Pacific Soccer

Welcome back everyone to the start of 2016.

A special thank you to our coaches, managers and families, who played a vital role with Pacific Soccer in 2015, which allowed our players to enjoy their game and learn new skills.

Pacific Soccer and Brisbane Roar Partnership

The 2016 season will bring more exciting opportunities for our players, with Pacific Soccer forming a new partnership with Brisbane Roar – Queensland’s best football team and a leading club in the national A-League competition. Brisbane Roar actively encourages and nurtures grassroots competitions, where player participation and enjoyment is the highest priority. Pacific Soccer and the Roar are providing exciting opportunities for our players in 2016, including:

- Weekly coaching support by a Brisbane Roar coach.
- Player Development Camp and Goalkeeping Clinic in the April school holidays.
- Bus trip to the see Brisbane Roar versus Sydney FC in Brisbane on 26th March.
- The opportunity to meet current Roar players from the A-League competition.

So, if you want to play soccer with your mates, have heaps of fun and take your game to the next level, don’t miss our upcoming Pacific Soccer sign-on days for the 2016 season.

Pacific Soccer Team App

The Pacific Soccer smartphone app will launch this year. The app will allow our families to obtain easy access to club information, forms, game times, venues, photos and newsletter updates. The app will be available in the coming weeks and a link will be emailed directly to our families.

Player Sign-On for 2016 Season

Player registrations for the 2016 season can be made outside the Prep building at Pacific, on the following dates:

- Thursday 4th February from 2.45pm to 3.30pm
- Saturday 6th February from 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Tuesday 9th February from 2.45pm to 3.30pm
- Saturday 13th February from 9.00am – 11.00am

Pacific Soccer has always aimed to keep registration fees as low as possible so all families have the opportunity to participate in sport at an affordable cost. In 2016, registration fees for U6-U10 players remain unchanged however; the fees for U11+ players have increased slightly to cover the cost of additional referee officials at each game. The 2016 registration fees are as follows:

- U6-U8: $130
- U9-U10: $150
• U11+: $170

If a new player is registering, please bring their birth certificate, passport or student card to confirm their date of birth. All new and returning players who register will receive a complimentary gift pack from Pacific Soccer.

EFTPOS Available

In 2016, Pacific Soccer will be offering EFTPOS facilities for payment of registration fees and socks or equipment purchases.

Just For Kicks

This year we are again running Just for Kicks at Pacific. This is a FREE ‘come and try’ event designed to introduce children aged 4 to 7 (born up to 2011) to the game.

Just for Kicks will be held on Saturday 6th February from 9.00am to 11.00am and places are limited. A Registration of Interest form is included at the back of the newsletter. Please complete and return to our registrar Jenny Lee as soon as possible.

All new players who attend Just for Kicks and register for the 2016 season will also receive a free ball and pair of shin pads (in addition to their welcome sign-on pack from Pacific Soccer).

Get Started 2016

The State Government is again providing funding through the Get Started program to assist children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in sports at a grassroots level. Parents, guardians and carers who hold a Centrelink Health Card or a Pensioner Concession Card are eligible to receive a voucher. Vouchers are submitted through SCCSA Admin and may be used to offset some or all of the Pacific Soccer registration fees for 2016. Please refer to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au for more Get Started information.

Places Available With Pacific Soccer

If your child is turning five during 2016 (born 2011 or earlier), they are eligible to play this year and we would love to have them as part of a team!

Pacific Soccer has always encouraged and welcomed boys and girls to our sport. We were privileged to see the Pacific Seahorses play as the competition’s first all-girls team from 2012 to 2014. In 2015, the Seahorses numbers were boosted with some male members and the team finished the season as the highest ranked Pacific Soccer team on the Fair Play Award, in 2nd place out of the 147 teams in the SCCSA competition.

Team Coaches and Managers

Each team requires a coach and a manager. These positions must be filled from within the team before games begin on 7th March. If you would like to help your team this year, coaching or managing is a great way to become actively involved. Any assistance you can offer is always greatly appreciated and will allow the players to play their game, learn new skills and to have fun.

If you are interested in assisting as the coach or the manager of a team in 2016, can you please let us know now or on the sign-on day. Alternatively, if team members would like to suggest a coach or manager for their team, please let us know, or encourage them to nominate now.

Thank you to all our coaches and managers who have previously offered their valuable time.

Equipment Required

Players are required to have soccer boots and shin guards for all training sessions and matches. Socks and shorts can be purchased at the Pacific Soccer 2016 sign-on days. Pacific Soccer training shirts are worn for training and to and from games on Saturdays. Match jerseys are issued to each team manager and will be brought by the manager to each game.

Amart All Sports has been a long-term supporter of Pacific Soccer and has provided discounts for purchases made by our families. These purchases also benefit Pacific Soccer when we buy our equipment.
Amart All Sports is offering a discount weekend, where families can receive 20% off all purchases. If you need any new sporting equipment, please delay these purchases until after you have registered with Pacific Soccer, so you can receive the discount voucher. In 2016 the discount will be available on Saturday 13th February and Sunday 14th February.

**Pacific Soccer Committee**

Pacific Soccer’s AGM was held at the end of 2015 and the following committee members were elected:

- Ian Barnes  
  President
- Jenny Lee  
  Registrar
- Louise Currey  
  Treasurer
- Chris Friend  
  Secretary
- Lisa Ackerman  
  Equipment Officer
- Zane Russell  
  Committee Member

We have always encouraged our families to play an active role in Pacific Soccer, as it’s only with your assistance that the club can provide the much-needed services for all our players. The committee would welcome any assistance from our families, but especially would appreciate assistance for the following roles:

- Vice President (assist the President in a supporting role)
- Canteen Convener (logistical role to keep track of canteen stock)
- Canteen Manager (shared role to oversee running of canteen by our teams)
- Coaching Director (to offer assistance or guidance to new coaches, if required)
- Field set-up and pack-up (to coordinate field setup)
- Committee Member (to contribute to decisions made within the club)

**Pacific Soccer Contacts**

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We look forward to another great season in 2016! If you have any queries regarding registration or if you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mr Ian Barnes, Pacific Soccer President*