



## Frequently ask questions for winter season 2017

**Q. What football programs/ competitions does Dunbar provide for various age groups?**

**A.**

- **For boys and girls turning 5, 6 and 7 in 2017** – Dunbar provides a weekly Saturday morning program from 8.30am – 9.45am held at Queens Park, Randwick commencing 1st April until 19th August (except for the following school and public holidays weekends being the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th April, 10th June and 8th July)
- **For boys and turning 8 to 12 in 2017** – your son will be placed into a team which will play in the local ESFA Mini Roos non-competitive league which also commences on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> April until the 19th August (except for the following school and public holidays weekends being the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th April, 10th June and 8th July), these teams will play 75% of their matches at Queens Park on Saturday mornings at the same fixed kickoff times each weekend as follows: 9am (U8's), 10am (U9's), 11am ( U12's), 12 noon (U10's) and 1pm (U11's). U8's and 9's play a 7 a side matches and U10's, 11's and 12's play 9 a side matches.
- **For boys turning 13 and above in 2017** – your teams will play in the local ESFA junior competitive competition, home games will be played at Queens Park on Saturday for ages U13 and 14 at 2pm and 3pm respectively and the U16's will play on Sundays at the NCIE, 180 George St, Redfern at 9am or 11am.
- **The Under 14 girl's team** will play home games on Sunday's at the NCIE at 9.30am and away games at any time between 9am – 3pm on Sunday's.

**Q. When and where will pre-season commence and weekly training be held?**

**A.**

- **Pre-season training** will commence for all age groups on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> March and continue on every Sunday in March – venue and times to be advised by email to all parents.
- **Weekly training for U8 – 12 boys teams** will take place at Parade Grounds, Grand Parade inside Centennial Park (next to the restaurant) after school from 3:45pm– 5:15pm on Tuesdays and/ or Thursdays – once teams are formed we will determine which teams would like to train once or twice a week.
- **Weekly training for U13 boys teams** will either take place at same location and time as the U8 – 11 boys (as above) OR at Reg Bartley Oval, Rushcutters Bay on Wednesday nights from 6pm – 7.30pm.
- **Weekly training for the U14 and U16 boys development teams** – will be held each Tuesday evening at Chifley Reserve and each Thursday evening at a ground to be advised or Wednesday evenings at 6pm to 7:30pm
- **Dunbar academy** – will be held each Wednesday night from 6.15pm – 7.30pm at Reg Bartley Oval, this program is powered by Christian Soares and/ or Pedj Bojic (former Sydney FC)

and Central Coast Mariners A League player) – this session provides Dunbar players with an additional weekly training session separate to their weekly team training/ match days and allows them to experience how a professional player would be expected to perform at a very high performance and intense coaching session.

**Q. Can my child play with his friends?**

**A.** Yes, all kids will be accommodated to play with their friends unless their ability exceeds their age group and they are requested to play in a higher division or age group. In some instances we may ask them to play in 2 teams if the games are at the same location.

**Q. Do I need to have played before?**

**A.** No, players of all abilities and skill levels are welcome.

**Q. At what age can I start playing?**

**A.** Your child needs to be turning 5 years of age in 2017, occasionally we accept 4 year olds if they have the desire and understanding required to participate, we are happy for younger kids to try it out before deciding to join.

**Q. In what Age Group will my child be playing in 2017?**

**A.** The age your child turns in 2017 is the Age Group they should play in. (e.g. if your child is turning 8 in 2017, they should play in the Under 8's Age Group) unless they wish to play up with their friends in an older age group (in this instance their ability must be of a standard that they can play up)

**Q. How do I find out more about the playing rules?**

**A.** Please view

[http://www.footballnsw.com.au/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Rules\\_Regulations/Competitions/2015\\_0222 - LEG - 2015 Competition Regulations V2 TMc .pdf](http://www.footballnsw.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Rules_Regulations/Competitions/2015_0222_-_LEG_-_2015_Compensation_Regulations_V2_TMc_.pdf)

**Q. What is the inclement weather policy?**

**A.** Any washed out weekends will be cancelled when the grounds are closed based upon the weather. Please call the ESFA wet weather line at 8am on match days on 8347 8806 to check for ground closures. Other wet weather line numbers which are useful for training days are - Centennial Parklands wet weather line: 9339 6670, NCIE wet weather line: 9310 1033 for Sunday girls games and Sydney City Council wet weather line 9246 7708 for Reg Bartley Oval.

**Q. What playing equipment does my child require?**

**A.** You will need to purchase boots and shinpads for your child. At these age groups we recommend you do not purchase expensive boots as you child will grow out of them soon enough. Players need to wear their boots & shinpads to both training and the games. Children who forget to bring either will not be permitted to participate - so please don't forget. Please also bring a water bottle and sunblock.

**Q. When does the Season start & finish?****A.** The season will commence on the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> and end of August 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> except for the U13 -16 juniors who will play the Grand final ( if they make it) on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> August.

**Q. Are there games during the school/ public holidays?**

**A.** No matches will be played on the following three weekends – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April (April school holidays), 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June (Queens Birthday long weekend) and the first weekend of the July school holidays being the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July – this may change for Junior age groups U13 – 16 if any of these weekend are required to play catch up games due to prior wet weather cancellations.

**Q. How many games are there per season?**

**A.** 15 rounds have been scheduled but washed out games will not be replayed for the U8 – 12s non-competitive leagues. From age group Under 13 and up all boys and girl's teams play in Competitive competitions whereby washed out matches are re-scheduled.

**Q. Who organizes and maintains the competition?**

**A.** The local league is run by the Eastern Suburbs Football Association (ESFA), ESFA co-ordinators and club administrators manage the day to day operations.

**Q. Is my child allowed to wear their glasses?**

**A.** Players are permitted to wear SPORTS glasses when playing or training. Normal glasses must not be worn. No jewellery or watches are to be worn.

**Q. What size ball do they play with?**

**A.** Under 5's to 9's use a size 3 ball and the Under 10's, 11's, 12's Boys and Girls all use a size 4 ball. From U13 up they use a size 5 ball. Each player receives a new ball (which you keep) at the beginning of the season and must bring to all training sessions.

**Q. As a parent, what do I need to provide?**

**A.** You will need to provide studded soccer boots, shinpads, water bottle, transportation and a lots of positive support.

**Q. What is the annual fee per child and what does my child receive for the fee?**

**A.** The fees are \$375 per season for kids turning 5, 6 and 7 who participate in the weekly NCIE program OR \$475 per season for every player aged from Under 8 – 16 playing in the ESFA competition.

**Q. What does my child receive from the club?**

**A.** Each child receives a full playing kit (playing shirt, shorts and socks), wet weather jacket, a ball, end of season trophy. All FFA registration and insurance, ground hire, coaches fees are also included in the annual fee.

**Q. Will each team be provided with a coach?**

**A.** Yes, we intend on providing each team with a qualified coach who will be available to take the training sessions and attend match days. On the occasions your coach is not available we will provide a replacement coach who is part of our program.

**Q. Who are the coaches???**

**A.** We have a highly qualified Head Coach named Christian Soares named who oversees each training session and maintains the high standards required to effectively implement the FFA coaching curriculum, Christian holds a senior coaching certificates, diplomas in physical education, sports science and functional training. In addition, we also have Pedj Bojic (ex professional A League player) running our Wednesday night academy sessions. We also have experienced volunteer coaches who play for the senior teams of our club AND we also engage up to 15 youth coach-

es aged between 17 – 23 which Dunbar have put coaching certificates each year and continually provide coaching support to through our Coaching Director, these boys have or still play representative football for Dunbar Rovers in our NPL State League teams. Some of our junior coaches like Ash Ure and Micaiah Te Rata have achieved their AFC C Youth licences already whilst other are up to doing their senior licenses.