



NEWS April 15



Korfball for all ages and all reasons and always mixed

Congratulations to everyone!

The new era of korfball in Australia is gaining momentum and everyone is playing a part. Already the new national standard referee and

coaching programs are operating and it is very good to see everyone supporting them whether as actual participants or as leagues and clubs

supporting participants, ensuring they have opportunities to develop their skills. Of special significance at this time is the launch of the new **Korfball Australia website** which enables us to bring together at national, state and club level information we can all share along with connections to social media. The website should be up and running about the 15th April. Special thanks are due to **Phil Sibbons** and **Andrew Hutchesson** for the many hours devoted to developing the website: more on this in our next newsletter. This will trigger changes to this Korfball Australia News and gives us the opportunity to change its focus from the more social to the more professional. But, we want to make it interesting and useful so any ideas you may have please let us know.

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.

We have our first training camp on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th of April. Session times

Sat – Immanuel College 10-12 and 3-5

Sunday - Sturt Gym – 9-11

These sessions, like the Monday night sessions, are open for all coaches/referees and anyone else interested to come along and watch or be involved in some way.

We are keen to take on assistant coaches for both squads and they would also have an education program set up to develop their korfball coaching knowledge and skills and level of accreditation.

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 suite 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 U23** 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

Should it be just the ones who can afford the costs who represent Australia? We would like to say “no” so we would really appreciate all members of the Australian korfball community supporting fund raising for our two squads. Here's our first fund raiser



Australia Squads

Bake Sale @ Bunnings

Mile End Store Saturday April 19th

Meet players –buy - eat ☺



We seek expressions of interest for the
position of
MANAGER(S)
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



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.)

ACHPER has an International Conference in
April in Adelaide. Korfball will be making a
presentation, *Improving Gender Relations
through Korfball*. Some of our national players
will be helping out and involving participants
in play as well as joining in discussion about
gender issues in our sport. The major points
of the presentation are below.



29th ACHPER International Conference

13 - 15 April 2015 | Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, South Australia

Values into Action - A Brighter Future



NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

6-7th June

Whitten Oval Stadium

417 Barkly St. West Footscray Victoria

Further information about after tournament
dinner, nominations and the playing draw will
be emailed to all clubs and associations as
they become available.

Contact Person ; Megan Marks



We have a strong interest in korfball setting up
in the Brisbane-Gold Coast area. If you know
of anyone who might be interested in being
involved please contact Mark Zilm on
0409672199 or markzilm65@gmail.com



Improving gender relations through korfball

Korfball was invented by a teacher wanting a game where girls and boys could play together without any advantage to either gender.

In the process korfball was developed with an emphasis on

- ball skills and movement without contact
- all round ability rather than specialisation
- cooperative play rather than solo play

Korfball also provides an excellent foundation on which to develop the social skills - especially as they relate to inter-gender relations.

In schools, Korfball is highly relevant to meeting the objectives of the new *Australian Curriculum* and here are just a few key areas where it can provide assistance to students:

- students **value** learning about cooperation by playing together to achieve goals (rule: must be mixed 2 male + 2 female working together in each half of the court, no solo play – rules support cooperation)
- students **develop skills** in association with the other gender (e.g. ball handling - feeding, shooting, retrieving): defending: non-contact skills to get the ball)

- students recognise that **gender inclusiveness** is necessary for success in the game
- students become aware of the necessity to **communicate** with the other gender on court and in other korfball-related contexts
- students develop alternatives to traditional **beliefs** about gender roles. Traditional beliefs can be challenged directly in a positive korfball playing situation.
- students' **personal and social capability** is enhanced as they learn to understand themselves and others. This includes recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy for and understanding of others, establishing positive and respectful relationships, making responsible decisions, working effectively in teams and handling challenging situations constructively.

To examine in more detail some of the specific ways korfball can contribute to the Australian Curriculum see *Improving Gender Relations through Korfball* on the Korfball Australia website in Resources>schools.



COACHES

We have noted in this column the requirements of our korfball coaches who are now expected to meet national standards as set by the Australian Sports Commission. We have a number of coaches who have met these standards or who are in the process of meeting them. However, it doesn't matter how long you have been coaching and at whatever level it is always useful to look back at some of the basic requirements we have as coaches. A famous korfball coach once said that "we are in the **direction** business". It's an interesting view and it implies that we are directing players primarily towards developing their knowledge and skills individually and working together as a group. That, in this age, immediately suggests that we are taking on some responsibility for those we are directing and that implies health and safety issues and legal requirements; these are our first priority. Since we are directing we need to know where we are directing them to and this suggests planning and being prepared so we don't lose our direction. At the same time, we keep in mind the basic need to have risk assessments for health and safety related to the planned activities. On the way lots of questions will come to mind that imply a need to check how you are going and how the players feel they are progressing. Are we moving in the right direction – safely?

Setting a direction in modern korfball does not mean the coach directs and decides everything but s/he may need to set boundaries and guidelines in which players can participate in decision making. The *game sense* approach requires players to think about their progress and we'll look at that next month.

A good reminder of the basic requirements of coaching can be found in the *Korfball Basic Principles Level 1 Manual* found in the Resources section on the Korfball Australia website.

Modern Dynamic Korfball

as the World Champions play.

See it at

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



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://au.korfball.org.au/?page_id=110

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

At the first major referees meeting for the new season in Adelaide our International Referee **Luke Rosie** focused on some important basics we all need to remember however long we have been refereeing. These were:-

Show you are ready – mentally, physically – warmed up – correct uniform, have attended to administration duties and done a risk assessment of the game environment and players.

You are there to enforce the rules. In doing this

- be consistent in calls
- communicate with players e.g. talk, signals

While refereeing

- keep moving – running to be in best position
- use all the court (both sides) in B and C grade
- talk to players/groups
- be authoritative with whistle (quick and firm), a special tone when needed
- signal clearly (everyone needs to know what the decision was for)

We hope to have more from Luke in future issues, in particular on the latest rules interpretations.

You can find more information on the points Luke has made in the *Referee Basic Principles Manual* in the Resources area of the Korfball Australia website.

The new Referee Courses - meeting the standards expected by the Australian Sports Commission - are getting a great deal of support from player and administrations at club and league level.

In addition, the Log Books for recording professional development have now been distributed. These let the referee see where

they need to focus to maintain their knowledge and expertise and act as a reminder for those supporting them to have appropriate resources available to them.

Wherever you are in Australia there is a refereeing course that can be tailored to your local needs. Contact Roy at NationalTechnicalCoordinator@korfball.org.au



KORFBALL LEVEL 1 REFEREE COURSE

Here's an opportunity for you to enhance your korfball skills and knowledge and make a very important contribution to Korfball and your korfball future.

It centres on

- ❖ An on line workbook assignment
- ❖ Two workshops on interpretation of rules and refereeing essentials
- ❖ Opportunities to referee in social and B and C grade with regular support
- ❖ Register your interest now with Lee, Roy or through your club
- ❖ Workshops will be organised during April and May

Other aspects will be relayed to you on Registration.

Note: While this course is in Adelaide it can be arranged for interstate players- contact Roy if you are interested.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2015
IKF U23 Asia-Oceania Championships in
August in Taiwan (tbc)

World Korfball Championships
starts 30 October in Antwerp, Belgium

REGISTERED REFEREES

Who able to assist those in training

Paul Adams (2)
Tony Beeson
Bruce Bungey
Josh Burney
Mark Hamilton (2)
Andrew Hutchesson
Lee-Roy Jones
Roy Kirkby
Megan Marks*(2)
Jess May
Tim Miller
Luke Rosie* (2)
Helen Searle
Mark Zilm

* *Current international referees*
(2) *Level 2 Referees*



Cameroon (West Africa) Korfball
Find out more at Korfball development

KYLA !

It's a good time now to consider starting or upgrading your **Korfball Youth Leader Award** level. It's a great way to develop leadership skills. You get credits for developing korfball knowledge and skills in training and playing and taking responsibilities..

You can get credits for leadership developments in school such as class or year level leadership, responsibilities in performing arts and so much more.

If you are doing responsible things in the community like fund raising or in your korfball club you can get credits.

So if you are Under 19 it's good thing to go for. Contact Roy at

YouthLeadersAward@korfball.org.au for more information about KYLA or to get an update of your credits.



IKF WORLD CONGRESS November 4-5 in Antwerp, Belgium

And the pools for the IKF WC

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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



Portuguese korfballers



Kiwis in the Netherlands

Congratulations to Korfbal **New Zealand** on their initiative to focus on their Under 19s with their limited resources for international korfball. And how well they did against other teams that benefit from regular international competition in Europe. They finished a very creditable 10th out of 14 teams with wins against China, Romania and Brazil and had many close games. We hope their involvement with the world's best players at this level will have inspired them to return and help us in Australia with development at this level. There is a connection in that their coach is former Australia player and former Assistant Australian National Coach Mark Garrett. The KNZ Blog is at <http://korfballnzteamblog.weebly.com/nz-u19-team.html>

For results of the Cup go to <http://www.u19kwc.com/results/>



Our youngest player – at least with a uniform! 😊

Introduction to "Korfball 4" (K4) - IKF Educational

www.ikf.org/ikf/coachingkorfbal

Victoria News

We are not active at this time but if you are interested in playing we welcome anyone in the Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat and Melbourne area to come and join us, especially for the National Club Championships in June in Melbourne.

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 korfball in Sydney.

Venue EORA fitness at 180 George Street, Redfern; 7pm on Thursday nights
Date for the diary: National Champs will be on the June long weekend (7th/8th) in Melbourne.

It will be a two day tourney with games 9-5 (estimated) each day at Whitten Oval Sports Complex.

We hope to take two teams down, with all players encouraged - whether experienced or new, old or young. Please let us know if you interested so we can start the initial planning. Any questions just ask - drop a message, call on our Facebook page.

Your Redback President

Victoria Wah

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



South Australia

The State League season for Korfball SA is on the way. For the first time since 2009 we have six clubs competing over three grades. This year we welcome Flinders University who will be competing in C-grade. There are now two university teams competing in the KSA state league competition, hopefully in the near future players from these clubs will be competing in the IKF University Korfball World Cup.

If you feel like having a run, do not hesitate to contact your local club or myself and we will get you out on the court.

The State League is played most Sunday afternoons at the Netball Stadium at Mile End. Dates when it is not can be seen by checking the schedule on the KSA website.



High School tournament

will be held on **Thursday 30th April** at Netball SA Stadium. Any teachers who would like more information on either clinics, PD sessions and/or the tournament please contact me Karina on 81770737 or at development@sa.korfball.org.au

We need volunteer referees and coaches for the High School Tournament (from 9am to 3pm. If you do not have a police check, contact Karina soon.

Also, volunteers required for school clinics in SA - always greeted with great enthusiasm by the students. Again contact Karina.

Social Korfball

In Adelaide it starts again at Seaview High School on Monday nights excluding Public Holidays and starts again on 27th April. The game fees will remain the same for the whole year \$25 per team/game and the registration fee will be \$40 per team/term.

For more information and to nominate a team please contact **Kendall Laffey** at leagues@sa.korfball.org.au



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The IKF University Korfball World Cup 2015, sponsored by FISU are being held in Norwich, United Kingdom at the University of East Anglia. There are 8 national university teams participating from 16 – 18 April 2015,

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All you have to do is go shopping on the Korfball Australia online store for your essential services such as phones, internet, gas and electricity and every time you pay your cheaper bill KA gets a small commission! Korfballers Karen and Mark Z, Megan and Brad M, Nonie and Roy K and Tim Miller all get cheaper electricity, gas, and mobile and/or landline bills.

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<http://korfballaustralia.acndirect.com/>



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Korfball bases and posts

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



Check the Korfball Australia website for other resources

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

au.korfball.org.au

sa.korfball.org.au

www.sydneymkorfball.com

www.korfball.org/

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

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