

Burwood FC



Frequently Asked Questions 2012

Who runs the club?

The club is run by entirely volunteers giving up their time to allow players to enjoy playing football. A committee is elected each year. Each team needs a coach and a manager who are normally parent volunteers. Details of the committee and all team contacts are on our web site.

What equipment do I need to buy?

All players need to purchase football shorts, socks, boots and shin-pads. Children can't train or play without boots and shin-pads. Shorts and socks can be purchased from the canteen. It is also good to have a football to practice with in the correct size for the age group. Players are supplied with shirts and training equipment as part of their fees.

What size football is used?

Ages 6 to 9 – size 3, ages 10 to 13 – size 4, 14 and over – size 5

When will I know what team my child is in?

Team formation for age groups **under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s + 12s** will be held on Sunday Feb 19 at Blair Park.

For small sided games (**under 6s and 7s**) we will organize the players into groups on Sunday March 4 .

Grading for age groups **13 and older** will be organised by the coaches of these age groups. Dates and times to be advised.

Players must have football boots and shin pads.

What is the minimum age for registration

We accept registrations for children who turn 5 years old by the 31st of July.

What age group will my child play in?

The age group is calculated on the age your child turns by the end of the calendar year. So under 7s must not be older than 7 by 31 December 2012. The club does not put younger children in older age groups so, in effect, this means all children in a team will be the same age on 31 December. The only exception to this is 5 year olds who play in the under 6s age group.

Can my child play in a team with his/her friends?

Our policy is to place players in teams of similar ability as this helps in the player's enjoyment of the game except for under 6s and 7s where there is no skill based grading.

Will there be trial games?

We will be arranging intra-club trial games between most junior Burwood teams (ages 8 – 12) on March 18 (to be confirmed). Other ages are welcome to organise their own.

When does the season start?

The season starts on March 31 and goes through to the last weekend in August. Teams that are involved in a 10 team or 12 team division competition will have a double header in the first 6 rounds of the season...ie these teams will play on both the Saturday and Sunday of a weekend in the first 6 weeks. Games that are not played as originally scheduled will be rescheduled to the June long weekend and the middle weekend of the July school holidays (these two weekends are originally scheduled as "free" weekends for all divisions except for competitions with ten teams). Once these two weekends are used then teams will play double headers...ie play on both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. Ten team divisions will have games scheduled for Easter Saturday.

Where are the games played?

All small sided games (under 6s and 7s) are played at Centenary Park.

For junior teams (under 8s to 18s) - our home games are played at Centenary Park, Church Street Croydon. Older teams (12+) can sometimes be allocated to Blair Park, Queen St Croydon. Away games are played at the grounds of other clubs in the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association.

When will my child play?

Small sided games Saturday mornings: under 6s at 9am and under 7s at 10am

Under 8s to under 11s play on Saturday's on a home and away basis against other teams in the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association. The first game usually starts at 9am and the last game usually starts at 12pm. Younger teams usually play earlier. Older teams (12 – 18) and all girls teams play on Sundays. You will need to arrange transport to and from games. Seniors play Saturday afternoons.

When will my child train?

Training officially commences in the week beginning Monday 28 March. It will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays.

Training times will be organised by the team coach once they are appointed. Teams usually train once per week. Training times will vary by age and training is held at either Blair or Centenary Park. Younger teams need to finish training by 7pm to allow the senior teams to have the training fields. Parents are encouraged to assist the coach in training for younger teams.

What are the requirements of parents?

Parents are required to accompany younger players at training and games. Teams will be rostered on to canteen duty, ground official duty and assist with field set up a few times per year. Your team manager will be advised ahead of time if the team is on duty and parents will be expected to volunteer to help out in these duties. Parents also need to be aware of and comply with the Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct at all times.

Where can I get information throughout the year?

All information is available via your team manager and most is available on our website

www.burwoodfc.com.au

In addition there are monthly general meetings held at Croydon Public School that everyone is welcome to attend.

What do my fees pay for?

Registration fees go towards payment of association fees, payment for use of Centenary and Blair Park for games and training, referees, playing shirts, training equipment, insurance, entry to gala days (max 1 per team per year). The fees charged per player are less than these costs - so we rely on the canteen sales and sponsorship to keep our fees low.