

Grange Thistle Football Club

Juniors 2012 Season

Message from the Junior President

Welcome to the 2012 Season with Grange Thistle Football Club.

2012 sees our Club face a number of changes in the Junior Football landscape, with the introduction of far stricter restrictions on the age groups that a player can compete in; and the introduction of online registration payments in the FFA registration system, MyFootballClub.

Other changes and clarifications include:

- The introduction of a Squirts programme for 3 to 5 year olds; that will run on Saturday mornings.
- Preseason rounds will be played, in addition to the 18 rounds of regular competition.
- We are moving the Juniors office out of the main club house building, and over to the old canteen building. The team pigeon holes and a letter box for lodging forms and match sheets will be located there, providing far easier access for parents, managers and coaches.
- We will be establishing a roster for teams to provide a volunteer to be in the office between 6 and 6:30pm on the training nights. There will always be a junior committee member or board member present at the grounds to open the office, lock up the office, and to be available to help where required.
- Team and club officials can self-register in the MyFootballClub system.
- ALL players, coaches, managers and club office bearers MUST be registered in MyFootballClub for insurance purposes.
- The ResultsVault system will be the only point of competition management and team management for all Football Brisbane divisional competitions (U12 to U17). Team lists and match results must be maintained each week for these age groups. SSF age groups do not need to enter any information in to ResultsVault.
- If a player is not properly recorded in ResultsVault for a game, they are deemed to be ineligible, and playing an ineligible player can result in sanctions.
- Coaches and Managers must be specified in the team lists in ResultsVault, along with the players. Failing to do so can result in sanctions.

The Grange Thistle website, <http://www.grangethistlesc.com.au/>, is our key tool for providing information to the Junior players and parents. We will be posting notices of training or game cancellations, notices of changes to draws, and notices of special events such as carnivals, coaching clinics, photo days and trophy days. It is important that you use the website as your first place to look for information.

As mentioned above, the pigeon holes will be available in the new junior office location, and we'll be using these to distribute items to the teams via the team managers.

It is important that our parents understand the format of the Small Sided Football games. There are links to information on Small Sided Football on the Juniors Season Information web page: <http://www.grangethistlesc.com.au/juniors/season-information/>.

The two age groups that experience the biggest changes are the Under 6 and Under 8 age groups, and so the first round of the preseason on Saturday 11th February 2012 will be used as orientation sessions for these age groups.

There were some good achievements for the club in 2011. The on-line registration proved to be very successful in 2011 with Grange Thistle being one of the clubs with the highest percentage of on line registrations. Recording results went on-line through Football Brisbane Results Vault which was successful for the Grange due to the efforts of team managers and committee members in particular Tony Slevin.

The 2011 season saw Grange Thistle field 57 teams in the Small sided Football competitions for the Under 6 through to Under 11 age groups. This age group represents approximately 500 girls and boys playing soccer for

Grange Thistle. Season 2011 saw Grange Thistle field nine Divisional teams in the Under 12 to Under 16 age groups, six of these teams played in the semi finals series with four going onto the Grand Final, and two teams won their Grand Final.

This year Grange Thistle successfully played Divisional games on field two for the first time in several seasons and hosted Semi Final and Grand Final games on both field 1 & 2.

January Sign on – Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th January 2011, recruited 630 junior players for the season – represented by sixty three teams.

February was Orientations for parents with different ages over 4 nights with orientation matches for new players.

March had the Junior Referees Orientation conducted by Peter Marshall with several newcomers from the junior ranks this process was held twice. Coaches and Managers dinner was also in March but it was recommended the orientation and coaches managers night roll together.

Bernie Murphy Cup (U7s) commenced early in the year organised by Ken Hastie and was scheduled to conclude with a curtain raiser final at the Grange Thistle Soccer Club in August. The cancellation of all games that weekend due to wet weather meant that the Bernie Murphy final was played on the morning of the Junior presentations in September. The perpetual trophy was presented at Junior's presentation to the winners, Jura Black.

September 10th was the U6-U11 trophy presentation day which involved all available committee members. The divisional finals were the same day and we saw several teams make the final rounds. The divisional trophy night was held on Sunday the 11th September.

Six Grange Thistle junior divisional teams play in the 2011 finals series. These teams were: U12 Div 6, U13 Div 1, U13 Div 3, U13 Div 4, U14 Div 2 and U15 Div 1.

The U15 Div 1, U12 Div 6, U13 Div 1, U13 Div 3 all made it through to the Grand Final with the U15 Div 1 & U13 Div 3 teams winning.

Congratulations to the Volunteer committee members who undertook these tasks, challenges and changes to maintain the club and improve the facilities on offer. The negatives presented in committee work often far outweigh the thanks and it takes particular people to regulate their own behaviours and moderate the behaviour of others for the general well-being of junior players at the club so thank you 2011 Juniors Committee.

We are a club with limited field space available, so we need to best manage the size of the club to ensure the most efficient use of our field space for holding of training and matches. Training fields will be allocated by the junior committee and the allocation will be published on the website.

Regards

Mike Williams
Junior President - Grange Thistle Football Club

Club Affiliations

The Grange Thistle Football Club is affiliated with:

- Football Brisbane (www.footballbrisbane.com.au)
- Football Queensland (www.footballqueensland.com.au)
- Football Federation Australia (www.footballaustralia.com.au).

The Grange Thistle club conducts our Small Sided Football (U6 to U11) and Junior Divisional Football (U12 to U17) in accordance with general competition rules as set down by Football Brisbane, Football Queensland and Football Federation Australia. If you would like further information on competition rules, go the Football Brisbane website, and go to Documents > Competition Rules and Forms. These documents have also been posted into the Grange Thistle Juniors Season Information website page:
<http://www.grangethistlesc.com.au/juniors/season-information/>.

Player Registration 2012

In the 2012 we will be again using the FFA MyFootballClub system that was introduced in 2011. This system can be accessed at <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au>. It is compulsory for a player to have an activated registration in the MyFootballClub season before they are eligible to play. If the club plays an ineligible player we can be fined or lose competition points.

The registration process consists of three main steps:

- Updating contact details and selecting a registration package to play at Grange Thistle in the 2012 season.
- Payment of the registration fee.
- The club accepts the player's registration.

At the completion of the third step, the player's registration is activated, and their details will be transferred to the competition management system – ResultsVault.

Players can complete the first two steps online themselves on the MyFootballClub website. If they do this, no forms are required. The Grange Thistle Football Club encourages all parents to attempt to complete the first step online themselves. If the player cannot self-register, they will need to come into the club and complete a registration form, and a club official can register them.

Payments can be made online in the MyFootballClub system, or parents can continue to use the other payment options (cash, cheque or card) by coming to the club on the Sign On Weekend (28th and 29th January). Note that the new online payment option means that we are no longer able to set up the Sibling Discount packages in the MyFootballClub system. Grange Thistle continues to offer the sibling discount of \$100 for the second and subsequent children playing in SSF or Junior Divisional competitions. If the payments are made online in the MyFootballClub system, then the full fees will need to be paid, and the parents will need to come to the club on the Sign On Weekend to collect the discount as a refund.

Parents will need to come to the club on the Sign On weekend (28th and 29th January) if:

- They have not self-registered online. They will need to complete a form.
- They have self-registered online, but have chosen to not pay online.
- They have paid online but need to collect the refund for the sibling discount amount.
- The player is new to the Grange Thistle club, and hence must provide proof of age documentation.

After the payment has been received, and where required the proof of age has been sighted, a club official can complete the third step and accept the player registration.

Our club's objective is to complete as many registrations as possible on the Sign On weekend, which is on 28th and 29th January in 2012. This enables us to complete our pre-season tasks in time for the first round of fixtures.

Team Official and Club Office Bearer Registrations

The club will also be required to register all team coaches, team managers, and club office bearers in the MyFootballClub system. These roles can self-register online in MyFootballClub in 2012. Details entered into the system before 10th March 2012 will get the Officials Tags printed by Football Brisbane.

Age Group Policy

Football Queensland and Football Brisbane have introduced far more stringent rules in the age groups that a junior player can compete in. For all intents and purposes players will need to compete in the age group based on their year of birth. Exemption processes will need to be followed for a child to play in an older age group, and from what we've heard the granting of exemptions will be extremely rare and for exceptional cases only. Grange Thistle has drafted an Age Group Policy document in response to these rule changes, and this can be found on our website:

<http://www.grangethistlesc.com.au/juniors/season-information/>

Squirts Programme

Grange Thistle will also be offering a Squirts programme for 3 to 5 year olds. This will be run on Saturday mornings, at times around when the U6 and U7 age groups play. Children who turn 5 in 2012 will have the option of playing in the U6 SSF competition or participating in the Squirts programme. Referring to the Age Group Policy mentioned in the previous section, if a child plays in the U6 age group in the year they turn 5, they will have to also play in the U6 age group in the following year (the year they turn 6).

2012 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 2012. This includes all fees and charges passed to the club by Football Federation Australia (FFA), Football Queensland (FQ) and Football Brisbane (FB). There has been a \$6 increase to fees due to increases from Football Queensland.

2012 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)
 - A Starters Kit for U6 and U7, or training kit (shorts & shirt) for the U8 to U17.
 - 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-U12) 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 the club house on 3356 8553.

- Football equipment, facility running and ground maintenance costs – e.g. authority rates and charges.
- A levy 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 player basis.
- For players U6 – U17, the Club first charges the oldest family player (see Player 1 column) at the highest applicable rate (i.e. SSF U6 – U11 OR Competitive U12 – U17) and each subsequent player (see Player 2, Player 3, ... column) at the sibling 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 x U13 (\$310) + 1 x U10 + 1 x U9 (\$200 + \$200) = \$710
 1 x U16 (\$310) + 1 x U12(\$210) = \$520
 1 x U10 (\$300) + 1 x U7 (\$200) = \$500

SSF Players	Player 1	Player 2, Player 3, ...
U6 – U11	\$306	\$206
Competitive Players		
U12 – U16	\$316	\$216

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 2012 can be found on the website at:

<http://www.grangethistlesc.com.au/juniors/fees/>

The Squirts fee will be \$100, and will cover the costs of administering the programme. Players will receive a shirt, ball and back pack.

Club Membership

The fees include membership of the Grange Thistle Football Club. As this is a licenced club, the membership will be held by a parent or guardian. One parent/guardian will be nominated as the primary member with full voting rights at the club's AGM. A second parent/guardian can obtain an associate membership, but the associate membership does not have voting rights at the AGM. A Junior Committee member will contact you to confirm membership details so that cards can be arranged.

Club Uniform And Other Recommended Items

The club will provide the match day jersey. The jerseys will be distributed to the Team Managers prior to the commencement of the season. We encourage teams 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.

The players are expected to purchase the other components of the game day uniform. These items can be purchased from the club, along with other merchandise. The uniform items are:

- Black Club Shirt. This 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.
- Black Grange Thistle Socks.

Other Recommended Items:

- Shin guards.
- Soccer boots (NO metal studs).
- A Soccer ball (size 3 for U6-U9, size 4 U10-U13, size 5 for U14 upwards).
- Water bottle for games and training.
- 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.

Schedule for the 2012 Season

The dates for activities organized by the Grange Thistle Soccer Club will be posted in the Juniors > Key Dates page on the club web site. This includes the pre-season activities, and the draws for the in-house U6 and U7 competitions.

Football Brisbane arranges the fixtures for U8 and older. The fixture calendars are published by Football Brisbane. We will place a link to the latest published version of the Football Brisbane Season Calendar at the bottom of the Key Dates page on the Grange Thistle web site. The 2012 season calendar has been posted into the Key Dates field of our website.

Football Brisbane will also publish the competition draws on their website. Please note that changes to the draw will occur through the season, and while the club will make every attempt to notify teams of draw changes that come to our attention, we strongly recommend that team managers and parents check the draw on the Football Brisbane website each week.

Important Things To Know For A Successful Season

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 are encouraged to view the policy on 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 good team spirit.

Concerns

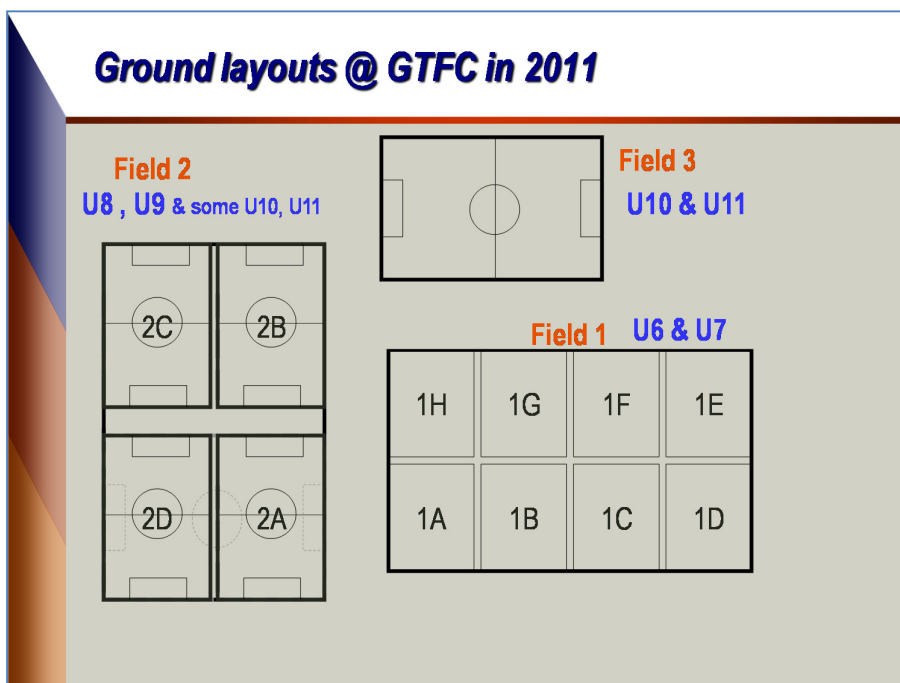
If you have any questions, problems or issues, consult your Manager. Failing that, a letter, email or discussion with a Junior Committee member is an appropriate option. For training or coaching issues feel free to contact your Coach or the appropriate age group Director of Coaching. The Junior Committee 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.

Ground Layouts

The following diagram shows the field layouts to be used at Grange Thistle Football Club this year.



After the first couple of rounds of games on a Saturday morning, fields the U8/U9 sized-fields on field 2 can be converted to an U10/U11 sized field. Fields 2B and 2C are combined to create one field (referred to as 2B), and fields 2A and 2D will be combined to create a field (that will be referred to as 2A).

Only players, game officials and team officials should be on the fields. All other spectators are requested to keep off the fields. Additionally, parents are to be at least ten metres from any of the goals.

SSF and Junior Divisional Games

Games are played at Grange Thistle and at other clubs against opposition teams. Small Sided Football (SSF) (U6 - U11) starts on 11th February with 6 pre-season games, followed by a regular season of 18 games allowing for breaks during school holidays. The Junior Divisional (U12- U17) season is the same as the SSF season, and teams may also go on to play finals.

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.

Under 6 (SSF)

Under 6 teams play in an in-house competition at home every week. They train for 25 minutes prior to Game time on Saturday mornings from 8.15 to 8.40, with the game starting at 8.45. Note that if there are too many U6 teams to fit all fixtures onto Field 1 at 8:45, some U6 games commence at 9:30. They play on a field 30m x 20m. There are 6 children on the team (sometimes up to 7), 4 on the field and interchangeable reserves. They play 15 minute halves with 5 minutes for half time. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Club. The Under 6 games will be played on Field 1 (near the main club house and grand stand).

The Under 6 home teams will be expected to set up the fields for their games each week. This involves placing cones to mark the fields, and setting up the goals.

Under 7 (SSF)

Under 7 teams train for up to 1 hour per week on Fridays (U7) between 4.30 and 7.00 PM. Game time is on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30. They play on a field 30m x 20m. There are 6 children on the team (sometimes up to 7), 4 on the field with interchangeable reserves. They play 15 minute halves with 5 minutes

for half time. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and Referees are provided by the Club. The U7 teams play at home against other Grange teams. The Under 7 teams play on Field 1.

The Under 7 home teams will be expected to pack up their fields on completion of their games each week, and take the cones and goals back to the Junior Committee desk.

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

Under 8 (SSF)

Under 8 teams train for up to 1 hour per week. The club's preference is for the Under 8 teams to train on Monday evenings between 4.30 and 7.00 pm, but we will work with the coach and manager if the team just cannot train on that night.

Game time is on Saturday mornings and they play on a field 40m x 30m. There are 9 or 10 children on the team, 7 on the field (including a goal keeper) for 20 minute halves. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and referees are provided by the Home Club. Matches are played home and away with other clubs in a regional hub.

For home games, Under 8 games will be played on Field 2. The first games will commence at 8:30am. The Grange home team playing in the 8:30 games will be expected to assist with field set up. This involves placing cones to mark the fields and placing the goals.

Under 9 (SSF)

Under 9 teams train for up to 1 hour per week. The club's preference is for the Under 9 teams to train on Wednesday evenings between 4.30 and 7.00 pm, but we will work with the coach and manager if the team just cannot train on that night.

Game time is on Saturday mornings and they play on a field 40m x 30m. There are 9 or 10 children on the team, 7 on the field (including a goal keeper) for 20 minute halves. Parents are Coaches & Managers, and referees are provided by the Home Club. Matches are played home and away with other clubs in a regional hub.

U9 is the first age group where teams are graded into Gecko, Goanna or Komodo Dragon divisions. These grades are also used in U10 and U11.

The Grange home team will be expected to assist with packing up the field if they play the last game on that field on the Saturday morning.

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.

Under 10 and Under 11 (SSF)

These teams train for 1 or 2 hours a week. The club's preference is for the Under 10 teams to train on Tuesday evenings between 4.30 and 7.00 pm and the Under 11 teams to train on Thursday evenings, but we will work with the coach and manager if the team just cannot train on that night.

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. 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 as they progress into the Divisional age groups. The development squads are used for the curtain raiser at the Presidents Cup match.

U12 - 17 (Junior Divisional)

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. Games are played on full size fields with 11 players on the field and 3-5 rotating reserves. Games are generally controlled by official Referees and Assistants. U12 games are on Saturday or on Friday night; and U13-U17 games are on Sunday or on Friday night.

Games times are:

- U12 - 25 minute halves with 5 minutes for half time.
- 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.
- U17 - 45 minute halves with 10 minutes for half time.

Volunteers

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

Team Coaches

We need parents to volunteer to coach the teams. We provide access to Grass Roots training courses, and have in place Directors of Coaching to assist you. Please do not hesitate to make use of the experience and knowledge of these people.

The Coaching Committee is listed at the end of this document.

Team Managers

The team manager role is an important role in distributing information to parents and players, in entering team lists and game result information into the ResultsVault system, completing the match sheets on game day, and in the general administration of the team through the season (e.g. organising the washing of jerseys, bringing fruit to games, game day duties such as field setup or ground official, etc). The Managers should also check the team pigeon holes in the club house each week when their team is training, as we will put items for distribution in those pigeon holes.

Ground Officials

The home team for every game must provide a Ground Official. The exception to this is the U6 and U7 games, where there are 8 fields on the Grange Field 1. For these age groups, ground officials will need to be provided by the home teams on fields 1B, 1D, 1F and 1H.

The Ground Official:

- Needs to be visible and easily located. They are responsible for ensuring the correct code of conduct is adhered to at all games and all age levels. If you are unsure of something, ask someone from the Club Committee.
- Is not to be the Coach or Manager of the team.
- Should wander around the field and not remain in one location.
- Must remain neutral and therefore can not Coach or direct Players.
- Is required to wear an orange or yellow vest and patrol the field allocated. The vest will be available from the committee desk for the first people on the roster.
- The vest should be handed to the next Ground Official on the roster or returned to the where it was obtained if they cannot be located.
- The final Ground Officials rostered should return the vest to the BBQ & Information Area or Canteen when the last game is completed. If no one can be located, it can be returned to the Clubhouse Bar (open from 1pm).

Duties include the following:

- Crowd Control
 - Calming unruly people; keep spectators 1 metre from the sideline

- Ensuring that no coaching of Goal Keepers occurs from directly behind the goal area in Under 8 to Under 11 matches.
- Ensuring the Referees, Officials and Players are not harassed by spectators.
- Field Preparation
 - Arrange parents to assist moving, installing or removing Goal posts and cones prior to and at the completion of your match.
 - The last Home team scheduled on a field is responsible for assisting with removal of the goals and cones after their game completes.
 - Cones and fold away goals are to be handed in to the Junior Committee Desk or Canteen at the conclusion of the final game on that field. If no one can be located, it can be returned to the Clubhouse Bar (open from 1pm).
- Footballs
 - Recover match balls that go out of bounds i.e. over fences etc.
 - For SSF games (U6 – U11), the match ball/s should be collected and handed to the referee at the conclusion of each game.
 - For Divisional games (U12 – U17's) the Ground Official is required to deliver the match balls to the Referees before the start of each game if this has not already been done.
 - Match Balls are to be handed in to the Junior Committee Desk or Canteen at the conclusion of the final game on that field. If no one can be located, it can be returned to the Clubhouse Bar (open from 1pm).
- Referees
 - For competition games (U12 – U17's) the Ground Official is required to escort the Referee and Officials on and off the field at the start of the game, half time and completion of the game.
 - For SSF games (U6 – U11), support the Junior Referees at all times. These Referees will look to you for support if there are any incidents (abuse, injuries, etc) that they feel they are unable to handle adequately.

Canteen & Sausage Sizzle Assistance

Once we know the draws we will publish canteen and sausage sizzle rosters. We will select fields such that the Canteen Assistant should still be able to get a view of their child's game while on duty.

The Canteen Assistants will provide assistance in the Canteen commencing 5 mins before match kick-off until 5 mins before the next match kick-off (wait for the next team parent to arrive before leaving). If you are the last Junior Match, please stay until the completion of the match. (A minimum of 1 parent to attend for the duration – see Canteen Convenor when you arrive at the canteen.)

Please present yourself at the back door of the Canteen and the Convenor or an appointed representative Club member will have you sign the attendance book.

The Convenor or the appointed alternative Club member will then take you through the tasks to be performed during your time there.

Note: If the canteen is not busy you can watch your child's game near your field and come back if you see customers begin arriving at the canteen.

It is recommended, that 2 parents share the work so each can see one half of their child's match. Ideally, the Team Manager should arrange a roster within the team for home matches. This way everyone is aware of who is performing the tasks, or should someone be unavailable, an alternative person can be arranged

Junior Office Assistance

We will require somebody to be in the office so that we can have it open from 6 until 6:30pm on the week nights that there is training. This is to enable parents or coaches/managers to hand in forms or match sheets, check pigeon holes, purchase merchandise, etc. A junior committee or board member will be at the grounds and contactable to open up or lock up the office, and to assist with anything.

Once the training roster is established we will set up an Office roster.

Blue Cards

Our club is responsible for ensuring that volunteers that require a blue card either have a valid blue card or have a valid exemption. Grange Thistle will work with our volunteers to ensure we meet our blue card responsibilities. If you have any questions about whether you require a blue card, please contact Mike Williams.

Grange Thistle Junior Soccer Committee

The 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>	Junior Grounds Coordinator – <i>Cliff Hunter</i>
Secretary – <i>Ken Hastie</i>	Referee Coordinator - <i>Blair Rainbow</i>
U12 - U 17 Registrar – <i>Eugene Luongo</i>	Coaching Committee Coordinator – <i>Eugene Luongo</i>
U9 - U11 Registrar – <i>John Donohue</i>	Equipment Officer – <i>Anthony Feltrin</i>
U6 - U8 Registrar – <i>Ken Hastie</i>	Merchandise Officer – <i>Danella Williams</i>

One of the key sub-committees is the Juniors Coaching Sub-Committee. This includes:
 Technical Director: Robert Runje

Another key sub-committee will be the Match Day Sub-Committee. Set members of that are John Bain and Eugene Newman. We will be seeking to get enough members of this sub-committee so that the load is shared through the season.

You can contact the Junior Committee by going to the committee desk at the Grange grounds on Saturday mornings, or going to the club house office on training nights between 6 and 7pm, or emailing the Junior President, Mike Williams, by clicking on his name in the Contacts page on the Grange Thistle web site.