['Get involved with coaching'](#) page.

Coaches are required to have a current state-legislated *Working with Children Check* (or equivalent) and insurance as determined by school entry requirements.

Korfbal Australia can provide you with the appropriate qualifications to coach and resources (e.g. programs) recognition.

The *Korfbal Level 0 Coach Course* is equivalent to *the ASC Community Coaching General Principles Course*.

For further information contact NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfbal.org.au

A good video with primary school children playing korfbal in a tournament is

<https://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DAiy-nqFb87o&h=PAQEDlcrG>



Victoria News

Please contact **Jess** May on 0408578886 or **Helen** Searle. helen.searle@ikf.org

NSW News



Sydney City Redbacks is the club to contact if you want to play korfbal in Sydney.

Venue EORA fitness at 180 George Street, Redfern, 7pm on Thursday nights
Victoria Wah is President

Feel free to contact us at sydneykorfbal@gmail.com or check out our facebook page or website www.sydneykorfbal.com.



Korfbal SA South Australia

For information on all aspects of korfbal in South Australia go to
<https://www.facebook.com/KorfSA?ref=ts&ref=ts>

or the Korfbal Australia website at
<http://korfbal.org.au/>



KORFBALLS and KORFS (baskets)

Korfbal bases and posts

To order contact Mark
mark.hamilton@aetlimited.com.au



Sundays at the Eagles Sports Centre,
3 Weedon St, Mansfield
from 11am to 12.30pm.

For more information
Facebook Korfbal in Queensland
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/823889577671690/>
(contact BJ Cook)



Check the Korfbal Australia website for other resources

Keep in instant touch with what's happening in korfbal around the clubs, regions, states and internationally at the websites and on Facebook

au.korfbal.org.au

sa.korfbal.org.au

www.sydneykorfbal.com

www.korfbal.org/

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Korfbal-Australia/365371480145840?ref=ts&fref=ts>

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