



## MANNING JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

### PARENT NEWSLETTER

No.1 2009

Parents, welcome to the Manning Rippers Junior Football Club for the 2009. 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?**

- \$80 per player. This covers the cost of skills training and games throughout the year, trophy 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 AUSKICK packs
- Family discounts apply: for 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent children, cost is \$70 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 late April (date to be confirmed).
- For AUSKICK, the "season" starts on Sunday May 3rd.

#### **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 10am.
- Juniors play in an interclub-competition. This is played on a Sunday, starting at 8:30am.

#### **Will there be mid-week training?**

- For JUNIORS, 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 run the coaching session, then we may conduct some training sessions after school. Feel free to discuss with the MJFC Committee.

#### **Will there be travel involved?**

- For JUNIORS, 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. Prior to the start of the season, 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 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?

- The junior club is run *solely* by parents. It is expected that **all parents** become involved in club activities - this includes coaching, team management, club administration/organisation and canteen management/operations. Without parental involvement, the club will not survive. Please make our job easier by volunteering first!

**MRJFC Committee 2009** is desperately short of members. Can you help?

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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.