



Gympie Diggers Football Club Inc.

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WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

Sign on days for the 2008 Season are the 9th and 16th February 2008 at the Clubhouse, One Mile Ovals – from 1030am.

MARCH PAST

March Past will be held on 29th March 2008 at 8.30am. We ask that as many players as possible – U6 to U10 - come to the March Past to participate in the Season Opening Event.

TRAINING

Training dates are as follows:

Competitive Age Groups (U11 upwards) and RooBall and Small-Sided-Games (Under 10 and below) commence training on the 13th March 2008. Should any Coach require their training equipment ahead of that date please contact Craig on 0407 017 011 to arrange pickup.

SPONSORS

A big thanks to our Sponsors Cooloola Civil Constructions for their continued sponsorship. Also thanks to Goldfields Plaza Pharmacy and IGA Supermarkets for their support of our club. Please make sure you use your IGA Key Tag every time you go shopping, and mention Diggers when you are at the Pharmacy. If you need more key tags, please contact Steve Manthey, on 5482 4561.

COACHING MATTERS

We are offering to all our Coaches, a complimentary Club Shirt. We value our Coaches and the time they spend with the players. Please consider coaching this year, or being a Manager for your team. Managers have a very important role to play and help to lighten the load of the Coaches. **If you are interested in Coaching, please call Steve, on 5482 4561.**

To lighten the Coaches' load and allow them to concentrate on coaching, Managers are a great help. A manager helps with team books on game day, rosters players to wash the strips and generally helps in the non coaching area.

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WORKING BEES

Help at Working Bees is critical and each family will be rostered to help one day per year. There will be a Working Bee Volunteers sheet at Sign on for you to make your mark. Follow-up rosters and letters will be distributed early in the Season. Your co-operation is appreciated.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Parent/carers are asked to be punctual in dropping off/picking up children.
- Games are played on the One Mile Ovals on Saturdays.
- Players require Diggers approved shorts and socks (available from Sportspower). All U 6 players received Club socks upon full payment of fees.
- There is a supply of second hand boots available for sale through the Club.
- Teams are finalised by the Registrars but help from parents is appreciated. A place in a team is not guaranteed but every effort will be made with your help.
- If you have access to the Internet, please check the Diggers Site regularly as all news will be posted there instead of printing regular Newsletters. Your coaches will also be notified of any Club related news, so please see them if you do not have access to the Internet. Newsletters will also be posted on our Club Noticeboard near the Clubhouse Canteen – look for the blue door.

BEHAVIOUR

All players/spectators are reminded to read [Parent's Codes of Behaviour](#) and [Player's Code of Behaviour](#). There are correct ways to go about any on-field questionable decisions that may arise.

AWAY GAMES

Once a year Diggers teams drawn to play a Cooroora team will travel to Cooroy to play. Cooroy organises canteen food etc for the day so please enjoy the day away.

ROOBALL and SMALL-SIDED-GAMES

RooBall is non-competitive and should be fun for players and spectators.

There are new rules for Under 6 to Under 8 being introduced this year. Please check our Web Site for these rules and other information. Information will also be available at sign-on.

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UNIFORMS

Players are to be assigned the same jersey each week to enable the Coach or Manager to keep track of strips. This system makes the player/parent of player responsible for their jersey. When 1 jersey is lost, the whole strip is no longer usable. Players are **NOT** to wear jerseys home – they are to be taken off straight after game. Many Coaches/Managers make up a washing roster for the strips each week. **DO NOT DRY STRIPS IN A CLOTHES DRIER.**

Vicki has new Club shirts available. She is taking orders for more. The shirts come in men, women and child sizes. Club hats and water bottles will be available for sale at sign on.



TELSTRA FOOTBALL ASSISTANCE FUND

Thanks to the generosity of Telstra, each team will be supplied with a water bottle carrier. Players are encouraged to bring at least one **water bottle**. Players are also advised to have adequate fluids and apply sunscreen prior to games.

COMMITTEE

We welcome Steve Manthey as our new President, Roy Milham as Vice President and Brett Hall as Treasurer. Our continuing gratitude is extended to our returning Committee Members – Secretary Sue Paterson, Senior Registrar Anette Bambling, Junior Registrar Shirl Toffoli, Equipment Officer (Uniforms/Strips) Vicki O'Connell and Equipment Officer (Balls/Training Equipment) Craig Abbott. Please consider nominating for Committee Positions as the opportunity arises.

CLUBMEETINGS

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Clubhouse from 6.30pm. Each team is encouraged to have a representative present so information discussed can be taken back to the players.

Finally, remember all Coaches, Managers, Committee Members & Football Gympie Organisers are volunteers!

Now go out in the park have some fun and play some Football!

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