



Registration Information

For new players and parents

The Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club (CBJFC) is a community-based club with a proud tradition of promoting the positive aspects of junior sport. Our teams play in the South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL). The SMJFL comprises 26 clubs in the local area (from Port Melbourne to Beaumaris to Glen Waverley) with competition ranging from under 8s to under 17s.

In 2017 we envisage fielding fourteen teams, including two 'girls only teams' in the under 10 and under 12 age groups. The CBJFC runs regular Family Nights which gives the players, parents and supporters an opportunity to gather and socialize in a friendly and welcoming environment.

What age can you start playing?

- Children born in 2009 are eligible to begin playing in our under 8 competition.
- Participants in our Auskick program historically have filled our club's youngest teams, supplemented by other children gaining their first experience of football.

Are the rules different for younger aged teams?

- The SMJFL has introduced a modified rules competition for under 8 through to under 10 aged teams.
- These modified rules include games played on smaller grounds, modified tackling, the field is divided into zones and there are parent umpires. Each match has 4 x 12 minute quarters.
- Scores are not displayed in this age group and there are no ladders or finals competition; the emphasis is on participation, skill development and encouragement. All clubs play by the same rules!

Do parents need to be involved?

- Playing in a team does require parental participation. There are team duties that need to be fulfilled each week (usually via a roster), in addition to permanent roles such as Team Coach, Team Manager and Trainer.
- It may seem a bit daunting at first, but involved families do seem to get more out of the experience and the children love having their parents involved!

When do we play?

- Season 2017 will begin with round 1 on Sunday 23rd April 2017.
- All matches are played on a Sunday. Usually the youngest teams start the day off and then depending on fixtures, matches continue on into mid afternoon.
- There is a one week break for the Queen's Birthday weekend (12/6/17) and another break for July school holidays (3/7/17).
- The season concludes at the end of July for our modified rules teams and goes into August for any older teams that qualify for Finals.

Where do we train and play?

- Our home ground is Koornang Park, Carnegie where training and home games are held.
- Game day has a great village atmosphere with grandstand, canteen and supportive fans. Abusive and unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated.
- Away game venues will depend upon the teams in your group. The furthest away from the CBJFC are Port Melbourne Colts, Mordialloc-Braeside and Glen Waverly Hawks.

How do we register?

- Follow the registration link on the website and you will be guided to an online registration page.
- Please note that payment is required at the time of registration.
- If you have any difficulties with the registration process or have any specific queries, please contact our **Registrar, Andrew Baldwin: registrations@caulfieldbears.com.au**

Fees for 2017



Registration
fees 2017:
\$220



Early Bird
registration rate:
\$195*



Sibling
discount:
\$10**



Under 8's
introduction fee:
\$110***

*for players who registers before 16th January 2017.

**offered for each subsequent child registered in 2017.

***for players registering in our under 8 age group (year of birth 2009). No other discounts will be applied to this rate.

What happens next?

- Each player is able to nominate up to four friends that they would like to play with during the season, and the club will guarantee that at least one of these nominations will be met. To make your nominations, please email them to **registrations@caulfieldbears.com.au** once you have completed the registration process.
- Upon registration you will be added to the communication list and included in any subsequent club communications.
- Teams will be allocated around Feb/March and your Coach will get in touch to advise training times – these may be different during the pre-season. Please note we are unable to confirm these details in advance.

What else do we need to purchase?

- For match days you need to purchase: 1 x blue home shorts, 1 x away white shorts and 1 pair of red socks – these are all available to purchase through the website.
- Your match day jumper will be given to you on a loan system for the duration of the season and is returned to the Club after the last game.
- For training, a Caulfield Bears training top is worn and these can be purchased for \$20 during the registration process; at the season launch day in late February; or at your age groups first training session.
- Football boots can be purchased from any sporting retailer. Alternatively, the Club has a “swap” bucket where old football boots can be returned and other ones selected at no cost.
- A mouth guard is required for matches and training; players will not be allowed to participate if they do not have one.
- Optional apparel can be purchased if required ie Hoodies, kit bags, tracksuit pants etc – full details of our merchandise range is available on our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to our club in season 2017.