

# HARBORD SEASIDERS UNITED FC



## CLUB INFORMATION – SEASON 2012

Congratulations on being part of Harbord-Seasiders United Football Club. HSU is a community based Club, welcoming players of ages, backgrounds and abilities. We are your local Community Club & all money is invested into providing the best possible equipment and coaching needs for the benefit of all our players.

This sheet is designed to assist you as a player, manager or coach with any queries you may have during the season. I hope your season is a pleasant and rewarding experience.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

26 FEB 12	MWFA REFEREE'S COURSE
14 MAR 12	MWFA Grassroots Training (Sub Junior Coach's)
31 MAR 12	Men/junior 2012 season kicks off
1 APR 12	Women/Girls 2012 season kicks off
18 AUG 12	Last Game Sub Juniors & U9 Gala Day
19 AUG 12	Women/Girls Finals Day
25 AUG 12	Junior Boys Finals Day
26 AUG 12	Senior Men Finals Day
8 SEP 12	END SEASON PRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Juniors – Kikoff Futsal Centre</li><li>• Seniors – Barefoot Bowls</li></ul>
10 NOV 12	AGM
Last Monday Month	- Committee Meeting
First Monday Month	- MWFA Council Meeting

Please try and keep the above date free to join in Club celebrations.

### **COMPULSORY REFEREES (SENIORS ONLY)**

The MWFA requires teams in all senior Men & Women Divisions (except Premier League & AL Div 1) to provide two (2) accredited referees in order for that team to be registered. Compulsory referees (also called player referees) will receive payment from MWFRA for all games that they officiate in. MWFRA will be running two (2) referees courses prior to the start of the season. HSUFC does not provide payment or reimbursement of costs relating to referees.

### **CLUB WEBSITE**

If you would like to find out what is happening at HSUFC or perhaps contribute comments or stories to either the website in general or newsletter, please go to [www.hsufotball.com.au](http://www.hsufotball.com.au). You can then submit a report or news item with [webmaster@hsufotball.com.au](mailto:webmaster@hsufotball.com.au)

We endeavour to update the club website as often and as early as possible, especially when games change due to wet weather etc. Please check here first, however if in doubt contact your manager.

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## VOLUNTEERS

All sporting clubs rely on the goodwill of their members and we are sure that you are interested in ensuring the continued success of the HSU Football Club. If you can assist in any capacity, please talk to an official of the Club. It is rewarding to assist in the development of our Community and our youth.

## COACHES/MANAGERS

Just like other positions within our Club, our Coaches and Managers give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis. When each team is formed, a coach and manager are required.

Where a volunteer from the player/parent group cannot be found the Club will do its best to find an alternative, but in these busy times 'freelance' volunteer coaches are very hard to come find. As such, particularly if you are a parent of a player, any time that you can give will help your child enjoy their footballing experience would be greatly appreciated.

We also ask all players to respect the time and effort that our wonderful volunteers give to you and your teammates. You can do this by turning up to games and training on time, ensuring that any games that you can't play in are notified as early as possible and generally giving your best efforts at all times for your team.

## COACHING

Coaching support for all age groups is provided by our qualified FFA B Licensed Coaching Director Paul Mulligan. MWFA will be running a *free* grassroots coaching course for each SSG Zone during March. All coaches of sub junior teams (Under 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10) for 2012 are eligible to attend.

## MANAGER/COACH REGISTRATION

Continuing from season 2010 the MWFA commenced registering and issuing a photo identity to all Coaches and Managers of ALL competition teams. This was/is in line with Football NSW requirements.

As such, all officials will need to complete a registration form, Working with Children form and sign the MWFA Code of Conduct before being issued with an ID.

Coaches and Managers **will not** be able to officiate at any game without this accreditation. All teams must have at least one team official (manager)

## PLAYER REGISTRATION

Eligibility to play in any age limited competitions is determined by the player's age in the current football year.

The **minimum age** for any player is five (5) years old in the current football year. This is an FFA rule.

All players registering with the MWFA will be assigned a unique Registration Number which will apply for the duration of player's career within MWFA. Players from U11 up are also issued with a Player ID Card bearing player's photograph. Players **will not** be eligible to play without his/her Player ID card being available on match day.

Player registration fee entitles you to registration in the MWFA competition, insurance, shorts & socks, Rebel discount card, Harbord Bowling Club membership (seniors only), training facilities at KikOff Soccer Centre (U6 & U7 only).

All registered players 12 and under are entitled to membership of Sydney FC as a Junior Blue. This provides free admission to regular season home matches.

In order to remain solvent and for the benefit of all players, HSUFC must maintain a **"NO PAY - NO PLAY"** policy. As such, registrations can not be accepted unless accompanied by all relevant paperwork & full payment.

## DUAL REGISTRATION:

A player can only register for one Club in any given season. However the MWFA does allow some players to Dual Register in 2 competitions (e.g. females in Sunday female only & Saturday mixed competition).

If you would like to do this please note:

Registration Card	=	Will receive 2 Rego Cards
Additional fee	=	Junior \$90 Senior \$100

## DE-REGISTRATION

HSUFC are required to pay the MWFA administration fee and Football NSW insurance regardless of whether a player continues to play the whole season. Should a player wish to de-register from playing before the 30/6/2012, HSUFC *may* refund a portion of the Club registration fee only.

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## LATE REGISTRATIONS

Additional players can be registered up until June. To add a player to your team, all registration details must be completed and to the Registrar on the Sunday before the week that the player will be able to play.

## TEAM EQUIPMENT

Players' registration fees include shorts & socks – these are generally issued when you register. Other equipment you will require in order to be allowed to play football are shinpads & boots. All players in all matches shall appear in proper football uniform consisting of our clubs approved strip. All junior players also receive a club gear bag.

Club playing shirts and training gear etc are issued to the Team Manager. Subject to team set-up, shirts can be issued to players either for the season or each week. Please remember that this shirt remains the property of HSUFC and Managers are responsible to ensure that **ALL** team equipment, including player shirts and training gear is returned at the end of the season.

HSU will be forced to recover the cost of non-returned equipment from the manager or player if necessary.

## GRADING (JUNIORS ONLY)

If an age group has multiple sides and includes a 1st division team and if more than the maximum number of players (16) wish to play in that 1st division team, then those players will need to attend a grading day. All grading is co-ordinated by a Club appointed panel. Any queries please ask our coaching director Paul Mulligan. Players not wishing to be graded can (where possible) be grouped together with friends, but these Teams may be nominated to play in the lower divisions.

## TRAINING

Traditionally our training grounds during the season are:

<b>Sub Juniors</b>	KikOff Soccer Centre (U6 & U7); Harbord Park	John Fisher (Adams Street)
<b>Junior/Senior</b>	Nolan's Reserve; Harbord Park;	Reub Hudson

## WET WEATHER

Usually you will be informed by your Manager if your game has been postponed or moved due to fields being unavailable due to rain. If you are unsure whether your game may be called off, contact your Manager. Please **DON'T ASSUME** it is cancelled, as even if others are, your game may still be on. We endeavour to update [www.hsufootball.com.au](http://www.hsufootball.com.au) as soon as such changes are known. Also note the Council wet weather lines on your team contact list.



## DRESSING FIELDS

HSU is responsible for dressing Nolan's Reserve & Harbord Park during the season.

If your team is first or last on a field, there will be a requirement to set up or take down nets & flags on the field where you are scheduled to play.

- teams who are playing the first game on the field on that day must each setup half the field, (this includes corner flags and one net) and must be completed at least ten minutes before the start of the game.
- teams who are playing on the last game on the field must each dismantle half a field (this includes corner flags and one net) and place the equipment in the middle of the field. Unless otherwise indicated this will be the 3pm game on any field.

The MWFA can and will impose penalties such as loss of points for teams not helping with net duty.

## CLUB FUNCTIONS & FUND RAISING

The Club holds a number of functions during the season and an 'End of Season' awards function for both Juniors and Seniors where trophies are supplied by the Club to all Sub Junior players and Team Trophies for all other Age Divisions.

From time to time the Club will arrange events to raise much needed funds for the Club. We ask that you support the club in the following ways:

- Attendance at Club Functions
- For Seniors - attendance as a team at Harbord Bowling Club after your match
- Referring any potential business sponsors to your Club Committee

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## MERCHANDISE

HSUFC sells a range of accessories. Please see our website for details or ask your Manager.

## SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following Businesses who have provide financial support to the Club.

Harbord Bowling & Recreation Club (Major)  
Bendigo Community Bank – Harbord Branch (Major)  
Brooke's Pharmacy  
Freshwater Dental  
Jaques Stanmore Group  
KikOff Soccer Centre (partner)  
Brazilian Soccer Schools (partner)

Please support our wonderful sponsors - without there generous sponsorship, the Club would struggle to survive.



Supporting Partners

## MATCH DAY

- The match card should be initially completed by the home team and handed to the away team to complete a minimum of approx 10 minutes before the game.
- Player ID cards must be checked & match card signed as per the procedure (in the Managers' folder) prior to the start of play. If you are not satisfied with the eligibility of opposition players etc DO NOT SIGN THE CARD – instead mark it STA and advise the club ASAP regarding the details.
- Borrowing players – if your team is short of players for a regular season game, it is sometimes possible to borrow up to 4 players from a lower division. A contact list is provided for you to organise this with other teams if necessary.
- Only registered players are insured to play in any game. Deliberately playing un-registered players is both illegal under the rules of the MWFA and not in the spirit of the game.
- If a referee does not attend your game, the AWAY team should supply a competent person to officiate.
- If there is a clash with playing strips then the away team is required to change strip.
- Where, in the opinion of the referee, a change of strip is necessary, the away team (listed second on the draw) shall change. Away teams unable to meet such a request shall forfeit the game.
- At the completion of the game, the card must be signed to agree the result. If there is any doubt regarding a 'legal' result, DO NOT SIGN THE CARD – instead mark it STA and advise the club ASAP regarding why you believe that the match result should be protested.
- A basic understanding of the MWFA Playing Rules is worth having. These can be accessed at [http://www.mwfa.com.au/images/Library/mwfa\\_constitution\\_2011%20v1.2.pdf](http://www.mwfa.com.au/images/Library/mwfa_constitution_2011%20v1.2.pdf) .
- Other Match Day details can also be found in the Managers' Folder
- Any problems or queries please contact Paul 0403 938 980
- Phone results through to Carol Broughton **prior to 6pm** on day of play on **9984 0276** (if leaving message please state score, age group, team & opposition)
- If you are the home team (listed first on the draw) you must take the match card and drop into HSU box at the Harbord Bowling Club by Sunday 5pm latest of that weekend of play.



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## BORROWING AND SUBSTITUTION RULES

Recent changes to MWFA rules have now clarified player borrowing rules for all teams. In all 'competition teams' individual players may only be borrowed by another team a **total of 4 times** before that player must be re-registered in the borrowing team. With the exception of age eligible\* U16 and U18 players being borrowed unlimited times into Open Age Groups



\* The minimum age eligibility requirement for players in the Open Division is a minimum age of fifteen (15) years in the current football year.

If you are unsure, please check with an HSU club official BEFORE a player is borrowed.

The maximum number of substitutes permitted in any game shall be five (5).



The maximum number of substitutes permitted for O35 and O45 competitions permitted in any game shall be seven (7).

In all age groups unlimited player interchange is permissible at any time during the game. The only exception is Men's Premier League and Amateur League Division 1. First Grades.

## INSURANCE & INJURIES:

All registered players participate in the compulsory Football NSW player insurance scheme

In case of injury you need to report details to the club COMPETITION SECRETARY as soon as possible after the incident to ensure your application for coverage will be accepted by the insurance company. Contact details can be found at [www.hsufootball.com.au](http://www.hsufootball.com.au)

The Accident Support Scheme has been simplified with all players now classified as being either a Junior (from 5 years up to & including 18 years of age) or Senior (19 years and older).

All registered players will be entitled to claim loss of wages irrespective of their age or classification under the Accident Support Scheme.

Student discount is available for registered players from U21 up with valid Student ID.

All Club officials (coaches, committee, managers) as well as players are covered, you are also covered during official training sessions as well as during official matches. (Please note that pre season training & matches must be sanctioned by MWFA to be official)

## PROBLEMS

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with any area of the Club or the Manly Warringah Football Association we ask that you please contact the Club Secretary. We can then resolve matters at a Club level or escalate them to the Association on your behalf. Please send all correspondence to [secretary@hsufootball.com.au](mailto:secretary@hsufootball.com.au). Please note that whilst the MWFA publishes contact details, any complaints sent directly will not be dealt with without reference to the registered player's Club.

Once again, I hope that you have a successful and, most of all, an extremely enjoyable season playing football for Harbord-Seasiders United FC and being part of the World Game. Please refer to this handout during the season however updated information is always posted on our website at [www.hsufootball.com.au](http://www.hsufootball.com.au)

Yours in Sport,

Peter Tracey  
President



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## CODE OF CONDUCT:

As a club we ask that all players, officials and supporters abide by the following Code of Conduct in order to make Harbord-Seasiders a happy and successful Club in season 2012:

- **Please be respectful of referees and league officials** - Remember that referees and league representatives are all volunteers. It is vital that they are allowed to do their jobs without interference from players, coaches or spectators. The club will not accept any physical or verbal abuse by players, coaches, managers or supporters.
- **Support the club** - Please endeavour to support the club both on and off the pitch by attending club functions and supporting fund-raising activities wherever possible. Together we can build a club that is both sociable and financially secure.
- **No glass on the touchline** - Please be mindful of this Council and Association rule. No glass is permitted on public ovals. It has not been a problem for us in the past so let's keep it that way.
- **No alcohol allowed on school grounds** - Please be mindful of this Council and Association rule.
- **Players must pay their membership fees when due** - The club has to pay the Association up front and we will struggle to run successfully without your cooperation in this area.
- **Please take responsibility** - It is important that players ensure that they know basic information such as the venue and times of fixtures, whether training is cancelled etc. At the start of the season fixture lists and key phone numbers will be given out, make sure that you get them and keep them handy. (You can also see our website – ([www.hsufc.com.au](http://www.hsufc.com.au)))
- **Insurance** – All registered players participate in the compulsory Football NSW player insurance scheme. This scheme is not associated with the HSUFC and whilst this scheme offers a degree of income protection, HSUFC recommends players & guardians of players investigate other forms of insurance should a greater level of cover be required.
- **Player's Photo Image** – From time to time HSUFC and/or Football NSW and/or the Manly Warringah Football Association may look to use player's images in the promotion and marketing of Football. Should you have particular concerns with yours / your child's image being used in this way, please let us know.
- **MWFA and Football NSW Codes of Conduct** – All registered players and officials are bound by the policies, rules and associated 'Codes of Conduct' administered by both the MWFA and Football NSW. Details of these are available from either a HSUFC official or the respective websites ( [www.mwfa.com.au](http://www.mwfa.com.au) or [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au) )