

Discussion with [BXX] 31 March 2003

I received a phone call from [BXX] at 4:35pm on 31 March 2003.

He advised that Soccer NSW had written a letter to Southern Districts authorizing them to reject his application to referee this season.

He requested that he be advised as to why the letter was sent and that he had been told by Ron Beaumont to ring me because only I could discuss this matter with him.

I advised him that under the Child Protection Legislation we are permitted to reject the application of any person who has

- Had charges of sexual assault or child abuse taken out against them
- Had relevant Apprehended Violence Orders made on application of a police officer or other public official for the protection of a child
- And other child related offences

I asked Mr [BXX] if he was under the investigation of the police and he replied "not that I know of"

I asked Mr [BXX] if he has had any AVO's taken out against him which related to the protection of a child, he replied "yes - [REDACTED]" I asked if that AVO included children and he replied "Yes [REDACTED], that doesn't count does it" I replied "yes I'm afraid it does".

He asked about reapplying as a referee, I advised that reinstatement as a referee would be the decision of the NSW Soccer Referee's, he said "isn't that who I'm speaking to?" I replied that I was the Child Protection Officer for Soccer NSW.

He said so how can I referee, I said that he would have to make application to referee and the decision would be that of NSW Soccer Referees and any reinstatement under these circumstances would have to be approved by Soccer NSW. He said "don't I have the right to referee?" I replied "Soccer NSW has the right to reject the application of any person wishing to act in an official capacity". He requested a copy of our constitution and I suggested he contact his local referee authority.