

Pacific Soccer

Round 5 – 23rd April

Last weekend, our 15 Pacific Soccer teams played away games at various venues across the coast. 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.

In the competitive teams, our U11A Pacific Taipans faced Chancellor Chargers in a close game. Chancellor scored first but eventually the Taipans found the equaliser, to be tied at half time. By the second half, the Taipans had settled into the game and excellent teamwork allowed them to continuously work the ball out of the defensive half, through the transition zone, producing many good scoring opportunities. The Taipans scored quickly to take a 3:1 lead and added a few late goals to eventually take the win 6:1.

Our U11B Pacific Cobras played the Chancellor Commandos at Stella Maris. The game was tight, with little separating the teams, but Chancellor finally scored, taking the points in a narrow 1:0 victory.



Our U12B Pacific Sharks played Caloundra White and with only 10 players, the Sharks knew they would have a tough game. The first half was almost entirely played in the Sharks' half, with Caloundra placing a lot of pressure on their goal. Despite the challenges, the Sharks deserve enormous credit. They took their chances and scored twice, while a great defensive effort limited Caloundra to a single goal, ultimately allowing the Pacific Sharks to take the win. The Sharks would also like to acknowledge the great spirit in which the game was played. When a Caloundra player was injured and awarded a free kick, instead of taking the penalty, Caloundra passed the ball back to the Sharks to allow the play to continue. This gesture of goodwill was certainly appreciated and shows a level of sportsmanship that should be commended.

The U13B Pacific Snappers played the Palmwoods Raiders at Palmwoods. The Palmwoods Raiders played in A Division last year but failed to win a game. For this reason they have been placed in B Division for the 2016 season, which may provide a challenge for the other teams. The Pacific Snappers certainly took up the challenge last weekend and their teamwork gave them a well-deserved goal against the Palmwoods side. Although Palmwoods took the points on the day, the Snappers deserve credit for another great team effort and for the positive way they have always played their game.

Points Table – Competitive Teams

As noted a few weeks ago, to ensure all teams play each other an equal number of times, some rounds are not counted on the points table. For our U11A Pacific Taipans and U12B Pacific Sharks, the results of Round 4 games will not be counted on the table and therefore the scores should also not be shown.

QCSA State Titles

The QCSA State Titles will be held this long weekend from 30th April to 2nd May and will again be played at Redbank Plains. Representative teams from the Sunshine Coast will be participating in age groups ranging from U10 to U14 with separate competitions for U16 girls, U16 boys and U18 teams.

We wish all our representative players the best of luck and hope they enjoy your games and the experience of representing the Sunshine Coast.

Extra Rounds – U11B Cobras

As previously advised, due to the number of teams in the U11B age group, more than 18 rounds need to be played during the season to ensure all teams play each other an equal number of times.

For our U11B Pacific Cobras, three extra night time games will be played on the following dates:

- Round 19
 - Tuesday 10th May
 - Pacific Cobras vs Caloundra White
 - 6.00pm at Bli Bli on Field 02
- Round 20
 - Tuesday 17th May
 - Pacific Cobras vs Bli Bli Crusaders
 - 6.00pm at Bli Bli on Field 01
- Round 21
 - Tuesday 24th May
 - Pacific Cobras vs Immanuel Sharks
 - 6.00pm at Bli Bli on Field 01

Please note that these extra games will not be shown on the draw on the SCCSA website until the games have been played. We ask that these dates are added to your calendar now, to ensure that the games are not forgotten.

Sportsmanship

We have recently been advised of rough play and bad language occurring at some of our games. Our players, team officials and spectators have witnessed this behaviour. Showing respect for teammates, officials, the opposing team and the referee is essential and provides a valuable life lesson for everyone. We encourage all our teams and our spectators to always show respect for other teams, officials and visiting families. In the interest of promoting the importance of sportsmanship, both on the field and on the sidelines, we thought we would share some suggestions that have been used within our teams.

Sportsmanship is the ability to:

- Win without gloating;
- Lose without complaining; and
- Treat your opponent, teammates, and the referee with respect.

Sportsmanship tips:

- If you make a mistake, don't sulk or make excuses – learn from it and be ready to play on.
- If a teammate makes a mistake, offer encouragement, not criticism.
- If you win, be gracious and don't rub it in.
- If you lose, be gracious and don't make excuses.

Acceptance of judgment calls from the referee:

A player with good sportsmanship will accept that mistakes can be made by the referee, but also knows that the game is made up of many decisions and not just a single call. Therefore although the player may be upset with a particular decision, it is important to be able to move past any disappointment they feel and instead to focus their energy back on the game. This approach is equally valuable for our spectators, as criticism of refereeing decisions from the sidelines not only undermines the position of the officials, but also fails to model the standard of behaviour that we expect our players to follow.

Looking Ahead...

With the QCSA State Titles this weekend, the regular SCCSA fixtures will resume on Saturday 7th May for Round 6. Our teams will again be playing away games. We'll provide a summary of the venues next week. Alternatively, check with your team manager or the SCCSA website for more information.

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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