



WDSC Newsletter April 2017

Welcome to new players and welcome back to our returning players.

It's been a very busy off season in getting both off and on pitch issues organized and apologies for not getting information out to all, via a newsletter.

Our registrars, Michelle Rapkoch (Juniors) and Dermot O'Sullivan, have been very busy in making sure that our registrations go as smoothly as possible. Please be aware and understanding, that **ALL** Junior players, are placed into "Age appropriate" teams. There are very few exceptions to this and aside from Football West and WDSC Policy, there is little or no room for movement.

Albeit all teams will have been sorted out by now and ready for this week's start to the season. Please refer to both your managers and coaches for all things relating to your teams.

Our home games fixtures begin at 8am and most Junior games are finished by 12 noon, with some being the exception. Your managers will have advised you of both fixtures, grounds and kick off times. Please note, that at this early part of the season, that these could change. Football West are still accommodating new teams and there will also be some "adjustments" for the initial 4 weeks of the season. Some fixtures may change, even as late as Saturday.

For those that do have an 8am kick off, your team will be on roster to put up your respective goals and corner flags. The pitch allocations and rosters are posted up at the clubhouse next to the BBQ. This also relates to end of day games, for those teams who have to pull down their goals. For our 8s and 9s teams, it is imperative that you get your goals down asap, as you share a pitch (#3) with the older age groups.

All goals and their nets are in pitch numbered red bins with all pegs and fasteners. If any items are missing, please approach the Command Post and you will be given whatever you need.

Our canteen will be run by Natalie Harding in the morning and Keith Shepherd in the afternoons. We are always on the lookout for helpers and any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact your manager, who will advise Stewart Findlay (Managers Coordinator), or contact Natalie direct.

There will always be a Committee member down at the club on match days, along with most training nights. Feel free to either approach or introduce yourself to us. We are there to help and assist you with just about everything regarding your time at Wembley Downs.

We have both a Junior and Senior representation down at the club and there are Seniors fixtures played at Butlers, just about every Sunday afternoons. The club caters for Youth



Development (3 Teams), Metropolitan Socials (3 Teams), Womens (1 Team), Masters (2 Teams) and Amateurs Premier Squad (1sts & Reserves). Our Amateurs are currently firing on all cylinders and have progressed through to the next round (Anzac Day), of the FFA Cup, being hosted by Western Knights (Mosman Park). Our Amateurs representative Barry O'Callaghan (currently injured), is posting and summarizing the squad's season. Please avail yourselves to Baz's journalistic skills. They are posted on both the club's Facebook and webpage. The amateurs also won the men's amateur league night series final. See the link for video highlights from the 2m:45s onwards. Congratulations to the team.

[State and Amateur League Night Series Video Highlights](#)

All Coaches and Managers are welcome to add their teams progress and news via our Facebook page. Please contact Stewart, who will steer you in the right direction.

Hopefully all teams will have "Bedded down" their respective "Territory" on training nights and still allow some adjustments to accommodate each other. Please stick to your assigned places and times, as training nights are very busy and Seniors have access from 7pm sharp. Please KEEP OFF Pitch 1, unless you have been given approval by either Jeff Thalaveesen, or Liam Mallinson (Coaching Coordinators). These are the ONLY committee members authorized to allow teams to train on pitch 1.

The clubhouse and changerooms are open on training nights, with dinner night being Thursday. There are limited items for sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, i.e.; coffee, drinks and snacks. The clubhouse is available for team get togethers and managers are welcome to organize access to the rooms.

This also goes for any parent that may be running late to pick up their child. It's more prudent and safer to have your child wait inside the clubrooms until you arrive. Don't allow them to stay outside, especially now that it's getting darker earlier.

A member of our Amateurs, Neil Fitzsimmons, passed away tragically last week. It's with deep sadness, that we farewell Neil and our condolences to his family, both here in Australia and Ireland. Please talk to each other, ask and reach out if you think someone needs a shoulder to lean on. Don't be afraid, nor embarrassed to ask for help. That's what being part of Wembley Downs Soccer Club is all about. We are the Family you have, beyond the one at home. The club will be conducting awareness sessions for those that wish to participate.

Once again, apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. I'll be more prompt in the future. Welcome, enjoy and have a wonderful season.

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