



CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL POSITION REGARDING POTENTIAL REFUNDS POLICY FOR 2022.

Monday 31st January 2022

Dear Footballers of the Central Coast

This letter seeks to clarify CCF's position regarding potential refunds for 2022 should the season be impacted by COVID-19.

It is the intent of CCF, in conjunction with clubs, to similarly approach the 2022 season in a fair and equitable manner if the upcoming season mirrors that of 2021. It is however simply not possible to predict what will happen in 2022 as regards the effects of COVID-19 and for that reason we are not able to, at this stage, formulate a firm refund policy. The only alternative would be to have a strictly no refund policy which we consider to be the least attractive option and one we are reluctant to implement.

Please note there are five potential avenues for refunds

1. Our insurance policy
2. Council ground hire fees
3. CCF fees
4. Club fees
5. Former FA and FNSW fees resultant of dis-affiliation

Insurance and Council fees

We will not know the full extent of costs to us until we are in turn advised by insurers and council about their refund policies.

CCF fees

While ever we intend to play football, staff and administrative costs continue regardless of how long or short the season runs. The extent of the refunds from 2021 were made possible by the following.

- Partial refunds from our insurer
- Partial refunds from Council
- The CCF board abandoning its usual aim of returning a small profit and instead aiming to break even.
- The Federal and State governments' Covid Relief Fund initiatives eg; Jobkeeper/Job saver

The cost to CCF for last year's refund was **\$730,000** which included the clubs' portion.

Club fees.

Clubs have costs just like CCF. While they don't have wages to pay, they have significant start-up costs each year such as canteen goods, soccer balls, playing shirts, training aids, line marking paint, goals, nets and corner flags, trophies and awards and so on.



Having to refund money already spent places an undue burden on clubs which is why CCF picked up the club's share of the refunds last season.

Former FA and FNSW fees resultant of dis-affiliation

As CCF has been removed from the football family, Football Australia and Football NSW fees will no longer be payable. The CCF board will be developing a strategy in consultation with all our clubs to determine what should happen with these fees.

Without clear direction on government support initiatives and insurer's and council's refund policies, CCF cannot determine the extent of any refunds at this time. However, should the season be cut short, CCF will always act in good faith and attempt to return to our players whatever they can, as has been the case in 2021

It is our express desire that 2022 football progresses such that refunds are not required and trust that this communicate addresses any potential concerns you may have so that you are able to continue to play the sport we all enjoy so much.

To find out more about registration please click here: www.ccf.mycompapp.com and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to send them to admin@ccfootball.com.au.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Sadler".

Scott Sadler
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