



Mount Lofty Eagles Soccer Club

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A warm welcome to all the Mt. Lofty Eagles Club Members, and those about to join. We at the Committee sincerely hope you all had a great Festive break and are looking forward to a new season.

The Mt. Lofty Eagles Soccer Club had an excellent season in 2009 with numerous teams finishing at or near the top at the end of the season. As usual we will again be fielding teams in as many age groups in both the junior boys and G League (junior girls) competitions.

Unfortunately due to increased registration fees, the Committee has little choice but to pass on these extra costs. As you would expect these increases have been kept to a minimum.

Competitive Grades **\$120.00 per season**

Non Competitive Grades **\$ 95.00 per season**

Sibling Discount **\$ 25.00 per member**

PAYMENT OF FEES

Unfortunately we had \$1170 outstanding in unpaid player registration fees for last year and it would be appreciated if the membership fees could be finalised at the registration. Of course if alternative arrangements are necessary the details can be negotiated with the Club Treasurer Gareth Evans.

The Mount Lofty Soccer Club does in fact offer free membership, conditional on volunteering a small amount of time and effort as a member of the committee or for Coaches. Positions are available and it allows you to have a positive input in your child's sport of choice. I would especially encourage those who have children in the younger age groups to assist as this would lead to a greater continuity in the Committee in the coming years.

2010 SEASON IS DUE TO START SATURDAY APRIL 17TH – THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

To give new parents some sort of indication of playing times the following times are based on the previous season.

U8 & 9's – Is non-competitive, 7 aside games. The area is marked out with cones and each team shoot into small collapsible goals. Both coaches are encouraged to give direction and positive coaching comments during the game and in most cases each coach will Referee half of the match (and comment as they Ref). The aim is to introduce the boys and girls to team sports and kicking a ball. It is not about winning – but I must say they are very competitive in a fun way. Parents are encouraged to give support and positive cheer from the sidelines. They will train once a week and learn basic ball skills and basic soccer rules. They kickoff at 9 am so start to assemble from 830am.

U11's – Is Competitive full FIFA rules, 11 aside. They will train once a week and will learn ball and game skills and strategies, starting to define player field positions and individual players skills and weaknesses. They will gravitate towards set positions and with guidance strengthen their soccer skills. Outside Assoc/FFSA training specialty academies and Representative sides become available on recommendation and trial/selection basis. For further information please contact your coach or club representative. Kickoff can vary depending on oval availability from 930am through to 1100am.

U12's, U13's, U14's & U16's kickoff varies depending on oval availabilities from 10am through to 1230ish.

U11 Girls League – This is the first level for girls who want to only play against other girls – hence the title *G League*. Please note that girls are encouraged to begin playing earlier with the boys from U8 onwards, and also they may continue to play with and against the boys in the open competitive teams. As they get older this may need to be discussed and negotiated on an individual basis as per Association guidelines. The U11G is non-competitive modified rules, modified pitch – no off side. This age group is currently under discussion by the Association to consider increasing the G League competition to U11G, U12G competitive full rules, U14G & U17G – so if you have any comments please direct them to Phil Fryer or Cathy Cross. Kick off is at 12 midday.

U14G kickoff is 1330 and **U17G** is 3pm.

REFEREE TRAINING COURSES ARE AT THIS STAGE SCHEDULED TO BE RUN IN JUNE – THE MINIMUM AGE BEING 13. IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO BE A REFEREE AND GETTING PAID FOR IT PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB OR YOUR COACH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. COURSES ARE FULLY PAID FOR SO NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE.

Please note below the current Committee positions for 2010.

President: Phil Fryer 8339 8180 0439 030 552 pccdd@netspace.net.au

Vice President: Cathie Aitkins 0416 355 388 cathie.atkins@yahoo.com.au

Treasurer & Registrar: Gareth Evans Gareth.Evans@saugov.sa.gov.au , levans@vtown.com.au

Secretary: Cathy Cross 0417 816 642 crossie@aapt.net.au

Grounds: Phil Fryer

Equipment & Coaches Coordinator: Peter Ryan pryan@internode.on.net

Website & Newsletters: Cathy Cross

Aldgate Vigilance Committee Rep: Cathy Cross

AHJSA Rep: Phil Fryer

If you have any queries, questions or comments this list will hopefully allow you to put a name to a position.

COACHES

If you are interested in coaching and there will be coaches needed for the new season – please approach Cathy Cross via email with the team that you have in mind

Please be aware that the Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association (AHJSA) requirement for 2010 is that we as a club ensure every Coach and Team Manager have a Police Check. All Police checks for coaches must be submitted with, Cathy Cross as she is the AHJSA Privacy Officer, so they will be treated in a highly confidential manner and returned to the individuals concerned.

All financial costs incurred will be reimbursed for successful candidates.

AHJSA HOT WEATHER POLICY

Matches will be abandoned during hot weather.

The open league and G league matches will be cancelled if the weather forecast on the 6pm Friday night news for the Adelaide City temperature is equal to or greater than 34⁰C.

Parents shall ring the team manager if they have any doubts about the policy.