

Skills Active Officiating Forum

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Speakers Bio



Peter Topp
Senior Sport Consultant
Sports Coach and Official
Australian Sports Commission

Currently involved in the development of the Australian Sports Commission's National Officiating Framework. Previously managed the National Officiating Scholarship Program which is designed to prepare high performance officials.

Is the ASC's coaching and officiating consultant to a number of national sporting organisations in the area of curriculum development, design and implementation.

He has a background with Touch Football Australia as the National Technical Manager responsible for the implementation of national coach and referee development programs in consultation with stakeholders of TFA.



Emery Holmik
General Manager
Sports Coach and Official
Australian Sports Commission

20 years experience working in the Australian sports system in coach development, managing high performance programs for a range of national sporting organisations and heading up a State Institute of Sport.

He has also spent 4 years in the Canadian sports system as high performance director for their major winter Olympic medal winning sport.

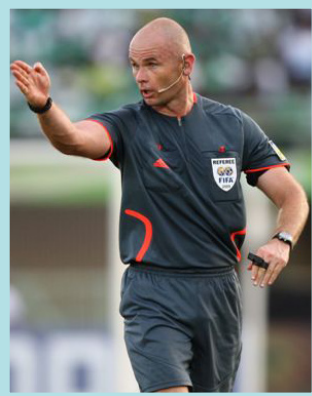


Paul Ackerley, Senior Advisor Coaching and
Volunteers, SPARC

Paul is an ex teacher and has been with SPARC since 2004 where he had responsibility for the development and implementation of the Coach Development Framework. From late 2009 he was given a Broader brief with Volunteers, including Officiating.

In a previous life Paul was captain of the NZ Hockey team and played internationally from 1974 – 1982 which included an Olympic Gold Medal in 1976. He was also the coach of the NZ Women's Hockey Team 1992- 1998 and won Commonwealth Games Bronze in 1998.

It will be interesting to hear how Paul treated umpires on the pitch and off the pitch as a coach!



Mike Hester, International Football Referee

New Zealand referee Mike Hester along with Peter O'Leary have made history with selection for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa. The 37-year-olds are now vying to become the first New Zealander to referee a match at the finals of a FIFA World Cup.

Hester only became a referee in 2001, as a way of staying involved in the game and was added to the FIFA international list of referees in 2007. Subsequently he has ref-ed at the 2008 Olympic Games and 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup. In 2008 he got a close up view of David Beckham as the referee in the Phoenix vs LA Galaxy exhibition game.



Andrew Hercus

Andrew originally trained as an accountant but has subsequently carved out a career as a teacher, lecturer and sports Chief Executive.

Outside his paid career, Andrew is a international beach volleyball referee, instructor and Technical Supervisor for international tournaments. He was also the author of the International Volleyball Federation rules of the game.



Graham Witts, Sport Specialist, Skills Active

Graham has been with Skills Active for over 4 years and is tasked with overseeing the development of national qualifications for the sports industry and helping people in the industry to upskill.

Previously Graham worked at Volleyball NZ and as the England Hockey Development Officer for London