



## **Grange Thistle Football Club Junior Sign-On 2010**

### **Message from the Junior President**

Welcome to the 2010 Season with Grange Thistle Football Club.

2010 sees our Club face significant changes in the Junior Football landscape with the advent of the Rebel Sport Junior Player League for Under 12 through to Under 15 age groups. Though this has presented some disappointment in that we will be only fielding one team in the Brisbane Junior League in Under 14 it also presents opportunities to make Grange Thistle Football Club a place where all juniors players want to play Football.

During the year there will be events scattered throughout the year, so check the Key Dates section of the Club web site for more news.

On the field, sees more success with our U13 Division Brisbane Junior League (BJL team) continuing in the U14 BJL competition for 2010.

Following on from our success in receiving a grant for construction of our new change rooms from Sport and Recreation (Qld Gov't) and Brisbane City Council the facility is now open and provides four new change rooms, toilets and showers, match officials room, storeroom, public toilets and the provision for a new canteen at a later stage.

We also received another grant for water tanks and irrigation for fields 1, 2 and 3 which have now been installed.

Small Sided Games (SSG) has now become Small Sided Football (SSF) and is sponsored by Optus. This initiative will effect U6 through to U10 this year. As all players in these age groups have already been exposed to this type of game, we will only need to provide an update on the changes made via the orientation sessions.

The U10s will find an increase in field size and player numbers to be some of their significant changes.

It is also important that our parents understand the format of the Small Sided Games and so they too will be given orientation sessions during the coming weeks.

Finally, we continued with the Pre Sign-on process to assist in the planning and registering of our Juniors. The response saw approximately 375 players already signed for 2010. Our intention is to limit the size of the club to allow a more efficient use of the limited field space.

Regards

*Mike Williams*

*Junior President - Grange Thistle Football Club*

## **STEPS TO COMPLETE SIGN ON (Up-stairs in the Club House of Grange Thistle)**

**Area 1.** Visit the SIGN ON INFORMATION TABLE to get this booklet the relevant registration forms and advice on the process to be followed to Sign-On with Grange Thistle. Pre Signed players will head straight to Area 3.

If you are not pre signed, or are a new member go to Area 2

**Area 2.** Move to the Tables provided and complete the Registration and associated Forms. There will be Club members moving around to answer your questions and assist you where necessary.

**Area 3.** Take all the completed forms to the Registration Desk with the Player/(s) who are signing on. The Players legal guardian will also need to be present to sign for Club Membership. New Players should also have their Birth Certificate or Passport with them. Once all data is input to the Club Database, you can move on to the next area. Please be aware that this area is likely to become quite a bottleneck and I ask for your patience.

**Area 4.** This is where your payment amount form and receipt will be generated. A minimum payment for Club Membership and Association fees will be accepted, however it is preferable that you make full payment now or as soon as possible. EFTPOS, Debit or Credit Card payments can be made at the Bar. These must be returned with the receipt for confirmation.

**Area 6.** MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE. Here you can buy the accessories to play with Grange such as shorts, shin pads, boots, balls and order tracksuits, and Club bags etc.

**New Club players will need to order a Club shirt as these are mandatory for all players to wear to and from matches on game days and at Club events (\$25.00).**

Please try on the sample shirts available in the Merchandise sales area for correct sizing and then return it to the place you found it. Take note of the size you need and let a Volunteer know the players FFA number or for new players there name and the shirt size, as this will be registered with the Club and will be the size issued to you. Should stocks run out, once the new batch of shirts are received, we will contact you to have the shirt picked up. Payment for the shirt and any other merchandise can be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Debit or Credit Card.

*(Note: Existing Club players that need a replacement Club Shirt should complete this step)*

You have now successfully completed the sign-on process and may leave. However, please take special note of the important dates listed within this booklet and pencil them onto your calendar to ensure you turn up when necessary.

### **Schedule for 2010 Season**

Teams from U11 – U16 will initially train in large squads for each age group. During this initial training period the players will be observed, tested and skill assessed before being put into their respective teams. This will be under the guidance of the relevant Director of Coaching (DOC) for that age group.

Teams from U6 – U10 are generally grouped into teams with their friends and school mates. Once sign-on numbers are known, a Muster Night, where we announce the team groupings and sort out the appointment of Coaches and Managers. Training generally commences shortly after this, when the start time has been decided by the Coach and Manager with input from the Parents.

### **Parent SSF Orientation Nights U6 – U10\***

Three 30 minute sessions are put on for parents to attend. These will be held each night at 6.30, 7.15 & 8.00.

- U6 - 1st March – (Monday)
- U7 - 2nd March – (Tuesday)
- U8 - 3rd March – (Wednesday)
- U9 & 10 - 4th March- (Thursday)

\*No children / players are needed to attend these sessions

### **Muster Nights**

- U6 - 8th March – (Monday)
- U7 - 9th March – (Tuesday)
- U8 - 10th March – (Wednesday)
- U9 & 10 - 11th March- (Thursday)
- U11 - U16 - No muster required as these teams are chosen through trials.

**Volunteers for Coach and Manager and assistants must be elected on these nights. This event must be attended. 'The Club rule is 'No Coach & Manager - No Team'**

### **Start Dates for U6 – U16 Training (6 - 7 pm)**

These dates are not the final days team will train throughout the season. The final days and times will be negotiated once sign-on numbers are confirmed and the Coaches, Managers and Teams have had time to discuss their availability.

U16	2nd March (Tuesday)	U10 – 17th March (Wednesday)
U15	2nd March (Tuesday)	U12 - 4th March (Thursday)
U14	2nd March (Tuesday)	U11 - 4th March (Thursday)
U13	2nd March (Tuesday)	U6- 29 th March (Sunday) - Orientation Day - Training each Saturday prior to games
U8 – 16 <sup>th</sup> March (Wednesday)		U7 - 19 <sup>th</sup> March (Friday)
- 21st March (Saturday) Orientation Day		- 28th March (Saturday) - Orientation Day
U9 - 16 <sup>th</sup> March (Wednesday)		
- 22nd March (Sunday) - Orientation Day		

## **Other Important Dates**

SSG / Rooball Referee	- Sunday 22nd February at 9.00am
Orientation Day	
Coaches and Manager's Dinner	- Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm
Season Start Date	- 16th/ 17th April
U15 - U17 Presentation Dinner	- TBA
U6 - U14 Junior Presentation Day	- TBA
Grange Thistle Soccer Clinic	- 28th June - 2rd July
Grange Thistle Presidents Cup	- 4th July

## **What a new parent and child needs to know:**

Soccer is run by volunteers at Grange and other Clubs. So once you join, your volunteer commitment is paramount to the success of your child's experience.

Your child can play soccer if he/she is 5 or older. The classifications for junior teams begin as Under 6, Under 7 etc on up until the age group U16. The word "under" in age grouping actually means the year the child turns that age. For example a child who is 8 but turning 9 this year would be Under 9. This is even if they turned 9 in January or don't turn 9 until December. (the exception being 5 year olds who need to be five by Season commencement 24 March).

**Games** are played at Grange Thistle and at other clubs against opposition teams. Small Sided Football (SSF) (U6 - U10) season is 18 games from 16th April to 29th August. Divisional (U11- U16) season varies according to the number of teams in their competition and whether they go on to play finals. However, the start date is the same date as mentioned above. SSF are 'non-competitive' while Divisional games are played for a placing in the finals competition. Points are calculated, with a win being 3 points, a Draw 1 point, and a loss no points and at the end of the regular season, the top 4 teams play in the finals series.

**U6 teams (SSF)** - Play at home every week. They train for 25 minutes prior to Game time on Saturday mornings from 8.15 to 9.30 and play on a field 30m x 20m. There are 6 children on the team, 4 on the field. They play 15 minute halves with 2 interchangeable reserves. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Club.

**U7 - U8 teams (SSF)**- Train for up to 1 hour per week on Fridays (U7) and Thursdays (U8) between 4.30 and 7.00 PM. Game time is on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30 (U7) and 10.30 to 11.30 or 12.30 (U8). They play on a field 30m x 20m. There are 7 children on the team, 5 on the field. They play for 20 minute halves with 2 interchangeable reserves. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Club. The U7 teams always play at home, however, the U8 teams play home and away within a hub. The hub last year was with Newfarm, Newmarket, Brisbane City, Virginia and Bardon and I believe this will continue.

The Club also runs an in-house competition for all U7 teams called the Bernie Murphy Cup. This competition is played between our teams during the breaks of Senior Home Games.

## 2010 Club Fees

*Grange Thistle Football (Soccer) Club is a not-for-profit organisation.* However, we need your financial support in order to be the Club we are and to participate in playing football.

After review by the Club Board, registration fees have been set for 2010. This includes all fees and charges passed to the club by Football Federation Australia (FFA), Football Queensland (FQ) and Football Brisbane (FB).

### 2010 fees pay for:

#### *Football association fees*

- FFA/FQ – corporate fees including player insurance
- FBI – registration and competition fees

#### *Club-based fees, levies and costs*

- Team photograph (one per player)
- Player Trophy (one per player) plus numerous perpetual trophies
- Club Jersey (which remains the property of the Club)
- Fundraising levy for future club developments – this means NO fundraising as per previous years eg. chocolate drives. Please appreciate this will save a small group of volunteers (and to a degree yourself if you think about it) much time and energy in organising, counting and chasing outstanding money, etc. The levy means the same dollars result to the club but without all the stress involved to you and our volunteers.
- Coaches training contribution scheme – a levy for the skills training of your team's Coach at recognised Coaching Accreditation Course. (for 1 coach per team)
- Training and provision of Small Sided Football (SSF – U6-U9) / Rooball (U10) Referees – this is a decision taken by the Club Board to encourage involvement of up-and-coming junior players into refereeing. All junior referees receive a small match payment.
- Grange Thistle Football Club membership – Full membership for 1 parent/caregiver and Associate membership for the other. The membership entitles you to hire the Club for private functions if available, without having to pay the Hall Hire Fee. For more details, call our Bar Manager, Dave Matthews 0414 460 926.
- Football equipment, facility running and ground maintenance costs – e.g. authority rates and charges.
- 2010 sees a new levee to assist us in meeting the costs of the Bookkeeper as previously advised in the 2009 season as a replacement for the Club Treasurer.

### About our annual registration fees policy

- Registration fees are charged on a per family basis.
- For players U6 – U16, the Club first charges the oldest family player (see Player 1 column) at the highest applicable rate (i.e. SSF U6 – U10 OR Competitive U11 – U16) and each subsequent player (see Player 2, Player 3, ... column) at the appropriate discounted rate.  
(Note: for families with twins etc, only one (1) player is charged at the highest rate.)
- We prefer full payment of fees at sign-on.
- If full payment of fees is an issue, please contact the Junior President – Mike Williams to discuss alternative payment plans.

Examples:  $1 \times U13 (\$310) + 1 \times U10 + 1 \times U9 (\$200 + \$200) = \$710$

$1 \times U16 (\$310) + 1 \times U12 (\$210) = \$520$

$1 \times U10 (\$300) + 1 \times U7 (\$200) = \$500$

SSF Players	Player 1	Player 2, Player 3, ...
U6 – U10	\$300	\$200
Competitive Players		
U11 – U16	\$310	\$210

FFA/FQ / FB fees (e.g. player insurance) are not discounted. All players must pay this. Competitive teams – all fees due and paid to match day Referees and Assistants will be paid by Team Managers by monies collected from the team. This is because 1 Referee and 2 Assistants are not guaranteed to officiate at each and every match. Payment is (a) per the published FB scale of fees (b) are only paid on an actual costs basis (c) are shared by the teams at each game and (d) paid before taking to the field. To give an indication, this tends to be a minimal average cost of \$3 - \$7 per player each match.

**The breakdown of fees for 2010 is as follows:**

**Small Sided Football U6-U10**

First Child	
FFA / FQ Fees (Incl Insurance)	\$ 35.00
FBI Junior Competition Fees	\$ 12.00
Club Membership	\$ 26.00
Junior Admin Fees (Includes 1 Team Photos, 1 Trophy, Fund Raising Levee, Jersey, referee costs, training equipment for Coaches, etc)	\$103.80
Club Equipment and Maintenance (Fields, Lighting, Clubhouse etc)	\$ 93.20
Bookkeeper's Cost	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Second and subsequent children (\$100 Discount)</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**Divisional U11-U16**

First Child	
FFA / FQ Fees (Incl Insurance)	\$35.00
FBI Junior Competition Fees	\$23.50
Club Membership	\$26.00
Junior Admin Fees (Includes 1 Team Photos, 1 Trophies, Fund Raising Levee, Jersey, Training Equipment for Coaches, etc)	\$102.30
Club Equipment and Maintenance (Fields, Lighting, Clubhouse etc)	\$93.20
Bookkeeper's Cost	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>
<b>Second and subsequent children (\$100 Discount)</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>

*The Black Grange Thistle Club Shirts are compulsory for all Players and are not included in the above fees. An additional \$25.00 is required for this item should you require it.*

All U7 Teams have the opportunity to compete in a knockout type competition with the winner of the final receiving the Bernie Murphy Trophy.

**U9 teams (SSF)**- Train for up to 1 hour per week on Tuesdays between 4.30 and 7.00 PM. Game time is on Saturday mornings and they play on a field 40m x 30m. There are 9 children on the team, 7 on the field for 25 minute halves with 2 interchangeable reserves. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Home Club. Matches are played home and away with the division to which the team is allocated determining the clubs we play.

The U9s will also be involved in a Home and Away Trophy Competition between Grange and Albany Creek played as the curtain raiser for the main game between the clubs.

**U10 (SSF)** - Train for 1 or 2 hours a week, which is up to the Coach. Games are on Saturday and played on 1/2 size fields. There are 12 children on the team with 9 on the field at any time for 25 minute halves. This age group will see players begin to be grouped according to skill. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Home Club. Matches are played home and away with the division to which the team is allocated determining the clubs we play.

The Club also begins creating development squads to enable players to prepare for the change in style of the game for the following year. The development squads are used for the curtain raiser at the Presidents Cup match.

**U11 - U12 (Competitive)** Training is once or twice a week as determined by the Coach on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. All Players are graded according to skills and teams nominated into divisions the Club believes they are capable of performing competently in. Game time is on Saturday on full size fields with 11 players on the field and 3-5 rotating reserves. Halves are 25 minutes and games are generally controlled by official Referees and Assistants.

**U13 - U16 (Competitive)** Is the same as U11- U12 but the games are played on Friday Night or Sunday. Games times are:

U13 - 30 minute halves with 5 minutes for half time.

U14 - 35 minute halves with 5 minutes for half time.

U15 - 40 minute halves with 5 minutes for half time.

U16 - 45 minute halves with 10 minutes for half time.

**Codes of Conduct** - Behaviour and commitment are extremely important to creating a great atmosphere at Grange Thistle. We therefore adhere to the Football Federation Australia - Member Protection Policy, covering codes of conduct. All Members will receive a copy of the code of behaviour at Sign on and are asked to view the complete policy which is available from the Club or via the Football Australia web site. Our expectation is that all comments and cheering are to support a positive and fun experience for the children. By the same token, children are expected to be respectful and committed to the Club and its teams. This means attending training, arriving at the specified time before a game and helping to achieve discipline and team spirit.

**Concerns** - If you have any questions, problems or issues, consult your Manager. Failing that, a letter, email or discussion with a Junior Committee member is an appropriate option. For training or Coaching issues feel free to contact your Coach or the appropriate age group Director of Coaching. The Junior Committee meet monthly and are often around in the office or clubhouse on training nights from 6 - 7 pm.

**Safety** - Safety is also paramount at the club. We all have a duty of care and responsibility to ensure a safe and effective environment is enjoyed by the children and members. With this in mind, please assist the Club and Committee in monitoring children. If they are placing themselves or others in danger, please step in to protect them and then also report it to your Coach or Manager. This includes using equipment and facilities around the Club during, before and after games and practice. The Junior Committee at Grange Thistle makes a great effort to keep up with all safety issues but all members share the responsibility.

**All teams need volunteers for Coaching and Managing.** Here at Grange, we actively encourage and support our volunteers and have put in place Directors of Coaching to assist you. So if you would like to take up a role of Coach or Manager at Grange you will not be left without support.

**UNIFORM** - What each player needs to play Soccer at Grange Thistle.

The Match Day Jersey is stocked and provided by the Club. These will be distributed to the Manager of the Team along with the Coaches Kit from Red Rooster and First-Aid kits as soon as possible.

The Black Club Shirt is for wearing to and from the game and to Club events. (This is not a training shirt, so please do not wear it when you train.). Black shorts with Football Queensland Logo, Shin guards, a Soccer ball (size 3 for U6-U9, size 4 U10-U13 size 5 U14 upwards) Black Grange Thistle socks, and Soccer boots (runners are also fine in Rooball but not recommended - NO metal studs), water bottle for games and training and sunscreen for game day. Only soft brim hats are allowed on the field during games. Mouth guards although optional are recommended, particularly for the older age groups.

We encourage all members to find a donor or sponsor for their team and details of sponsorship are available from the Club web site or members of the Board.

Grange Thistle Junior Soccer Committee is a non-elected volunteer sub-committee of the Grange Thistle Management Committee. The Junior Committee is listed below and we meet once a Month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to contribute in some way, please contact any of us and we will gladly discuss options with you.

**As volunteers ourselves, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Junior Chair/Pres. - <i>Mike Williams</i>	U6 - U8 Registrar - <i>Ken Hastie</i>
Treasurer - <i>Eugene Luongo</i>	Referee Coordinator - <i>Peter Marshall</i>
Secretary - <i>Amanda Hill</i>	Recorder - <i>Tony Slevin</i>
U11 - U 17 Registrar - <i>Jason Fuller</i>	Equipment Officer - <i>Reuben Robertson</i>
U9 - U10 Registrar - <i>Peter Wardrop</i>	Blue Card Coordinator - <i>Russell Bergman</i>

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