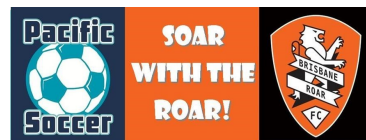


# Pacific Soccer



## Start of 2017 Season

The wait is over! The 2017 season is kicking off this weekend with around 150 Pacific Soccer players across 13 teams taking to the field. Please ensure players are ready for the first games and have all their equipment (shin guards, boots, full uniforms, hair ties). SCCSA rules don't allow children to play without the required gear.

Nearly all of our teams are full, but we are still looking for one x U6 boy or girl player (born 2011 or 2012).

## Pacific Soccer App

In addition to our weekly emails, we highly recommend that all parents, children and supporters download the Team App: <https://pacificsoccer.teamapp.com/> and follow us on Facebook. These are the primary sources of real time information and will include important news updates.

## Rooball Carnival – U6-U10 Teams

Our U6-U10 teams will play in a Rooball Carnival this weekend, with each team playing two to three shortened games. Pacific Soccer will be hosting some U08 games, so our U8 Seadragons and U8 Vipers are playing at home.

Our other Rooball teams will be playing at Bli Bli (U6 Starfish, U9 Jewelfish), Caloundra (U7 Razors, U7 Marlins), Siena Catholic College (U6 Sea Eagles, U10 Seals), Currimundi (U7 Mantarays) and Palmwoods (U9 Barracudas).

A few quick reminders regarding the Rooball Carnival:

- There is a \$5 fee per player for the carnival, which will be collected by the manager of each team.
- Players will receive a ribbon at the end of their last game.
- Managers, please note that only one team sheet needs to be filled in for the day, which must include your team and player details.
- For those teams playing at Pacific, we are seeking canteen volunteers. Please contact your manager if you're able to help.



## Grading Games – U11+ Teams

Our U11+ competitive teams will play their first of three grading games this weekend. Pacific Soccer is also hosting some grading games, so our U11 Eels, U12 Cobras and U14 Snappers will play at home. The first games at Pacific commence at 8.30am and the last U8 Rooball game kicks off at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the exciting action on the field.

## Coaches and Managers

A few teams are still in need of a coach or a manager. These positions can be shared within the families of each team, to suit availability. If you would like to help your team, coaching or managing is a great way to become actively involved and your participation is always appreciated by the club, but more importantly by the players.

Pacific Soccer's partnership with Brisbane Roar will provide ongoing support for our team coaches throughout the 2017 season. Roar coaches will visit on a weekly basis to share suggestions and training options where needed.

SCCSA is also holding free coaching clinics in March that are specifically designed for U6-U8 and U9-U16 age groups. The clinics run from 6.00pm to 8.30pm on the following dates:

- U6-U8: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Frank McIvor Park, Currimundi
- U9-U16: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Multisports Complex, Mudjimba
- U6-U16: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Multisports Complex, Mudjimba

The clinics provide guidance on training methods, individual and group management, specific skills training for particular age groups, goal keeping, shooting and basic defensive / attacking principles. Please contact the Pacific Soccer committee directly if you would like any additional information.

## **Mentoring / Coaching Opportunities – Older Players**

Pacific Soccer has always appreciated and encouraged our older players to assist with the coaching of the younger teams. This not only provides an increased level of responsibility, but it is also a valuable mentoring role.

In 2017, we would like to thank Harrison Dines, who is again taking on the role of Co-Coach with the U10 Seals and Bailey Kong, who is helping with the U9 Jewelfish. If other Pacific students would like to assist with a mentoring / coaching role for one of our younger teams, please let us know as soon as possible.

## **Pacific Soccer Jersey Sponsors**



Pacific Soccer has always appreciated the generous support of the family businesses that sponsor our match jerseys. The jerseys are worn every week throughout the season and also appear in photos, providing continued exposure for businesses. The jerseys are kept for more than five seasons and only one business is advertised on each set.

We will include a thank you for all our jersey sponsors in the coming weeks. We have a few sets of unsponsored jerseys available, so if you would like to promote your business, please contact our equipment officer, Lisa Ackerman (ml\_ackerman@hotmail.com), as

soon as possible.

## **Team Training**

With the announcement of the team lists, weekly training is now underway for most teams. The coach and manager choose the specific training day for each team. Please remember shin pads must be worn for training and matches.

The fields at Pacific are always busy at the start of the season. Pacific Lutheran College has established a good relationship with the Meridan Sports Complex, which has allowed their fields to be used by PLC teams, when additional space is required. We ask our teams to also respect this relationship. Remember that training is never permitted on fields #1 and #2.

## **Wet Weather Cancellations**

Throughout the season, in the event that games have to be cancelled due to wet weather, team managers will be advised via SMS and this information will then be relayed to each family. Notifications will also be sent via the Team App.

## **Reminders – Training and Games**

Please remember that dogs and smoking are not permitted at any games or at training. These rules are intended to protect our players, officials and spectators and apply not only at the Pacific fields, but any other venue our teams play at.

## **Canteen Renovations**

Since the end of the 2016 season, we have been undertaking a refurbishment of the canteen area. We have just finished lining and painting the internal walls and are gradually installing storage cupboards and shelves, to simplify the organisation of the canteen area.

We would especially like to thank Shane Gale (Shadforths) and Matt Power (MJP), who have installed running water into the canteen and a submersible pump as well as connected a drainage line from the sink. Having running water in the canteen is a huge benefit for our volunteers. We would also like to thank Chris Friend, Zane Russell (Suncoast Building Approvals) and Mr Mike Healy, for assisting with the organisation and the approval processes that allowed this work to be completed.



## **Pacific Soccer Canteen**

The operation of the canteen is a vital role within Pacific Soccer. The revenue from the canteen is the principle source of income for the club and allows us to purchase equipment for our teams throughout each season. At this stage, the logistic effort to supply and coordinate the operation of the canteen is being overseen by the existing committee members. However, we are still hoping to get some extra help from a Canteen Organiser and a Canteen Manager.

During each home game, volunteers from our teams run the canteen, overseen by the Canteen Manager. With eight home games in the 2017 season and 13 teams, we are intending to roster two teams in the canteen for each home game for either the morning shift (7.00am – 12.00pm) or the afternoon shift (12.00pm – 5.00pm). Teams will be asked to help with a shift only once or twice during the 2017 season.

A minimum of three volunteers are required in the canteen at any time. With our team numbers varying from eight to 15 players, if each family can provide a volunteer for their team's rostered day, people would be helping for no longer than 1.5 – 2 hours. We ask all our families to provide assistance when asked by your team manager.

### **Working Bee – 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Our annual working bee was held last Saturday and we thank everyone who came along to help with various tasks, including:

- Spring cleaning the canteen area;
- Completing the drainage work at the end of the concrete path;
- Organising team equipment and canteen equipment;
- Attaching an awning over the canteen window; and
- Installing internal lining and painting the canteen walls.

### **Involvement with Pacific Soccer**

We have always encouraged our families to play an active role in Pacific Soccer, because only with your assistance, can the club 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.

### **Looking Ahead ...**

After this weekend we have another home game at Pacific on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. More details will be sent to our teams as soon as the match draws and canteen roster have been finalised.

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Thank you to all our families and supporters. We look forward to another great season in 2017. If you have any queries, or if you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mr Matt Gigney, Pacific Soccer Secretary*