

Pacific Soccer

Round 4 Wrap Up

A few showers were not enough to dampen the spirits of our players when they took to the field for Round 4 last weekend! Thank you to everyone for sharing your match photos. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more of the action and for other important information regarding our club.

With the completion of their grading games in Round 3, our U11+ competitive teams started the official games this week. As noted last week, to ensure all teams play each other an equal number of times, Round 4 games will not be counted for our U11A Taipans and U12B Sharks.

Our U11A Pacific Taipans played Buddina Stingrays in a very close match. Buddina's front line threatened the Taipan's goal throughout the first half, but the Taipans displayed outstanding defence and the teams went to halftime with no points recorded. The Taipans started the second half with good attacking runs, but Buddina's defence kept turning them away. It was Buddina who finally broke the deadlock after a quick break, which gave them a one-on-one chance against the keeper and a 1:0 win on the day. The Pacific Taipans will play the Stingrays twice more this season in what are sure to be exciting matches!

Our U11B Pacific Cobras played Caloundra Red in an entertaining game, with scoring chances on both sides. The teamwork from the Cobras was impressive, with great passing out of defence, through the midfield and across the front line, giving the players chances in front of the goal. The final 5:2 win to the Cobras was a sound start in their first competitive game and we look forward to seeing their teamwork and skills developing throughout the season.



Our U12B Pacific Sharks played Buddina Blue Fins. This game also saw scoring chances for both teams, testing the defence at both ends of the field. At fulltime the teams could not be split, with a 2:2 score line. Although the Round 4 results for U12B teams don't count on the table, this game provided a great opportunity for the Sharks to have a good workout against their opposition. The team is looking forward to playing the Blue Fins two more times this season.

Our U13B Pacific Snappers played the last game of the day against the Chancellor Challengers. Like the earlier games, these teams were very closely matched and the speed of the players across the front line kept the defensive players on their toes. Chancellor took one of their chances late in the first half to take a 1:0 lead at the break. In the second half, the Snappers scored early to draw level with Chancellor. The intense action on the field continued but it was the Snappers who finally took the lead with only 10 minutes to go. The Snappers' defence and teamwork remained strong and Chancellor were not able to score again, giving the Snappers the 2:1 result on the day.

Canteen Assistance

Thank you to the U6 Mantarays and U11 Taipans for providing canteen volunteers during our games last weekend. Other teams will be rostered for the remaining home games throughout the season. Families will be asked to assist with shifts of up to two hours, from 7.30am until 5.00pm.

A special thank you must also go to Belinda Forman and her family (U10 Pacific Eels), who kindly donated 60 sausages from their farm for the canteen BBQ last weekend. We have always appreciated the wonderful support that our families provide and donated goods are also especially valued.

Fair Play Award

Throughout the season, the referees for all U9+ games award points to each team for Team Spirit, Coaching Spirit and Attitude to the Referee. Between 1 to 5 points can be awarded to teams for each category. The points accumulate throughout the season and are shown on the Fair Play Award table on the SCCSA website. At the end of the season,

the highest ranked team receives a special SCCSA award and Pacific Soccer also presents an award to the highest ranked Pacific team.

The Fair Play Award encourages players and teams to remember that spirit of the game is much more important than the final result. Often the leading teams on the Fair Play Award are not the same teams who lead on the points table. Showing respect to teammates, officials, the opposing team and the referee is essential in our game and provides a valuable life lesson for everyone. We therefore encourage all of our teams to show respect for other players, officials and referees, and to have fun!

Next Home Games

We now have a long break from hosting home games, with our teams playing away games for almost two months. Our next home games will be in Round 11 on 11th June, which also coincides with the CDNA netball games at Pacific. Our U7 Seadragons and U12 Sharks have been rostered to provide canteen volunteers for our Round 11 games, but we will provide more details closer to this date.

Round 5 – 23rd April

This weekend our teams will be playing at the following venues:

- U6 Mantarays, U8 Barracudas, U8 Jewelfish, U8 Vipers and U12 Sharks at Mudjimba
- U6 Marlins at Mooloolah
- U7 Flyers, U7 Razors and U7 Seadragons at Currimundi
- U9 Seals, U10 Eels and U13 Snappers at Palmwoods
- U9 Swordfish and U11 Taipans at Bli Bli
- U11 Cobras at Stella Maris

Team managers will have game times, or visit www.SCCSA.org.au if you have any queries.

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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