

OLQP FALCONS SOCCER CLUB

2009 Year Club Officials Meeting



I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning members.

Our registration process this year has produced strong results with full teams in all grades plus again this year we were able to register 5 U6 teams as compared to a historical 4. This is very important for the clubs future as a strong interest in the early years of our members will translate to a strong representation in the older age groups in years to come.

If you have not received club notices by email and you would like to receive them then please email me at perf_electrics@optusnet.com.au NOTE: there is no need to email me if I have already been sending you club notices (I think I have sent two this year).

All managers, coaches and co-coaches have been requested to attend this first meeting, however in future meetings although only the team manager needs to attend we strongly encourage all members of the club to attend as it makes the meetings more productive and brings together the club as a whole to address structural issues that may come up.

For our new members here are some of the proposals and a background to our operations in previous years.

Canteen:

The meats, hot foods, bread and milk will be delivered in the morning.

The treasurer or his representative will deliver the cash float the morning and pick it up in the afternoon.

The canteen will be stocked in non perishables by a committee representative.

No kids are allowed to serve in the canteen.

We run the canteen as per last year with each team asked to run a given day.

The team that runs the given day will be asked to have two people turn up to the park at 8:30am to prepare the canteen and BBQ.

The team on duty will finish when all normal competition games finish (ie you don't need to stay for any knockout games later in the afternoon).

The team on duty should ensure that everything is cleaned up before leaving the canteen for the day.

Ground Official:

The ground official's role is to maintain a safe environment for all at the field ensuring that no one gets involved with sports rage – either home team or an away team. The Ground Official shall uphold decent moral and fair play aspects of the game in accordance with the agreement which our club has with the Association (of which a copy is available on our website and will be posted in the Canteen). In the event that someone is not acting in accordance with these principles then that person will be approached, handed a copy of the agreement of our club and association and asked to please calm down as we are basically here for the kids to have fun. The referee – whether you think right or wrong, has control of the game. In the event that the person does not calm down then the Ground Official will be asked to call a committee executive for advice, assistance or to attend the grounds and assume the Ground Official role for that period. In any uncontrollable event the ground Official may elect to contact the police.

The most senior age team who is playing at any given time will nominate a ground official who will act in accordance with the Ground Officials Actions and Responsibilities Sheet. They will wear the designated Ground Official vest.

If the team can not find a representative, then the coach will automatically be the teams representative and the coach must put on the Ground Official vest. (ie help your team by relieving the coach of this duty) but in the worst case then the duty falls to the coach.

If there are no junior games scheduled but the minis are playing, then the Ground Official role will fall to the minis team on ground A (near the canteen).

If there is no minis team on Ground A but there is one on Ground B (far end of top field) then that team will take the Ground Official role.

Communications:

Each team will have a representative at the committee meetings.

In the event that the teams rep can't attend the meeting, then the teams rep must organize someone else from the team to attend.

We will not chase people to disseminate information if they are not attending the meetings.

In the past we have been 'abused' but this is no longer going to be tolerated. I will not take well to people assuming that because they pay their fees then they have completed their duties and we should be providing all other functions and services. **It is imperative that the Manager of each team informs and reminds the parents that the club committee are VOLUNTEERS and run by members of our community who donate large amounts of their own time, to provide the means so our kids can enjoy soccer. The parents are responsible for ensuring their kids behave, support the club and their own teams when requested. The success of the club is not only dependant on the committee but the parents assistance as well.**

I encourage all managers to hand a copy of this advice to all parents during your next training session.

Regards
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