

Pacific Soccer



Welcome back to the start of Term 2. We hope you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation during the holiday break.

Coach and Manager Information Night

Prior to the holidays, the SCCRA held an information evening for coaches, managers and other interested parties, which was run by Marsh Camille, the referee's training officer. The evening covered important information for teams in the 2016 season, including technical issues such as player's equipment, team areas during games, offside regulations and handball.

The evening was well attended, but for those who could not make it, a brief summary is provided below:

U9-U10 Games

Penalties

- All penalties are indirect. Therefore after the ball has been kicked, it must touch at least one player from either team before the goal can be scored.

Sideline throws

- Throw-ins must be taken with both feet touching the ground and the ball behind the head.
- A second attempt will be offered after which the throw is given to the other team.

Player interchange

- Players to be interchanged during a break in play and only with the referee's permission.
- Players may leave the field via any sideline, but must only enter from the technical area.

General Requirements For All U9+ Games

Access to the field

- Coaches, managers, parents and spectators are not allowed on the field unless invited by the referee. This rule is intended to protect the welfare of all players and the referee.
- In the event of an injury, the referee will ask the coach or manager to help a player and they may in turn ask the parent to assist. This will only occur in the case of a more serious injury, where the player is clearly distressed and needs a parent for comfort.
- No spectators, players or officials are allowed behind the goals in any age group, including U6-U8 games.

Equipment

- No jewellery is to be worn by any players in any age group. This includes rings, necklaces, earrings, watches, bands and bobby pins. Taping of jewellery is not permitted.
- If a medical necklace is being worn, please bring this to the attention of the referee at the start of the game.
- Shin pads are to be worn inside socks, with tape to match the colour of the socks. We provide navy tape in the canteen, if required.
- If 'skins' are worn under the uniform, they are also to be navy blue or are to be pulled up and hidden from sight.

Technical areas for U9+ teams

- For U9+ teams, a technical area is roped off for the exclusive use of each team.
- Access to the technical area is only permitted to participating team players and a maximum of two officials from each team. So, either the coach and manager or the coach and assistant coach.
- Please respect the purpose of the technical areas. We ask all other spectators to remain outside the roped area.

Offside

- For U6-U10 games, there is no offside rule. However we encourage all our coaches to use this rule within the spirit of the game and please do not allow a player to deliberately play in an offside position, for the purpose of trying to score a goal.
- For U11+ games, a player is only offside if they are interfering with the play.

Respect for the officials

- Our coaches and managers are always reminding our players of the importance of showing respect for their teammates, the opposing team and for the referees. We have always encouraged our spectators to also show respect, especially for refereeing decisions that may go against your team. Whether a referee is right or wrong, it is important to allow them to make this call and for the game to continue. Negative comments and abuse from the sidelines does not reflect well on the game, the spectators or the club. For many seasons, we have always appreciated the great sportsmanship shown by Pacific Soccer supporters. We encourage you to maintain this positive attitude and to set a great example for our players and for our visiting families.

Brisbane Roar Game



On Saturday 26th March, a number of eager players and parents travelled to Suncorp Stadium to watch the Brisbane Roar play against Sydney FC. Our players met Roar players, had photos taken and had their jerseys and posters signed. A highlight for many players was the opportunity to be on the field for half-time celebrations.

Visit our Facebook page to see more of the experience or share some of the special memories from the evening.



Thank you to Chris Friend, Louise Currey and Jenny Lee for coordinating the logistics of this event and thank you to the many players, parents and families who attended and helped make this event a wonderful success.

Brisbane Roar Holiday Clinic

Over the holidays, the highly skilled coaches from the Brisbane Roar ran a clinic at Pacific, allowing players to learn new skills while having fun with their friends and their teammates. The day included many activities and sessions, with exciting games played within the inflatable field.



Thank you to the many players who participated in this clinic. We would especially like to thank the Brisbane Roar for their time and involvement and Chris, Jenny and Louise for their organisation.

Points Table – Competitive Teams

Due to the number of teams in the U11+ age groups and the need for teams to play each other an equal number of times, some games will not be counted on the points table. For our U11A Pacific Taipans and U12B Pacific Sharks, the results of Round 4 games this weekend will not count on the points table. Scores and points will be included on the table from Round 5 games on 23rd April.

Extra Rounds

Due to the number of teams in some competitive age groups and to ensure all teams play each other an equal number of times, our U11B Cobras will play a 21 round season (instead of the normal 18 rounds). At this stage these extra games will be played of a night time and have been scheduled on 11th May, 17th May and 24th May, although the venue and times have not been finalised. We will pass on this information as soon as it is available.

Round 4 – 16th April

Round 4 games will continue this weekend, with home games at Pacific. Games commence at 8.30am and our U13 Pacific Snappers will play the final game at 3.15pm. The manager of each team will have game times or visit www.SCCSA.org.au if you have any queries.

Canteen duty – 16 April

Our U6 Mantarays and U11 Taipans have been rostered to provide volunteers for the canteen during this weekend. Other teams will be rostered for the remaining home games this season and will each be asked to assist with shifts of up to two hours, from 7.30am to 5.00pm. A minimum of three volunteers are required in the canteen at any time, to allow the BBQ to be run, customers to be served and orders to be prepared.

The operation of the canteen is a vital role within Pacific Soccer. For this reason, we encourage all families to provide assistance when asked by your team manager.

Involvement With Pacific Soccer

We have always encouraged our families to play an active role in Pacific Soccer, because it is only with your assistance that the club can provide the much-needed services for all our players. Please remember that any help you can provide, large or small, will always be gratefully appreciated.

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Thank you to all our families and supporters for supporting Pacific Soccer this season. If you have any queries, or if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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