



MIRANDA MAGPIES FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CLUB

HISTORY

Miranda Magpies FC (MMFC) was established in 1951 and was the first club affiliated with the Sutherland Shire Football Association. Throughout its proud history it has won many premierships and has been the launching ground for many young players to representative status. Most importantly though, the club has created an environment where all players can enjoy, learn and participate at all levels of the sport.

FACILITIES

Our playing fields along with our club house are located at Seymour Shaw Park, Central Road Miranda. Our home games are played on fields 2, 3 & 4, training also occurs on these fields throughout Monday to Friday. On game days our canteen caters for all needs, from freshly made coffee from one of our barista's' to hot food off the BBQ, snacks and cold drinks.

COMMITTEE

MMFC like most sporting clubs is run by a committee of volunteers who are dedicated to ensure that the club continues to prosper. The committee personnel are mums and dads of junior players, senior players and other non-playing members that have remained with the club even after their children have finished playing. We are always looking for new committee members and would encourage any parent to come along to our management meetings which are generally held on the 1st Monday of each month. (Please see website for more details).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Outside of playing football our club also prides itself on the social element of team sports. On selected Sunday night's, throughout the season we host our "Back to the Club House" event. This evening is family friendly and sometimes includes free pizza, a raffle along with a junior members badge draw. We also encourage young players to provide a weekend match report over the microphone. The night begins at 5pm and the badge draw and match reports start prior to 6pm. We hold an annual Golf Day and a Trivia Night, check our calendar for details and if you have a fun idea, please let us know.

COMMUNICATION AT MMFC

WEBSITE- www.mirandamagpies.com

Our website is the lifeline for information for our members. It is constantly updated with the latest news. All relevant and current information is normally posted on the front page, however with so much going on in one time you must remember to scroll down the page for all of the information. The front page or home page will inform you of wet weather and ground closures, along with registration dates and times, grading dates and times.

Through the web page you will also be able to access our events calendar, club policies, committee members, merchandise and many other items. You can also access your draw, match results and tables along with the weekend match report.

SOCIAL MEDIA -Like and Follow these sites for notifications and up to date information.

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SHARED SERVICES

Miranda Magpies have formed a partnership with the Sutherland Shire Football Association, employing them to perform shared services which include email communications mostly.

CONTACTING THE COMMITTEE

To contact the committee at any time we suggest you send an email to the info@mirandamagpies.com address with the subject and it will be forwarded to the relevant committee member who is best to answer the query or in turn they will answer it directly with you. Please remember that the committee are volunteers and most have work and family commitments that do not allow them to answer your queries immediately. Therefore, your best contact is by the above email.

COMPLAINTS AND ISSUES

Throughout the season you may have issues that you would like to discuss with the committee. For all team based issues for example fair game time etc we suggest that you first approach your coach and manager before contacting the club. For all other issues please email the secretary with your concerns.

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FEEDBACK

Your feedback is vital and also welcomed at MMFC and the best forum is the management meeting held on the 1st Monday of each month and we welcome you to attend these meetings. Alternatively, you can email our secretary at secretary@mirandamagpies.com

GRADING SCHEDULE & PROCEDURES

GRADING PROCEDURES

Due to the tight timeline for completion of team sheets required by the association and the timing of registration days we unfortunately have a limited window to host these grading days. Sometimes the schedule may clash with other activities but our grading days are important so we urge our members to make sure that they attend. Please make sure that your child is at the clubhouse ready to proceed 30 minutes prior to the time below.

Under 6 & 7 age teams will be formed on a social background basis and therefore will not be individually graded. MMFC strongly recommends however that children who are turning 5 this year play together where possible in the same team. This allows for the team to continue playing next year together in under 6's. There is NO advantage to children playing up an age group whilst developing their skills. Full details of our grading policy and guidelines please visit our website.

GRADING

Grading is for ALL Boys & Girls in nominated age group. Parents are required to attend ALL grading days INCLUDING older age groups as this is where player numbers become more difficult.

- Please note if the grading session is washed out then consult the website for details of which day and time will apply in the following week.
- We hold some Girls Only Team grading sessions in 2019, check guide below.
- Girls wanting to play in the boys / mixed teams (U6-U12) please turn up to the Boys / Mixed session for your correct age group.
- Otherwise girls wanting to play in an all-girls team (U7-U16) please turn up to the Girls Only Teams session.
- All players must be registered prior to grading.

GRADING DATES AND TIMES

WHAT TO BRING FOR GRADING?

It is important that each child is wearing boots and shin pads for grading. They do not have to wear the club strip but it is recommended they have appropriate clothing for football. Also it has been very hot on these days in the past so make sure you use sunscreen and bring a bottle of water with you. Make sure you bring a comfortable chair to sit back, relax and watch your child during grading.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADING, HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TEAM I AM IN?

An email with your team will be sent directly to your email address listed on file. Shortly after your team manager will contact you to advise when training will commence and the set day and time.

2019 MMFC GRADING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - Field 2			
Grade	Rego Time	Start Time	Duration
Boys U10	5:30pm	6:00pm	1 Hour
Boys U9	6:30pm	7:00pm	1 Hour
Boys U16 & U18	7:00pm	7:30pm	1 Hour
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY - Field 3			
Boys U6 & Girls W6 Meet & Greet	5:30pm	6:00pm	1 Hour
* At the conclusion of the U6's grading Meet & Greet, a sausage sizzle will be held for all families of our Under 6's at 7pm			
SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - Field 3			
Boys U14 & U15	9:30am	10:00am	1 Hour
Boys U13	10:30am	11:00am	1 Hour
Boys U12	11:30am	12:00pm	1 Hour
Boys U11	12:30pm	1:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W11 & W12	1:00pm	1:30pm	1 Hour
Boys U10	1:30pm	2:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W10	2:00pm	2:30pm	1 Hour
Boys U9	2:30pm	3:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W9	3:00pm	3:30pm	1 Hour
Boys U8	3:30pm	4:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W8	4:00pm	4:30pm	1 Hour
Boys U7	4:30pm	5:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W7	5:00pm	5:30pm	1 Hour
MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - Field 2			
Girls W14	5:30pm	6:00pm	1 Hour
Girls W16, W18	6:00pm	6:30pm	1 Hour

UNIFORMS, MERCHANDISE & EQUIPMENT

UNIFORMS

We have allocated time at our grading days to assist in making sure all our players are fitted out with the correct sizes. To assist, each player will need to try on and then fill out our order sheet when they register at grading days. You then purchase the uniform through our club online shop, see our website to access the shop. All orders are placed online and delivered to your home from the supplier, or you can arrange pick up from 5 Sports.

All teams playing in the 12 and over competitions will require a number on the shirt, organised at no extra cost. Please consult with your manager/coach prior to ensure your number is unique for your team.

EQUIPMENT

The club will supply all necessary equipment for training and games, however it is of benefit for every young player to have their own ball, of correct size, so they can improve their skills at home and an extra ball at training is always helpful. Please ask your coach for the correct size ball before purchasing one.

To play on game day your child will require the official MMFC uniform, moulded stud boots and shin pads of your choice to play.

MERCHANDISE- ONLINE STORE

The Magpies have a select number of merchandise lines, so Mum's and Dad's can also get into the spirit of supporting your team. Check our online store for your options.

TRAINING

An email with your team will be sent directly to your email address listed on file. At which time the team will have a coach and manager allocated to it (Volunteers Required Please).

It will be their decision in consultation with the club committee to choose a training day. Your manager will contact you to advise when training will commence and the set day and time. It is a safety policy that all junior teams are off the park by 7pm prior to the senior training sessions commencing. It is recommended that boots and shin pads be worn at training. Parents/Guardians are reminded to stay at your child's training sessions to ensure their safety. The coach and managers are not baby sitters, they graciously volunteer their time and should never be taken for granted.

WET WEATHER PROCEDURES

In most cases the website will advise you whether the games are on or off, it will also advise whether the grounds are open for training so it is important that you check it regularly. Your manager will also inform you if the games are cancelled due to wet weather, as an individual we ask that you please refrain from calling the club, your manager/coach will contact you.

Unfortunately, decision on games proceeding with bad weather are not normally made until 7.30am on game days with some games commencing at 8am most people may already be at the ground when the decision is made. It is important that you go to your field as scheduled as it may be pouring where you live but fine where your game is scheduled.

SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL -MiniRoos

MiniRoos - is football for young children, played on smaller fields, with fewer players per team and in an environment where the emphasis is on fun whilst learning the game rather than winning. The game maximises participation for all players allowing for more touches on the ball, repeated decision making, more goals and most importantly less pressure on our young players. Modified for different age groups from under 6 to under 11 (different field sizes and team numbers) the MiniRoos format is an initiative of Football Australia.

CLUB POLICIES & CODES OF CONDUCT

Sport can bring all types of emotion out in all of us, therefore it is important that you keep your emotions in check especially with young referees. At MMFC we encourage fair play, respect and most of all promote a fun, enjoyable and stress free environment for young players to learn the game of football.

Our club prides itself in its behaviour as players, spectators and administrators of the game by understanding and complying with our code of conduct and child protection policies. As administrators we take complaints very seriously and we would urge you to visit our website and click on Club Policies to further understand what is expected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our webpage also displays the important dates for the upcoming season and will continually be updated as fresh events and times come to hand, so please make sure you check it regularly. Please take some time to review our upcoming events and support our club.

GROUND and CANTEEN DUTY

To run a club of this size successfully you need more than a band of committee members, coaches and managers therefore we need everyone to pitch in and help out. One way that this is achieved is by each team or parents of each team doing canteen duty at least once usually twice in the season. Saturday duty consists of a few shifts the first commences at 7.30am (games commence at 8am) and the game day concludes at 4.30pm. Canteen Duties consist of manning the canteen and BBQ and also helping out the duty officer (committee member) with various tasks. Sunday duty is taken care of by the senior teams who are on duty all day. For further duty details click "Coaches & Managers" then "Ground Duty", on our website. Your team manager will be notified when it is your teams turn for duty. Unfortunately, with the games sometimes only being drawn 1 week in advance you may not receive much notice. This is vital to the club's operation so please make sure you don't miss this opportunity to help out for your child's sake.

CLUB SPONSORS

Our club is supported by sponsors and we would welcome inquiries from anyone interested in sponsoring the club. We ask that you support where possible our sponsors who you will see advertised around the club and on our website.

Please support our fantastic sponsors, we're very grateful for their support of the Magpies.



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