



## MANNING JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

### PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parents, welcome to the Manning Junior Football Club for the 2008! We know that your children are keen to play and we will be working hard to ensure that they (and you!) have fun and enjoy the AFL AUSKICK/Junior football season.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) that may help you get started:

#### **How much does it cost to play?**

- \$75 per player. This covers the cost of skills training and games throughout the year, trophy, photo and the use of team shirts. At registration, AUSKICK children (ages 5-8) also get an AUSKICK backpack with lots of AFL goodies!
- Juniors (ages 9-12) are not entitled to the AUSKICK packs (but we're working on getting them something else!)
- Family discounts apply: for 2<sup>nd</sup> child \$65; for 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent children, cost is \$55 per player.

#### **What's the difference between AUSKICK and Junior Football?**

- AUSKICK is designed for children aged between 5 and 8 years. AUSKICK has modified rules (e.g. no tackling, zone play), smaller balls etc.
- The Junior competition is for children aged between 9 and 12. They play in an organized competition against other clubs. Rules differ slightly.

#### **When does the season start?**

- For the Juniors (9-12s), the competition starts on Sunday April 27th.
- For AUSKICK, the "season" starts on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- NOTE: Between Registration day and season start, the club will also be holding some pre-season get-togethers. This will give parents and children the opportunity to get to know each other, play some informal games and discuss any other issues (e.g. training, rosters).

*Please put these dates in your diaries - Pre-season Events:*

- Sunday March 9 - City of South Perth Bush Kapers 10am-2pm.
- Sunday March 30 - MJFC BBQ, informal game, discuss training nights etc
- Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> - MJFC Intra-club skills and games (all grades)

#### **On what day of the weekend will the kids be playing ?**

- This depends on which age-based team your child is in. AUSKICK at Manning is played on a Sunday morning at 9:30am.
- 9s and 10s play in an interclub-competition. This is played on a Sunday, starting at 8:30am.

### Will there be mid-week training?

- For 9s and 10s, yes. Training day has yet to be confirmed – possibly Wednesday or Friday after school at James Miller Oval. We will advise.
- For AUSKICKers, it is not necessary for these children to ‘train’ mid-week; however, if parents are willing and prepared to assist with the coaching, then we may conduct some training sessions after school. Feel free to discuss with the MJFC Committee.

### Will there be travel involved?

- For 9s and 10s, yes. As part of their competition, they will be required to play some games at other clubs in the Perth Demons District.
- For AUSKICKers, there is no formal inter-club competition so there is no requirement to travel. However, we do sometimes organize social games with other clubs and this sometimes involves travel. We usually discuss these plans with parents before making any commitments.

### What happens next (after Registration Day)?

- The club will process all registrations and, based on numbers, figure out how many teams of which age-groups we will have for the season. At the pre-season functions (on March 30 and April 6<sup>th</sup>) we will advise you of teams, rosters, training day/times, coaches, etc.
- We will also use your contact details (phone, email – as supplied in Registration Form) to stay in touch and to advise you of club events and any other issues.

### Are you/your child new to the game and unsure about registering for a whole season?

- Then ‘try before you buy’! If you are new to the sport and/or have very young children (5s) who may be unsure about playing the game, then we encourage you to come along a few times *before* registering. Please fill in an Expression of Interest Form so that we can keep in touch with you while you are still making up your mind. Once you have registered, your child will receive the AUSKICK backpack

### How much parental involvement will there be?

- While we do not wish to over-burden any parent, we DO need your help to make the club operate successfully over the season. Rosters will be prepared early in the season and we hope that you can add your name to these. ***We desperately need some parents to take on the role of ‘team manager’ for the various teams.*** Can you do this? If so, please let the MJFC Committee know.

### So, who’s on the MJFC Committee?

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### Any other questions?

Then talk to someone on the Committee. We want things to run smoothly so that all of our children can have fun and enjoy their sport.