



Mansfield Eagles Soccer Club Inc.

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CLUB INFORMATION 2019

Welcome to the Mansfield Eagles Soccer Club and the 2019 Season

A special welcome to parents and players who are new to our Club. The following information will hopefully answer the many questions you might have about the Club and your role as a parent or player. Please take the time to read through this.

ABOUT THE CLUB

We **believe** our primary objective is to provide weekend soccer for students of Citipointe Christian College, Brisbane and to the broader community, always promoting and fostering all aspects of our vision.

OUR VISION

Training young boys and girls to become men and women who are determined to excel through personal discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship in an environment promoting Christian family values and ethics.

Eagles Soccer – Skills for Life



CLUB OFFICIALS UNTIL AGM 2019

Please refer to our website www.mesc.org.au for the list of Club Officials (click on *Contacts* on the Home page).

COMPETITION - QCSA

Our Club is registered and plays in the Queensland Christian Soccer Association competition (QCSA). All games are played on Friday nights or Saturdays. As this is a Christian Organization, there are certain rules that pertain specifically to this. The use of foul language and blaspheming by players, coaches, managers and spectators is prohibited. Player's use of foul language and blaspheming results with being issued a Red Card in the game. Coaches and Managers can also be placed on report, and spectators can be asked to leave the field.

Intoxicating liquor, tobacco and illegal drugs are prohibited at all QCSA games (By Law 6.1). The By Laws of the QCSA can be found by going to the following link:-

[http://www.qcsa.org.au/userfiles/file/bylaws%20180523%20final%20\(approved%20by%20COC\).pdf](http://www.qcsa.org.au/userfiles/file/bylaws%20180523%20final%20(approved%20by%20COC).pdf)

ALL members should read these and familiarise themselves with the By Laws, especially as they pertain to your age group and role within the Club, whether your role is a parent, player, coach, manager or Club official.

THE DRAW AND BEGINNING OF THE SEASON

The season begins on **Friday April 11th** for Over 30 Men and Over 40 Men and **Saturday April 12th** Senior Men with **Round 17**. The Juniors begin on **Saturday the 27th of April** with **Round 1** (Seniors and Overage will also play round 1 this weekend). The draw won't be available until at least one to two weeks prior to the beginning of the season. When it is finalised, you will be notified as to how to access the draw for each age group.

WEB SITE – WWW.MESC.ORG.AU

The website is the main avenue of information for Club members. Over the last couple of years, we have been developing the site, and we will continue to develop it further this year. If you have any suggestions for the website as a parent or player of the club, we would like to hear them. Please email them to webadmin@mesc.org.au or registrar@mesc.org.au so we can discuss the ideas at our Soccer Committee Meetings held monthly.



EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM REQUIRED

Players are required to have the following:

WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS:

- Training Clothing (can wear Club Polo)
- Soccer socks
- Shin pads **NO shin pads NO training**
- Soft spiked football boots **(a must)**
- Drink
- Ball

GAME DAY:

- Club polo shirt worn to and from the game
- One pair of plain white shorts
- Mansfield Eagles Club socks **(a must)**
- Shin pads **NO shin pads, NO game**
- Soft spiked football boots **(a must)**
- Drink
- Match Jerseys - Supplied by the Club on the day

Club Polo Shirt, caps, white shorts, Mansfield Eagles socks and Club Jackets can be purchased through the Club by completing an order form on sign-on-day, or by contacting our Purchasing Officer, Margaret Smith by email, mandm_smith@hotmail.com or on 0414 765 358. If you have any second-hand soft spiked football boots or other second-hand Club gear you would like to donate, please contact our Purchasing Officer. You can also bring any second-hand items to Sign-on-day and place in a box which will be set up near the Information Desk.

FACILITIES

We are grateful and blessed to have the continuing support of Citipointe Christian Church and Citipointe Christian College, Brisbane. Generally, Junior teams home field will be the Citipointe Christian College field, 322 Wecker Road, Carindale, and Senior teams home field will be the field at Weedon Street West (corner of the Gateway Motorway on ramp heading north and Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road). This will depend on how the draw is done, and the availability of fields at certain times. There may be days when Junior teams play at Weedon Street and Senior teams may play at the College. The Weedon Street field is also where **some** teams train under lights during the week. For teams training straight after school, they will train at Citipointe Christian College. We use the Soccer Field, Rugby Field and if required, the Athletic Field for training purposes.

CANTEEN

The Club runs a canteen at the College field every match day where we sell hot and cold drinks, chips, lolly bags, sausage rolls and pies. Sausage sizzles are also run on some weekends. Please support this vital fundraiser for the Club. Club gear, information on games, ice packs and lost property can also be obtained from the canteen.

This season, each team from Under 7 to U17/18 will be rostered on to serve in the canteen when they have a home game at the College, possibly only twice during the season. Managers of each team will draw up a roster to let you know when it is your turn to serve in the canteen.



ROSTER

The Managers of each team draw up rosters for parents for the season. Mandatory rostered duties for parents of U5 to U17/18 teams are Canteen Duty (as mentioned above), washing team jerseys, set up/pack up of field and bringing oranges to the game **and Vested Official (for some teams)**. These duties are very important for the smooth running of teams and their games. Senior teams will have rosters that pertain to the running of their team, which will be drawn up by coach and/or manager. Teams playing at Weedon Street will also be responsible for the setting up and packing up, including nets, of the field each Saturday.

TRAVEL INVOLVED TO GAMES

The QCSA has Clubs from all over Brisbane, Caloundra, Ipswich, Brisbane Valley area, Beaudesert and Boonah. There are times when you will have to travel to games, up to 90 minutes, from as young as U8. As much as is possible, the QCSA try to organise age groups where long distances are at a minimum, but it comes down to which Clubs submit teams in each age group. Please be aware you may have to travel long distances to games this season. Carpooling can be a great option for long distance games or planning a family day out. Some teams have also planned a team BBQ on days where there is travelling involved.

SOUTH EAST ZONE

Mansfield Eagles is part of the South East Zone. The Clubs in the QCSA are placed in zones, and on the long weekend in May, there is a Zone Competition. Teams are made up of players from the Clubs within South East Zone. Players from U10 to Senior are eligible to try out. Venue for Zone Competition to be advised. Information on the Zone Titles will be sent to you throughout the season with regards to trials to play in a Zone team, dates, etc.

VOLUNTEERS

MESC is run by a few volunteers who have very busy lives outside of soccer. To reduce the workload of these wonderful volunteers, we have a Participation Agreement. The help that is needed ranges from President through to coaching, manager, general help and everything in between. If you choose not to participate in any of the areas of the Participation Agreement, you will be required to pay a **Non-Participation Levy of \$100.00** to be released from participating from all **BUT** the Mandatory Rostered Duties. For more information regarding the Participation Agreement, please contact Phil Leyden, Club President, on president@mesc.org.au

TEAMS

Immediately after sign-on, the Committee begins the process of organising all players into teams, and the allocation of coaches and managers to those teams. We always do our best to place every player who has registered into a team. Unfortunately, there are times when this may not be possible, due to lack of numbers or too many players in an age group. In this case, your fees will be refunded, and clothing can be returned and refunded if not worn. We can also refer you onto another local Club, at your request. You will be contacted in March notifying you of your team, coach, manager, training day, training time and training ground via email. Training won't



commence for teams until Coaches have been appointed. Special requests can be made for players when registering online, eg: preferred training night, to play with certain friends, etc. Again, we try to give players their requests, but this is not guaranteed. If you want to make a special request after registering, please contact Club Registrar, Belinda Olsen, on registrar@mesc.org.au

COACHES AND MANAGERS

Every team requires a Coach and a Manager. The Coach is responsible for training the team in soccer skills during the week and overseeing the game on Saturdays. The Manager is responsible for the administrative side including the match cards, having the Registered Player List available at the game, drawing up the rosters, appointing the Vested Official and general communication. Both the Coach and the Manager work together to ensure training and games go smoothly each week. We need parents of Junior teams to volunteer to coach and manage the teams. Usually these roles are carried out by fathers, mothers or older siblings on a volunteer basis. Please consider these two roles seriously. If we don't have these roles filled, then we cannot put the team into the competition, and there is a real possibility players will be unable to play. An Information Night is held in March for those who become Coaches and Managers.

For Senior teams, again, both a Coach and Manager are required. These roles can be filled by players, but it is usually preferable if they are not players. These roles are not easy to fill. We as a Club have limited resources at our disposal, so we also ask teams to seek out people to take on the roles of Coach and Manager. Often the roles are filled by fathers or friends who have experience and knowledge of soccer. If you have any contacts who would be interested in taking on the role of coaching or managing a Senior team (or Junior team), please let Club Registrar, Belinda Olsen, know via email, registrar@mesc.org.au. This will be greatly appreciated.

The QCSA Director of Coaching also holds Junior, Youth and Senior Coaching License Courses which are FFA Accredited. See the below link for details. The Club will subsidise the cost of the course. Places fill up quickly, so if you are interested in attending one, click on below link for further information and how to register. Also, please let the Club Secretary know via e-mail secretary@mesc.org.au you will be attending one of the courses to arrange subsidy.

<http://www.qcsa.org.au/website/default.asp?type=news&id=2638>

QCSRA REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSES

We are looking for expression of interest from parents and players (turning 14 years old in 2019) wanting to learn how to become an Assistant Referee (linesman). The QCSRA (Referee Association) will hold courses per Zone if there is enough interest. Please email Belinda Olsen, Club Registrar, registrar@mesc.org.au to register your expression of interest. We will let the QCSRA know of your expression of interest. We will then be in touch if a course is organized in the South East Zone.

The QCSRA will be running two Official Referee Courses this year, details at the below link. The cost of the course will be about \$77.00. You need to be turning 14 years old this year to be eligible to complete this course.



Click on this link for further information:

<http://www.qcsa.org.au/website/default.asp?type=article&id=11>

AGM

The AGM is held in October each year. The last AGM was held in October 2018. We have vital areas vacant in the committee that need to be filled. We have a meeting once a month for the majority of the year. If you would like to become involved in the committee fulfilling one of the vacant positions, please contact Stacey Dunwell at secretary@mesc.org.au.

For God Through Sport

Phil Leyden
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