

Westlawn Tigers Football Club INC.

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2010

Welcome everyone to the 2010 soccer season. The committee wish players, families and friends a safe, enjoyable and successful season. Lets all make sure the spirit of good sportsmanship continues to thrive in the Westlawn Tigers Club and beyond.

Good luck to our Senior Teams, may they have success at every opportunity and an injury free season. Great to see our new women's team sporting the Tigers colours.

To our Junior players – play to have fun and to learn to be good sports. Appreciate your coaches, managers, team mates, officials and opposing teams. Without all of those people, we would not have a game.

Parents – positive encouragement brings so many rewards and whether your child's team wins, draws or loses, participation and enjoyment are most important.

To start off the draw here are a few **important notes, dates and reminders:-**

- **Competition draws** are available on website www.northcoastfootball.com.au , also via a link from our club website.
- Our club has a **website** for teams to display their photos and stories. If you would like to put in a contribution, please email the details to Sharon Powell at chrisshaz@internode.on.net
- A reminder that **FEES are to be paid by the end of May unless you have made alternative arrangements (pay by instalments) with the club** or your child WILL NOT be allowed to take the field. It is vital, for lots of reasons, that your child is registered as a paid player with the association. Fees can be paid at the canteen or post to PO Box 621 Grafton.
- **Trivia night is scheduled for end of May. More details to follow.**
- A **canteen roster** will be in operation the same as last year. Teams will only have to do this once maybe twice during the season. Two parents

should be there from 8.00am to turn on the pie warmers, urn etc. The roster will be set when the full draw is known.

- **u/15 and u/16 will be manning the canteen on Friday nights** when they play at home please be at the grounds around 5pm if your Childs team plays the first game to set up for the night. Our lights are expensive to run and your help by doing canteen goes a long way towards paying those costs. A big tip on a cold winters night the warmest place at Barnier Park is in the canteen.
- For all **home games** at Junction Hill, the team to use a field first should be there early to put up the **nets and corner posts**. The last team playing on a field is responsible for putting them away. Many hands make light work!
- **Team shirts** are the responsibility of the Managers only. Please ensure your shirt is handed in to the Manager at the end of each game.
- A reminder that **FEES** are to be paid by the end of May unless you have made alternative arrangements with the club or your child **WILL NOT** be allowed to take the field. It is vital, for lots of reasons, that your child is registered as a paid player with the association. Fees can be paid at the canteen or post to PO Box 621 Grafton.
- Three things to note for players **health and safety**:

1. No jewellery or piercing jewellery is to be worn on the field
2. Shin pads are to be worn (for reasons mentioned above) ie your child's safety!
3. Provide and use your own drink bottle. Labelling your child's drink bottle will ensure there are no problems/confusion between drinks.

On a more serious note, if you leave your child unattended at a training session or game and they are injured, if a bandaid will not fix the problem an ambulance **WILL** be called at your expense. In saying this, commonsense will always prevail, but it is important for the parent/guardian to be aware of the clubs responsibility to the child to get the best care when needed.

Can You Help? Most of our season is operational only because of volunteers who work tirelessly in all areas to ensure things are done for or available to your children. If you would like to help in any way shape or form please speak with any of the committee. Sometimes, the smallest help goes a long way.

Thanks are in order to the following people

- our Club president Ann for her efforts to obtain lighting certification for Barnier Park
- Dick and Adam Pryor , John Nelson for marking the big field.
- to Kylee for the mighty job she has done organising rego's, SSG and even new shirts for the juniors.
- our coaches and managers for season 2010, please help these people out in any way you can.

Lastly but not at all least, we, the committee, cannot fix a **problem** that we don't know exists. Please talk to us if you have a concern or issue that you would like raised. It will be discussed at the next monthly meeting. Your team manager can

forward any concerns also, so please advise us if something is bothering you OR you would like us to pass on appreciation/commendation and we will attend to that as well. If you would like to attend a **Club meeting**, they are held on the 2nd Monday evening of every month at 7pm at the Crown Hotel in the pool room. All welcome!

Thankyou to our wonderful sponsors for 2010.

So, once again, welcome to what should be an exciting and thrilling 2010 soccer season.

Ant Van Haren
Secretary