



2007 Pre-Season Information (2 pages)

Kids Supervision at Training and Games

All parents please note that it is not acceptable that kids are dropped off at training or games and picked up at the end. At least one guardian for each player must be present at training and games.

The coaches, managers and club are not responsible for your children's supervision. If you need to leave your child's supervision then you must make arrangements for someone else to accept this responsibility and take over your child's supervision.

It would be considerate not to ask the coaches accept this responsibility as they are likely to be keeping one eye on their own child while having other distractions associated with the team as a whole.

All Teams Need a Coach, Co-Coach & Manager

Unfortunately we still have teams which do not have a manager or co-coach.

The team should nominate a manager and co-coach as soon as practical.

The manager is required to keep the team up to date with information from the club. This will take the nominated person approximately all of 10 or so minutes each week. For those teams with no manager we ask that one person please come forward and support the coach with this role.

The co-coach is simply a helping hand to the coach. On occasions where the coach is not able to make it to a game, then the co-coach may run the team. At training the co-coach may assist with running the training session. If you can make it to some training sessions and games please tell the coach and nominate for the co-coach position if it is not filled already.

In general the club supports all parents having some assistance with training (even if it is a simple game of parents versus the kids towards the end of a training session). Parent's involvement helps to keep control of the training session and it makes the training session more enjoyable for the kids and parents as a whole.

Trial Games and Professional Training

This year each team will be allocated one trial game and one session of professional training to each team on the 17th and 24th of March. If your team is allocated a trial game on the 17th then you will have professional training on the 24th March (and vice versa).

The aim here is to support the coaches with some ideas on what a professional coach might do for kids in the given age groups. This is different from past years where a group session was held with all different age group coaches, so that the coaches get very age specific ideas and an early head-start to the season.

The club will be paying the cost of this training at \$10/child. There is no additional cost to the parents for this. The trainers are however available during the Easter holidays to run a short day camp over a few days. (An example might be 3 days of 4 hours each morning). After seeing the professional coaching session, if you and your child are interested in participating in an Easter school holidays short camp to brush up the skills, then please let me know as soon as possible. If I get enough interest I will organize it. The cost of the short camp would be carried by the parents and the cost would be determined based on numbers interested.

Trial games this weekend (17th March) at Homelands Avenue, Carlingford:

U6O : 9:30am U6L ; 10:30am U7L : 11:30am U7Q : 12:30am
U8Q : 9:30am U9Q ; 10:30am U11 : 11:30am U12 : 12:30am

Professional Training this weekend (17th March) at Daniel St Park Greystanes (1.5hr sessions)

U6Q : 9:00am U6P : 9:00am U7P : 11:00am
U8P : 9:00am U9P : 9:00am U10P : 11:00am U10Q : 11:00am

Trial games following weekend (24th March) (To Be Decided by Coaches Possible Daniel St Park Greystanes top field only with witches hats as no posts will be available except mini's)

U6Q vs U6 P: 1:00pm

U8P vs U9P : 1:30pm

U10P vs U10Q : 2:30am

U7P (no trial match this weekend)

Professional Training Following weekend (24th March) at Daniel St Park Greystanes (1.5hr sessions)

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Canteen Support

This year we will run the canteen similarly to last year with each team allocated one day to run the canteen. This will mean that each team will be asked to service the canteen only two days out of the full season. On these two days (which will likely be about 3 months apart) we will ask the team managers to organize the team parents with allocated time slots at the canteen from 8:30am to approximately 1:30pm (last game on our home ground). In a team of 9 players this may mean 1 hour per person to give two people in the canteen at any one time. If you could please support us with this 1 hour of your time on the nominated day, then that would be greatly appreciated.

Your support of the canteen goes to your kids. For example the professional trainers this year, the new jerseys, the upgraded balls and kit provided to each team plus the end of year trophies and gift to the kids. The funds to pay these cost would come from increased registration costs if the canteen was not there to support the club. Please do not leave the canteen to someone else as it would be an inconvenience for someone else to leave it to you as opposed to the team planning the day and running it accordingly.

So that the team's canteen plan is not left to the last minute, we will advise as early as possible which teams are allocated to the various days. We will advertise the schedule once the association forwards us a complete draw so that we can allocate teams based on who is playing at the home ground on the various days.

Communications

We will be using the web site this year for most communications. The club web site is a little out of date at present but it will be brought back to date in the very near future with draws, team reports and other events throughout the year. The Web site is: **olqpfalcons.org.au**

If you have any questions throughout the year, check out the web site as we will post as much information as possible on the web site.

Regards,

Mark Giacoppo.

Club President 2007