



**TEAM MANAGER
INFORMATION MEETING 15 MARCH 2016**

U6 TO U11 & G12



NORTHBRIDGE FC

Introduction

Hi

- Committee members
- Age co-ordinators
- Admin team

Role of the Manager

- The manager is the primary contact point with the age co-ordinator.
- Forward emails to their team.
- Checking the draw.
- Organizing who is available to play each week.
- Updating results.
- Wet weather etc
- You can share around the workload and have other parents keep score on the game day, referee etc.
- Tip – setup group emails and SMS details to communicate with your teams. Faster to get out the message with say wet weather.
- All managers need to register this year via www.myfootballclub.com.au and upload a photo etc.

Manager Login

Most should have received their manager login details this week.

Below is the link for access to the manager login system.

<http://northbridgefc.com.au/teammanagers/>

The only thing you would see now if the players registered.

No draw out yet.

Please check the team list. If some kids are missing they haven't registered.

The email address is your address.

Password – team name.

Weekly Results

The results from the weekly games will be entered into this login.

If the results don't match with your opposition it either let you know or the NSFA will generate an email on the following Monday.

Use the results cards attached so the opposition manager agrees to the score at the end of the game.

If a mismatch you can play around with the score to agree. If a goal difference and the result doesn't change it doesn't make a huge difference.

The following list of information will appear when you login:

- Team members
- Confirm player identity
- Update contact details
- Injury reports
- Match results
- Send emails etc

Some managers use different apps for communication – no preference. The only issue with some apps is the bombardment of emails and reminders.

Training Schedule

The age co-ordinators will be sending this through this week. Refer attached list for 2015 as a guide. This doesn't apply to the academy type teams.

Each team will decide what is their preferred time and location. As we need to share around space your preferred time may not be available.

For coaches of the U6-U9 teams this year the minimum requirement for a parent coach is undertaking the Grassroots coaching course. 3 hour course which the

NSFA is holding over the next couple of months. Refer their website for details – www.nsfa.asn.au.

There will be limited club coaches available. We are looking at using some of the U16-U18 kids or using the kids that attended the coaching courses we held over the past 6 months.

NSFA Draw

Northbridge FC DOES NOT prepare the draw for your weekly games.

The NSFA are aiming to release the details for the first round before Easter.

There are approximately 300 odd games that take place each week which need to be organized.

With U6-U11 the NSFA will only publish the draw for 4-5 weeks at a time. They look to regrade the teams to even out the competition.

The aim is a win/loss ratio of say 50%. It won't happen all the time as some teams will win every week and some will lose every week.

You can normally access the draw via your manager login or via the NSFA website:

- www.nsfa.asn.au
- Competitions
- Draw & results
- Select club, age group, team.
- Tick the box to select.

School Holidays

The NSFA will schedule games on the first Saturday/Sunday (girls) and last Saturday/Sunday of the April and July school holidays. This may vary depending on the timing of Public Holidays.

No games are scheduled on the middle weekends of the school holidays.

Northbridge FC holds training sessions during the school holidays. More details will be emailed to players about registration etc closer to each of the school holidays. Also refer the website.

Trials and Grading

For future reference we hold trials on Sundays as we can not get any fields from council on Saturdays due to summer sport.

Where are the Games Played?

For U6/U7 teams the majority of your games will be at either Bales Park, Tunks Park, Regimental Oval or Blackman Reserve.

U8/U9 – as above but also other fields such as Keary Street, Gordon, OH Reid, Killara etc.

U10/U11 teams will play from OH Reid, Blackman Reserve, Tunks to Wahroonga, Hornsby Heights etc.

Note: the club and NSFA struggle each year to maintain the quota of fields allocated to Football. It should be a priority to pick up rubbish when leaving the fields and be on the best behaviour to not upset the local neighbourhood with poor parking, leaving rubbish behind etc.



Pick up your rubbish and keep the fields clean.

Parent Behaviour and Sport Rage

The following comments are made:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Encourage fair play
- KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK

The majority of parents do a great job of contributing to an enjoyable sporting environment for everyone. But others could be unwittingly creating tension which contributes to sport rage. Which parent are you?

The Screecher focuses on the negative and yells constantly at the players and officials. The Screecher must learn to see the positive things in the game and make an effort to ignore mistakes.

The Try Hard is overly positive, cheering so hard it can be embarrassing for their kids. It is also irritating for the coach, players and other spectators. The Try Hard must learn to balance their enthusiasm.

The Analyst takes notes to analyse performance. They relive the match with their child and point out things to do better. The Analyst needs to learn to leave the coaching to the coach.

The Wannabe lives their dreams through their child. They treat their child's game as if it were their own. The Wannabe needs to drop the win at all costs attitude and remember it's not their game.

The Not Really There is so busy catching up with the news for the week and talking on the phone that they pay no attention to the game. The Not Really There should remember a little encouragement goes a long way.

The Five Star Parent (you?) focuses on the child's effort and not the outcome. They respect and thank the coach, officials and opposition. They are positive supporters and keep in mind the role they are playing on the sideline.



What children really want from sport

Sport provides many valuable learning experiences, but for most children enjoyment is the most important outcome. If they don't have fun, they will not want to play.

Ask children and you'll discover the scoreboard, trophies and winning are not really that important. While they may not remember the score from a game played just two weeks ago – they will recall a funny incident or who they played with after the match. In fact, one of the most satisfying things about sport for children comes from being with their friends and being part of a team.

All adults involved in children's sport – parents, spectators, coaches and officials – can help children get maximum enjoyment from sport by focusing on what they like most about the game. Emphasise the importance of effort and having fun, rather than the score.

Top tips

- Talk about trying hard and having fun, not just winning
- Don't pressure children – it's their game not yours
- Never criticise or ridicule children
- Discuss with children what they enjoy about a game

Working with Children

The Age Co-ordinators will forward to Team Managers which need to be completed by each parent prior to the start of the season.

Working with Children forms must be completed by each Manager and Coach prior to the start of the season.

These forms should be returned to the relevant Age Co-Ordinator.

Team Photos

During the season the NSFA arranges a photographer to take team and individual photos.

In 2015 the photos were taken in June/July over a range of dates and locations.

The Age Co-ordinators will advise the Team Managers of the dates closer to the time. Team Managers will need to make a preference at that time.

Gala Days U6-U11

There are normally two Gala Days at the end of the season.

The NSFA Gala Day this year is 20 August for the Saturday teams or 21 August for the Sunday girls competition.

Northbridge FC will run separate gala days for the U6-U11 teams.

The U6/U7 Gala Days should be on 27 August. The U8-U11 will be on a Sunday in August – dates to be determined.

At the Northbridge Gala Day the players receive the trophies which are individually engraved for each player.

The Gala Days are a series of 2-3 short games as a round robin and would normally be 2-3 hours.

Trophies

At the end of the season each child in the U6-U11 age group receives an individually engraved trophy.

The Age Co-ordinators will contact the Team Managers in July to double check spelling of names & variations such as Tom or Thomas.

Competition Dates

The first competition game will be 2 April 2016 with the NSFA Gala Day ending on 20 August 2016

Wet Weather

It will rain during the season which will impact games and training.

If the relevant council closes the field no play or training is allowed.

The majority of instances the council will provide reasonable notice about any cancellations but other times this may be on the Friday night before the game or on the Saturday morning of the game.

The Ground Controller also has the option of cancelling play should there be a dramatic change in the playing conditions.

The wet weather numbers are:

Willoughby Council 9777 7631
Lane Cove Council 9911 3585
North Sydney Council 9936 8220
Ku-Ring-Gai Council 9424 0754
NSFA 1900 957 016

The above council websites may also provide more detail.

Miscellaneous

- If any player is injured during the season please contact your age co-ordinator or club secretary. Forms need to be filled out. Also update the injury report on your manager login.
- Forfeits – shouldn't happen in U6-U11s as plenty of teams to borrow players from but peak times would be around school holidays or when school band camps are on. Notification to be sent to your age co-ordinator – deadline Thursdays at noon.
- Training kits to be handed out over the next 2-3 weeks.
- U6 & new U7 kids will receive a backpack, ball & pump. As above these will be handed out over the next 2-3 weeks to the managers.

Questions?

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