



2009 Sign On Information Sheet

Players and parents, welcome to the 2009 football season. Here are a few things the committee thought would be useful information for you to start the season.

Membership

All children and youth, both girls and boys, from 5 years to 17 years inclusive are welcome to join. Young children must have reached their 5th birthday prior to registering but are able to register during the season. Adults who do not have children participating may become financial members also.

Registration costs

This season will be \$80.00 per player and a concession applies if there is more than one player in the family. The cost to play with the squirts will be \$5.00.

The breakdown of the fee will be approximately:

Registrations to Football Qld	
Nation	\$10.50
State	\$13.05
Insurances	\$10.45
Registration to Football Central Qld.	\$23.00
Emerald Eagles Football	\$23.00

We expect that this will provide sufficient funds to meet running costs this season without having to burden parents with additional fund-raising.

Registration Process

The registration process must be completed before a player takes part in any activities including training and games. Players are not covered by player insurance until the registration process is complete and the association has a duty of care to ensure players have access to cover in the event of an incident.

A registration form must be completed on behalf of each player and signed by their parent or legal guardian after they have read and are comfortable with the information provided on insurance and liability. A birth certificate or proof of date of birth must be sighted for each new player.

The Association is affiliated with Football Central Queensland, Football Queensland and Football Federation Australia. Each registered player is covered by insurance under the conditions set down on the attachment to the registration form.

Players are required to wear

All players are required to wear shin pads and football boots to **all** training session and games (under 6 players may wear joggers, but the club recommends all children play in football boots because they tend to provide more protection for children's feet and better grip on grass). The club uniform of emerald green shorts and emerald green socks with a full white top is available from **Plaza Sports** in the Emerald Market Plaza and **Sports Power** Clermont St.

Sports Power and **Plaza Sports** carry a range of shin pads and football boots. Parents are urged to consider purchasing shin pads that provide protection for their child's ankles and to avoid the very cheap hard plastic shin pads which can become brittle after a period of time.

The club provides shirts for each team. **Youth players are asked to note that board shorts and other styles of shorts are not acceptable.**

Parents are reminded that children are not permitted to wear hard-brimmed caps while playing. Soft hats are acceptable and the canteen sells "bucket hats".

Second hand **football boots** can also be advertised in the club's newsletter. The club also has second hand boots to sell. Please see a committee member or your coach.

Club Uniform Shirts

This year the committee has agreed to follow suite with other clubs and organize a club shirt to purchase. The purchase of this shirt is optional. They can be purchased for \$28.00 by filling out the order form and giving it to the canteen or to Kelly Uhr, Secretary (0448717428). Order forms will be available on the sign on days and at the canteen.

Training

Training for Saturday fixtures is held once per week, usually on a Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 4.30pm, for one hour. In some cases this time is not suitable for the coach and they will make other arrangements with their team members. The first training day is Tuesday **April 21** 2009.

Saturday Fixtures

Games will be played on Saturday afternoons, from 3.00pm. Please ensure players arrive at the fields 15 minutes prior to their game and speak to their manager or coach. This allows for completion of the team card and distribution of jerseys (and a team tactical discussion!) prior to starting games. We may also look at changing start times on Saturday afternoon (by agreement with parents) to maximise children's playing time. The first fixtures game is Saturday **April 25** 2009.

Try Out Day

The committee has decided to have Saturday **March 28** as our first meet. The day starts at 3.00pm for the players. All registered and interested players are encouraged to attend.

Representative Football

Our club participates in carnivals hosted by other centres in the Central Highlands area, such as Blackwater, Clermont and Dysart. Teams from U6 to U10 generally participate depending on the number of interested players in each age group and on recommendations from coaches. These games are usually played on Sundays and require the interest of parents to transport players to venues.

In order to develop the skills of players involved in the Youth age group and in consultation with the coaches of this age group, we will identify opportunities for games against other associations on Saturdays to replace the usual games at Morton Park. Players and parents will be advised of these games by the team coaches and managers and via the website.

Other representative opportunities exist for competitive aged players at Moranbah and Mackay. Our involvement in these carnivals will depend on interest shown by parents willing to coach and travel with the team and on player numbers. In addition, there is an opportunity for players aged from 11 years to gain selection for C.Q. representative teams. These trials will be held in various centres around Central Queensland.

Club Canteen

The **club canteen** will be open at each game. We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the canteen. Each week parents from each age group are asked to help out. If you can, please see Elizabeth at the canteen to arrange this. The roster of age groups will also be in the newsletter.

Emerald Eagles Website

The club now has a website. www.emeraldeagles.com.au. The newsletter will be posted on the website. The regular **newsletters** will be posted on the website.

Small-Sided Games.

This is new activity that will be introduced to the players this season. Small-sided football is a modified form of 11-a side football, designed to meet the needs of players under the age of 13, who have very different development characteristics and needs to adult players (Optus Small-Sided Football Handbook n.d). As the season progresses Mike Featherstone will talk to the players about the small sided games.

Wet Weather

In the event that the weather looks like it may interrupt Saturday games, the executive will make a decision regarding cancellation by 12.00 noon on the Saturday in question. If the weather looks like it may interfere with a Tuesday training session, the Executive will make a decision by 2.30pm on the Tuesday in question.

Team coaches will be advised if possible by telephone. 4HI and Hot FM will be asked to broadcast the cancellation and notices will be posted outside the clubhouse.

Player / Coach / Officials / Parent / Spectator Conduct

The Association has adopted the Australian Sports Commission's *Codes of Behaviour*. The codes detail the expectations and obligations of each group of people. A copy of the Codes can be obtained at the canteen, on request. Please be aware that this association does not tolerate aggressive, intimidating or inappropriate behaviour or language. We pride ourselves on providing a family atmosphere in which children can enjoy the activities we provide.

In addition to the *Codes of Behaviour*, we have a policy with regard to players whose behaviour disrupts training sessions or games. These players will be required to sit out of the activity for five minutes and a coach or manager will ensure the player understands why they have been removed. A player who continues to disrupt activities will be removed to the clubhouse and responsibility handed to a committee member. We welcome parents' support in ensuring football is an activity that can be enjoyed by all members and that all players are able to take part.

Safe Practices

We encourage families to develop a culture of personal responsibility. Our Association has a good record regarding safety and minimisation of injury but more can be done. We acknowledge our duty of care and ask for your assistance in identifying and minimising risk. Join us in making our activities as safe as possible. If you see unsafe practices or situations, please act appropriately to minimise the risk and report the incident to a committee member.

Harassment Free Sport Policy

Sport can provide important opportunities for physical activity, personal development and achievement as well as being enjoyable. We believe every person associated with Emerald Junior Soccer Association Inc. has the right to participate in an environment which is safe, healthy, enjoyable and rewarding and to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

The Association has recently developed and adopted a Harassment Free Sport Policy which applies to all players, parents, spectators, officials, coaches, managers and administrators.

Complaints

We encourage constructive feedback from all members. Compliments are also welcome. In order to formally deal with issues, complaints are required to be put in writing, for tabling at a committee meeting. We guarantee to provide a written response regarding the outcome, within 7 days of the letter being tabled.

Cold Water

We have chilled water available from the taps on the southern side of the clubhouse – when we remember to turn the cooler on!

Active Australia

The Association is a member of the Active Australia Provider network. Active Australia is about encouraging more Australians into sport and physical activity and improving the places where sport and physical activity occur. Active Australia is an initiative of several Federal Government Departments including the Australian Sports Commission.

Active Australia assists sports clubs and associations at all levels through various programs to achieve high performance outcomes, sound business management and participation growth throughout the breadth and depth of their sport. The Active Australia Provider Network contains member organisations that are committed to delivering best possible service to their members.

The network provides a continuous improvement and development tool which allows the association to continually looking for ways to do things better in a range of areas from marketing and promotion, through to developing peoples skills and improving management.

About the Committee

The Emerald Eagle Football Club is a not for profit club that is managed by a group of volunteers. They are Mike Featherstone (president), Mick Smale (Vice president), Kelly Uhr (Secretary) and Darren Piscioneri (Treasurer). Bernie Ziegelaar (Registrar). Your support and any help you can provide would encourage the club to operate smoothly.



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