



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GIUOCO CALCIO (FIGC)

And

FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA (FFA)

WHEREAS

1. Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (FIGC) and Football Federation Australia (FFA) are the autonomous governing bodies for the sport of Football in their respective countries under the exclusive authority of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
2. Each party is a legal entity under their respective national laws and has appropriate legal capacity to negotiate and conclude agreements.
3. The nations of Italy and Australia are linked through conventions and treaties covering a number of areas, and the Olympic Committees of the two nations (CONI and AOC) are linked through a Memorandum of Understanding
4. The parties are desirous of consolidating and further developing a close working relationship and sharing resources and expertise and cooperating with each other as part of that relationship in a number of areas.
5. The parties have agreed to document their relationship in this Agreement.



IT IS THEREFORE AGREED

A. General

1. The parties mutually recognise each other as the governing body responsible for governing football in their respective countries and agree that nothing in this Cooperation Agreement limits their rights and responsibilities in their capacity as such governing bodies.
2. The parties agree to cooperate with each other in order to develop strong ties between their respective associations for the mutual benefit of each association and for the promotion, growth and continued success of football in each country.
3. The parties will give effect to their collaboration and cooperation through management and officials, technical experts, coaches, referees, players in
 - (a) competitions organised by the respective organisations
 - (b) technical and educational courses, seminars and conferences
 - (c) exchanges of experience and expertise in the areas of construction and management of sports installations, materials, sports equipment and scientific equipment
 - (d) exchanges regarding training of technical personnel and organisational procedures
 - (e) exchanges of experience, expertise and training in the areas of sports science and sports medicine referring to football;
 - (f) availability of sports centres or installations for competition, training and camps as and where possible in accordance with availability and suitability and
 - (g) exchanges of information and material of a technical and expert nature.
4. The parties recognise the expertise of each other and the aims and objectives of each other and agree to support those aims and objectives, including providing appropriate support where one party is bidding for a FIFA event, for which the other party is not bidding.
5. The parties recognise the technical qualifications and accreditation of the coaches and referees of each other, insofar as this is permitted under the regulations of FIFA, UEFA and the AFC.
6. The parties will engage in reciprocal consultation in relation to specific issues and international relations particularly those within FIFA.



B. Technical and Professional Exchanges

1. The parties will establish an exchange program whereby FFA personnel are provided access to the expertise, courses and facilities of the FIGC in Rome and especially of the FIGC Technical Department at Coverciano, and FIGC personnel are provided access to the expertise, courses and facilities of the FFA in Sydney and also of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra, and eventually at the AIS Europe Base in Gavirate, Italy.
2. The exchanges referred to in paragraph B.1 above will include exchanges in the areas of:
 - Coaching, including specialist coaching for goalkeepers and physical or conditioning coaching
 - Referees
 - Football management and Technical Direction
 - Game development and talented player development
 - Women's Football
 - Youth Football
 - Futsal
 - Sports Science, referring to football
 - Sports Medicine, referring to football
 - Research on football matters
 - Rules and RegulationsSpecific projects in this regard are covered in the Annexure to this Cooperation Agreement.
3. The form of the exchange program may include personal exchanges (travel to Italy and Australia as appropriate) for instruction or education or work experience, conduct of workshops, study tours as well as exchange of documentation such as training and other manuals.
4. The terms and conditions for such exchanges will be agreed between the parties on each occasion. Availability must be agreed but will be reasonably given.



C. Technical Centre of Excellence

1. FFA recognises the excellence of the FIGC National Technical Centre at Coverciano and the established expertise of the FIGC Technical Department therein.
2. FFA is in the process of developing a Home of Football in Sydney which will include a Technical Centre and FIGC agrees to provide advice and support in the establishment of that Centre in terms of design, construction and management, including through providing access for FFA to the Centre at Coverciano as and when appropriate.
3. FFA works in close cooperation with the AIS in Canberra and agrees to negotiate access for the FIGC Technical Department to the AIS for the purpose of sharing knowledge and information with the relevant AIS experts in areas of interest to the FIGC Technical Department, especially in the areas of Sports Science and Medicine referring to football.
4. The terms and conditions for such exchanges will be agreed between the parties on each occasion. Availability must be agreed but will be reasonably given.

D. National Team Competition

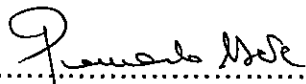
1. The parties shall cooperate to play international friendlies between their respective national teams on specific dates noted in the Annexure, and otherwise to work together to play such friendlies as soon as practicable, provided that technical and financial requirements are satisfied.
2. The national teams covered by this agreement are:
 - Senior Men's National Teams
 - Men's Olympic Teams
 - Senior Women's National Teams
 - Youth Teams (men and women)
 - Futsal Teams
3. The terms and conditions for such matches will be agreed between the parties on each occasion. If conditions permit, in general the visiting team pays for its travel to the host country, and the host country team pays for the costs of the visiting team within the host country, including local transport, accommodation, meals, training costs, etc. If the matches are



to be played in a third country venue, and if conditions permit, generally the costs will be shared between the parties.

4. The parties will retain the broadcast rights within their own territories for these matches, and the host country will retain the third party broadcasting rights. When the match is played in a third country venue, the third party broadcasting rights will be shared between the parties as agreed.
If conditions permit, in general the commercial rights and ticket revenue will be retained by the host country, unless otherwise agreed. When the match is played in a third country venue, the commercial rights and ticket revenue will be shared between the parties as agreed.
5. The host country will provide an agreed number of tickets including VIP tickets to the other party.

In witness thereof the parties have attached their signatures:


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Giancarlo Abete
President of FIGC


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Frank Lowy
Chairman of FFA

Sydney, 29 May 2008



ANNEXURE

Technical and Professional Exchanges

1. Possible visit of an Italian refereeing expert to Australia in December 2008 to advise on referee recruitment, education, coaching, and retention.
2. Possible visits of Sports Science experts to the Australian Institute of Sport to meet with AIS Biomechanics, Physiology, Recovery and Performance Analysis experts.
3. Visits of FFA National Coaches and Target Scholarship Coaches to Coverciano for work experience with FIGC National Coaching staff.
4. Possible enrolment of FFA Coaches, Technical Directors, Football Managers, Futsal Coaches, Physical Coaches in FIGC Technical Department courses, with possibility of course delivery in English.
5. Possible involvement of FIGC Technical Department experts in FFA Coaching Conferences and Courses in Australia, and in particular in the 2009 FFA National Coaching Conference.
6. Provision by FIGC Technical Department to FFA of National Guide for Coaches in Youth Level ages 6-12, and other course materials.
7. Possible visits of FFA top referees and referee instructors to Italy in July 2008 for ten days to meet with FIGC Referees Department.

National Team Competition

National Men's Team

1. If during the period 1 July 2008 to 30 May 2009, both National Teams are free on a FIFA International Date, the parties will consider a friendly match in Italy or elsewhere in Europe or within 7 hours travel time of Italy.



2. If in June 2009, the Australian National Team has a bye on one of the dates set for World Cup Qualification, then it will consider - together with FIGC and in accordance to FIFA rules - playing a friendly match against Italy in South Africa, prior to the Confederations Cup. The date preferred by Italy is 10 June
3. If neither Italy nor Australia are involved in World Cup Qualification play-offs on the FIFA International Dates in November 2009, the parties will consider a friendly match in Italy or elsewhere in Europe.
4. The President of FIGC and the Chairman of FFA will discuss the possibility of playing a friendly match outside of Italy, and possibly in Australia at some future date, but at present a specific date is not able to be identified. These discussions will take into consideration the issues of player welfare, professional club relationships and commercial considerations.
5. Each party acknowledge that FFA and FIGC have to consider also other prior invitations concerning international friendlies, and that have to comply with calendar's schedules and technical directions of the National Coaching staff.

Men's Olympic Teams

1. The parties agree that they will investigate if their Men's Olympic Teams can play a friendly match in Hong Kong (or elsewhere in Asia) on either 1 August 2008 or 2 August 2008 (the latter date being preferred by Australia) provided (a) they are not drawn in the same group in the Olympic Games, and (b) they are not competing in the Hong Kong Invitational Tournament at the end of July, beginning of August. The game will be organised by a match organiser, probably KAM sports, and the parties will share the costs, including host broadcaster costs, and any revenue, and retain broadcasting rights in their own territories.

Women's National Teams

1. FFA will invite the Italian National Women's Team to play 2 or 3 games in Australia in January (FIGC preferred date) or February (FFA preferred date) 2009, on the basis that the FIGC will pay their team's international flights, and the FFA will meet all ground costs in Australia. The FFA will



also negotiate with Soccer New Zealand about an additional match in New Zealand for the Italian team.

2. The FIGC will invite the Australian National Women's Team to play 2 or 3 games in Italy during the 2009-2010 European season, on the basis that FFA will pay their team's international flights, and the FIGC will meet all ground costs in Italy.

Youth Teams

1. FFA invites the Italian Under 18 Team (born after 1 January 1991) to participate in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival, which includes a four team football tournament with teams from Australia, China, Korea and Italy, on the basis that the FIGC will pay their team's international flights, and FFA will meet all ground costs in Australia.