

Pre Premiership Competitions Explained

Elaine Watson

Elaine Watson is often regarded as the 'matriarch' of women's football. She was a foundation member of the Queensland Women's Soccer Association and the Australian Women's Soccer Association in the 1970's. She also helped form the Oceania Women's Football Association serving as the first President. Elaine is a life member of the AWSA, QWSA and was the first woman to be elected as a Life Member of the Queensland Football Association. She is an inductee in the Football Australia Hall of Fame.

The **Elaine Watson Cup** is targeted at Division 1 teams and strong Division 2 teams.

Julie Murray

Undoubtedly the most successful player to graduate from ACT football, Julie Murray played for Weston Creek and made her debut for the ACT in national senior championships at 13 in 1993. She went on to represent the ACT in under age and women's competitions for many years. She was selected for the Australia squad when she was only 15 for the Oceania Cup in New Zealand in 1986 and remained in the team until the 2000 Olympic Games. Julie was also an Australian softball representative but chose to concentrate on football when she was one of the first female players to obtain a 'contract' to play overseas when she signed with Fortuna in Denmark in 1990. She later signed with San Diego Cyber-Rays in the US Women's National League and scored the winning goal in the 2003 grand final. In recognition of her achievements, Julie is now a FIFA Ambassador for football.

The **Julie Murray Shield** is targeted at Division 2 and Division 3 teams.

Sarah Briggs

Sarah Briggs was the first female to qualify as a referee in Canberra and was the first treasurer and a key volunteer in the early years of the ACT Women's Soccer Association. She played for ANU and went on to coach junior football when she moved to Tasmania in the 1980s. Sarah remains a keen observer of developments in football in Canberra and around Australia.

The **Sarah Briggs Shield** is targeted at Division 3 and Division 4 teams.

Heather Reid



Heather Reid helped form the ANU women's club in 1978 and the first women's competition the same year. She assisted with the formation of the ACT Women's Soccer Association in 1979 and was the first competitions officer. She served in many other committee positions including Secretary and President over a period of 20 years. Heather was also a manager and coach of club and representative teams and was elected as the first Life Member of the ACTWSA. She was the executive director for Australian Women's Soccer for seven years. In 2004, Heather was the first female appointed as CEO of a state football federation.

The **Heather Reid Trophy** is targeted at Division 4 and Division 5 teams.

Vicky Baxter

Vicky Baxter was a member of the British diplomatic staff working in Canberra and she played for Weston Creek during the 90's. Vicky was an active supporter of summer competitions and the development of the sport for mature-aged players. She recommended the naming of the masters competitions and donated the Diplomacy Trophy when she returned to England in the early 2000s.

The **Vicky Baxter Trophy** is targeted at masters (over 35) teams.

