



Macquarie Dragons Football Club Information Sheet 2018

About...

Established in 1983 with roots in the local community going back to the 1970's, the Club has a long and interesting history. Currently the club fields around 60 teams across 2 associations catering for ages from 5 upwards.

The club is looking to build and grow women's football with all age players and junior teams in the NWSWF. Girls can choose to play either Saturdays in the GHFA competition or Sundays in NWSWF. There is the option to play both – should we be able to offer a team for both days.

2018 Competitions and Fees

	GHFA	NWSWF			
	Age Group	Age Group	Format	Fees/Early Bird	Normal Fee from 16/2
Small-Sided Games	Under 6	Under 6	non-competitive 4 vs 4	\$125	
	Under 7	Under 7	non-competitive 4 vs 4	\$125	
	Under 8	Under 8	non-competitive 7 vs 7	\$160	
	Under 9	Under 9	non-competitive 7 v 7	\$160	
	Under 10	Under 10	non-competitive 9 vs 9	\$190	
	Under 11	Under 11	non-competitive 9 vs 9	\$190	
Juniors and Seniors	Under 12	Under 12	competitive 11 vs 11	\$195	
	Under 13	Under 13		\$195	
	Under 14	Under 14		\$195	
	Under 15	Under 15		\$200	
	Under 16	Under 16		\$200	
	Under 17	Under 17		\$205	
	Under 18	Under 18		\$225	
	All Age Student	All Age Student		\$275	\$300
	All Age non Student	All Age non Student		\$335	\$360
	Men's O35	Women's O30		\$335	\$360
	Super League			\$380	

Refunds

Our club has a strict "no refund" policy after registration & payment has been made to the Associations. If a refund is necessary due to pre-season training, game injury or any other valid reason it must be put in writing with relevant documentation to the club secretary & your request will be discussed & determined by the executive committee. Each request will be dealt with on a case by case basis. If we cannot place you in a team due to insufficient team numbers then a full refund will be made.

2018 Season

A gentle reminder that the Club Committee are all volunteers, who like you have work and family commitments in addition to their role in the running of Macquarie Dragons. The start of the season is a particularly frantic time for them as they try to fulfill all obligations. They are also handicapped by external factors beyond their control, such as ground availability, weather and late registrations by players. Many phone calls are made in order to put things into place, and all this requires time and patience whilst waiting for replies.

As a community Club driven by volunteers our expectation is that all member families will participate in canteen & fundraising activities during the season. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact any of the committee. If you see an area that needs to be addressed, you might like to offer your services along with suggestions...and any help is gratefully accepted!

Important Dates

What?

Registration Days

Team Grading

Mini's pre-season

Other team Trials

Season Starts

Club Photo day

Club Social Night

Presentation Days

When?

Online from 1st January 2018

In person at St Anthony's Parish Hall & Eastwood Heights Hall 6th -9th Feb inclusive after school

Juniors - Tues, 20th and Thurs, 22nd Feb from 6:00PM at Waterloo Park

4th, 11th & (18th Gala Day) March at Fontenoy

4/11/17/18/24/25 March TBA

7th April

12th & 19th May

23rd June

Adults All Age 22nd Sep / Minis-Juniors & Seniors 16th Sep

Further details will be available on the web-site as schedules are finalized



GHFA Season

Dates

The GHFA season will commence beginning of **April** and end approximately **mid August**. Generally there are 14 matches in the season and for the U10's and above this will be followed by up to 3 finals or Pennant play off matches, and a Grand Final for those successful teams. All games are played within the Gladesville Hornsby Association district - you can expect that approx half your games will be at your home ground.

Venues

Home Ground

[Fontenoy Park](#)

[Marsfield Park](#)

[Waterloo Park](#)

Address

Fontenoy Rd, North Ryde

Vimiera Rd, Marsfield

Waterloo Rd, Marsfield

Age Groups

Under 6, 7, 8 & 9's

Under 10 & 11 & Seniors

Under 12 to All Age Adults & Super League

For a full list of GHFA grounds, see

<http://www.ghfa.com.au/index.php/new-competition/grounds>



NWSWF Season

Venues

The North West Sydney Women's Football competition will also commence in **April** and end approximately **mid August**.

Games will predominately be played at Morrison Bay Putney (Frances Road Putney) and Meadowbank Park, Constitution Road, Meadowbank. Small Sided Games (SSG) may also be played at other nearby venues. SSG games – u/11 and below are non-competitive.

Teams are expected to complete one canteen shift per season at either home ground given by NWSWF. Your team manager will notify you once the allocations are set.

Respect

GHFA/NWSWF

The club has a ZERO tolerance for abuse of club & match officials. As a club we have an excellent disciplinary record and are known for our sportsmanship. The committee will not tolerate abuse of any committee members, players, parents, spectators and most importantly match officials.

Each Association has developed and implemented a RESPECT program for our clubs. The program is aimed to not only improve respect to match officials but to all players – including the opposition, your own team and, often crucially, yourself.

Training, Coaching & Trials

Training

Our training grounds (subject to council availability) are Waterloo & Marsfield Parks. Training will start mid-March on Tuesday, Wednesday & or Thursday evening. Each team will be given a “spot” to train on either Waterloo or Marsfield Park. Your coach will be liaising with the age coordinator in regards to days & times.

The Macquarie Dragons have introduced Co-operative style training for non-competitive age groups to teach children the art of football at a very young age. Co-operative or academy training styles teach the children ball skills and technique.

It allows teams to train as a unit and also as a squad. The sessions are fun and form an important part of learning for young children. The cooperative training sessions will be led by the appointed club coach who will organise the setup of all activities. The experienced head coach will be showing all the coaches and players through the training stations. Co-operative training for all U6-U11 (girls and boys) is at Waterloo Park on Monday Afternoons/Evenings.

This will commence late March, **U6-U7** will train from **5:00-6:00pm** and **U8-U9** from **6:00 – 7:00pm** and **U10 - U11** from **6:30-7:30pm**. All Co-op participants will be given a club training shirt that must be worn to team training every Monday afternoon. For all other Age Grades/Teams you will be notified by your Team Manager or Coach when and where your training session will be.

Football boots are not permitted in March for training as per Councils regulations. All players MUST train in joggers or turf shoes.

Goalkeeper training

An intensive goalkeeper program will be available for all aspiring boy & girl u8-u16 goalkeepers from April-July. Sessions will run at Waterloo Park on **Tuesday** afternoons commencing 03/04/18. U8-U11 will be at 4:30-5:30pm & U12-U16 players will train at 5:45-6:45pm. If you are interested please let your manager know so we can slot you in. Spots are limited to 8 players per session. No Exceptions will be made. If more than one player per team would like to attend this will need to be rostered through the team by the team manager.

Grading - Junior Teams U9 & Above

Grading will only take place if there are a sufficient number of registered players in an age grade to form 2 or more teams. Players will be graded on skill level by an external experienced coaching company so that the team/division nominations forwarded to the GHFA will have players of a similar skill band. We are looking for junior players who want to compete in the higher divisions of each age grade i.e. Division 1 and 2. These teams will be focused primarily on ability and performance.

Pre-Season Trials

Pre-season trial games with in-house teams and other clubs are held in March subject to ground availability. You will be advised by your Team Manager or Coach if your team is scheduled for a trial game closer to these dates. Only moulded football boots are permitted for all trials. No screw-in studded boots.

Mini's Pre-Season & Small Sided Games

For all players U6-U9 you will need to attend the pre-season team days on 4, 11 & 18 March to meet your team, participate in a fun Football round robin and grab a bite to eat from the Sausage Sizzle stand at the Gala Day. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come & meet others in your child's/children's team.

ALL U6-9 Dragons registrations will receive a free Dragons football kit at the minis gala day on 18 March.

This includes: Co-op training shirt, Black club shorts, Club Socks & Soccer Ball

Courses/Info Evenings

Coaching & Referee Courses

FFA recommends that All Junior coaches from Grassroots through to U18 attend a Football coaching course during the season to learn and understand the new coaching curriculum and how to implement it to players of all levels.

A Football refereeing course is available to all players from U14 and above, the Club will pay for your attendance costs, please let us know ASAP. Course dates are listed on the referee website www.ghfra.com.au.

We also have a number of young referees from the club who referee in NSWFF. If your daughter is interested in becoming a referee please contact one of the committee members.

Coaches & Managers Information Evening

The coaches and managers information evening takes place a fortnight prior to the season commencing. This meeting is compulsory for ALL the clubs coaches & managers as it's the only night in the season where we cover all the new and important information for the upcoming season. Each year we have different guest speakers who will give a talk on a particular aspect of the game. We also have each teams gear handed out on this night together with a complimentary club polo for all new coaches and managers to wear at their training and game day.

Volunteering/Events

Fundraising

As a not-for-profit organisation we receive no funding and rely solely on the support of our membership to keep the Club financially viable. A small number of fundraising events and activities will be held during the season and we would appreciate your assistance and support with these. Our major family fundraiser is the annual chocolate drive. All families will be required to participate in this event. A family contribution of \$30 is payable in lieu of taking a chocolate box. These much needed funds go towards equipment purchases & the day to day administration of the club.

Canteen

We are fortunate to have canteens at Fontenoy & Waterloo Parks which are very popular with the children and parents alike. Prior to the start of the season every team will receive a roster detailing their schedule for opening, running & closing the canteens. Some teams will have more canteen rosters than ground setup & visa versa. The roster will be setup as close as possible to the first game playing.

Social Events

An important part of our club is our fun social night. This varies each year from Trivia Nights, Band Nights and even Bingo. These nights are great fun and a fantastic way to socialize with other Dragon members. The Social nights raise vital funds for the club which enables our fees to be kept competitively low.

General Info



Wet Weather

Never assume that any game or training has been called off due to wet weather! Game & training is **ALWAYS ON** unless called off by the Associations & or Council. The Club executives can close grounds if they are deemed too dangerous to use. In the event of rain a wet weather sms notification will be sent out no later than 4pm to all coaches & managers via a SMS for weekday training & or weekend games. It will be their responsibility to relay this message to their team members. The grounds will be re-assessed once again on Saturday afternoon for Sunday games. A new message will be sent out. If you do not receive a message all games are ON!

Working With Children

[Working with Children FNSW Guidelines and Requirements](#)

It is a requirement that any volunteer coach or manager that does not have a relative within the team they coach or manage undergoes a WWC check. [NSW Govt Working with Children Check](#)

It is a Football NSW requirement that **ALL** coaches or managers of teams containing players under the age of 18 undergo a WWC check.

Team Uniform/Attire

Each season the club provides a jersey to each player which is on loan for the season and must be returned at presentation day by your manager in the team kit bag provided. Our club strip consists of club jersey, black club shorts or plain black shorts & matching Dragons socks. You can purchase club socks & shorts from the canteen on any Saturday during the season. It is imperative that ALL Dragon players be dressed in the correct uniform for every game. Dragons have always been proud of how they look on game day. For every players safety, shin pads and approved Football boots must be worn at all games and training sessions. A box of second hand boots is always available at both canteens.

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Ground-setting

The first team playing on game day at each home ground is responsible for setting up the ground. This is usually but not always the same time your team is rostered on for canteen duty.

For the mini teams at Fontenoy all field equipment is stored in the right side changeroom. Ground settings & all field numbers are located inside the canteen wall. You will need to setup all mini goals, all nets on the bigger fields & all corner flags. Your mini committee coordinator will give further instruction to all mini team managers at the start of the season.

For Waterloo & Marsfield, the last team to play on Saturday or Sunday is responsible for taking down the nets, rope, and flags. At Waterloo please place all field equipment in the left side changeroom & remember to lock the door behind you.

At Marsfield Park please place all field equipment in storeroom at the rear of the canteen amenities building.

Your manager will be contacted with all the details & will need volunteers - please remember many hands make this light work.

Full instructions on how to dress & undress the fields are located in the canteens.

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