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Tuggeranong United Junior Soccer Club Newsletter
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WELCOME TO 2007 SEASON

TUJSC is pleased to invite new and returning players to register with the Club. We look forward to an enjoyable 2007 season, hopefully one with lots of rain (but no washouts!).

For the information of new players, TUJSC's colours are bottle green, yellow and white. Our home grounds are at Hyland Place, Wanniasa. In 2007 we plan to make more use of the Kambah 3 playing fields near the Burns Club, for the older age groups.

The 16 week ACT Junior season will commence on **5th May** and end on **8th September** (excluding the school holidays). Pee-Wees (U6-U7) and Rooballers (U8-U9) do not play on the June long weekend.

We are keen to welcome new people to the Committee. If you are interested to help, contact our President and have a talk with him. A list of positions is at the end of this newsletter.

LATE RETURN OF GEAR

If you have any gear from last season (eg playing shirts, bags, cones, bibs, match balls, ID cards), please return it to the Soccer Shop on the following days (make a note in your calendar NOW):

- Thursday 1st February: 7pm - 8pm
- Thursday 8th February: 7pm-8pm

REGISTRATION DAYS

TUJSC Registration Days will be held as follows:

- Saturday 10th and 17th February - 10am to 3pm – Erindale Shopping Centre;
- Sunday 11th and 18th February - 10am to 3pm – Wanniasa Oval 2 – Hyland Place Wanniasa.

REGISTRATION FEES

TUJSC registrations will not be accepted without full payment. In accordance with FFA regulations, the fee structure for 2007 has been calculated on the basis of estimated actual costs then apportioned appropriately to enable a graduated increase in fees as a player gets older and uses more of the club's resources.

U6-U7:	\$90 per player
U8-U9:	\$110 per player
U10-U12:	\$130 per player
U13-U15:	\$150 per player
U16-U18:	\$170 per player

DISCOUNTS

The following discounts apply where **3 or more** children from the same immediate family (ie. same parents/guardians) register:

3 children:	\$50 discount applies
4 children:	\$50 plus the "lowest" fee is not payable
5+ children:	\$50 plus the "two lowest" fees are not payable

SOCCER SHOP

The Soccer Shop will not be open for sales on Registration Days. Pre-season opening times will be advised on Registration Days and on the website in mid-February.

FFA NEW REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

From 2007, the Football Federation of Australia (FFA) will require all soccer players in Australia (including outdoor, futsal/indoor, beach and modified football) to register annually with the FFA. The new FFA Regulations are online at www.footballaustralia.com.au (click on the link to National Registration Regulations).

Points to note are:

- Players **must** be **5 years old** before they can register;
- Players **cannot** register with more than one club, with certain exceptions (eg outdoor players may register with a futsal club);
- Players will receive a **National Registration Number** that will remain with them throughout their playing career (including futsal/indoor);
- **New** players must provide proof of age to the Club they register with (at the time of registration);
- Players will be required to complete a FFA Form as well as the TUJSC Registration Form in 2007.
- A player will not be 'effectively registered' until they have completed (and signed) the FFA Registration Form, and have paid their Club's membership fees, which must be reasonable and justifiable.
- Players registering in person will be able to complete the FFA form at that time. Players registering via the post will need to be contacted about completing the FFA form prior to the start of the season.

NEW TIMESLOTS FOR SATURDAY GAMES

In 2007, Capital Football proposes to adopt new timeslots suggested by TUJSC, which will enable coaches to borrow players from the age group below, and enables the half-pitches set up for the U11s to be re-used by the U12s in the following timeslot. It will also provide opportunities for younger Referees to officiate at games. As a result, the following timeslots will be in effect for the 2007 season (year of birth for the age group/timeslot shown in brackets). Times may vary for Rooball Girls-only competitions.

9.30am:	U6 – (2001 or 2002) and U7 (2000)
10.30am:	U8 – (1999) and U9 (1998)
11.30am:	U10 – (1997)
12:30pm:	U11 – (1996) and U13 (1994)
1.45pm:	U12 – (1995) and U14 (1993)
3.10pm:	U15 - (1992), U16 (1991) and U18 (1989-1990)

BURNS CLUB, KAMBAH

TUJSC is discussing a sponsorship arrangement with the Burns Club at Kett St, Kambah. More details will be announced in due course. In the meantime, TUJSC meetings will be held at the Burns Club.



U12's: SMALL-SIDED GAMES IN 2007

Following the recommendations of the 2004 Technical Review and the FFA guidelines, Capital Football has decided to extend small-sided games to the Under 12s in 2007, as was done for the Under 11s in 2006. This means that all U12 competitions (girls and open) will be playing 9 vs 9 on half-sized pitches with Junior Goalposts.

TUJSC plans to purchase new Junior Goalposts with nets for 2007. The Junior Goalposts sourced by Capital Football in 2006 were unsuitable, and it was not possible to obtain new ones before the end of the 2006 season. Negotiations with Capital Football and other clubs as to where these posts will be sourced from are continuing.

GIRLS-ONLY TEAMS

TUJSC is a proud supporter of Girls Soccer. This year, we invite registrations from all girls aged 5-16 for placement in Girls-only teams. If there are insufficient registrations for U6-U7, we will offer either a refund, or to place girls in Mixed teams. Girls may nominate to play in a mixed team if they prefer.

WODEN LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT, 14 & 15 APRIL 2007

Woden Valley Soccer Club is again hosting a pre-season Lightning tournament for U11s to U15s, as a fund-raiser for a boys team to compete in the Gothia Cup Tournament in Sweden during July 2007. Girls teams will play on 14 April, and boys on 15 April, at Mawson playing fields. See following website for more information:
www.capitalfootball.com.au/2006/Lightningtournament2007EOI.pdf

Each team will play a minimum of four games, at a cost of \$30 per player. Expressions of interest close on 9 March. Team officials should contact Karen Faichney, phone 0411 256 676 (AH) or email karenfaichney@sidsandkids.org.

TUJSC COOPERATION WITH TUGGERANONG SENIOR CLUBS

TUJSC congratulates Tuggeranong United Football Club (TUFC), our Senior Men's Club, which was one of only 3 clubs to be granted a full 3-year licence to participate in Canberra's Premier League in 2007 after a year's absence. Six other clubs were granted a one-year licence providing for a 9 team competition in the new U18 Premier League, U20 Pathways League and Premier League.

Anyone interested in playing football at the senior level, should visit the TUFC Football Club website at www.tufc.com.au.

U18 OPEN COMPETITIONS

In recent years, the Under 18 Open competition has taken place under the auspices of the Junior League. As part of its obligations as a participant in the Premier League, TUFC will also be responsible for the development of Premier U18's. The arrangements for the U18 Premiers are yet to be finalized, but will be advised in due course. In the meantime, TUFC has commenced pre-season selection trials and grading for all senior teams including the U18 Premier League. To find out where and when these trials are taking place, visit the TUFC website at www.tufc.com.au or email them at admin@tufc.com.au.

U18 GIRLS COMPETITIONS

Girls aged 17 and 18 have the option of participating in the Women's Youth Competition, or being graded for one of the many Women's State League Divisions. In recent years, TUJSC U16 Girls teams have participated in the Women's Youth Competition before "graduating" to the Senior League. To find out more contact Danny Gray – Senior Women's Club President via email at Danny.Gray@chubb.com.au or call him on 0401778001.

2007 COACHING MEETING

A coaching meeting will be held on **Monday 12th February 2007** at the Canberra Burns Club commencing at **7.30pm**. At this meeting the 2007 coaching committee will discuss coaching in 2007 as well as grading options. All 2006 and prospective 2007 coaches and managers are invited to attend and provide valuable input.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 11th April 2007** at the Canberra Burns Club commencing at **7.30pm**. At this meeting the 2007 Executive Committee will be elected, along with any agreed committee and volunteer positions. Please come along and help elect your 2007 Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contact any of the current 'Executive Committee' members if you have any queries, or wish to discuss matters in relation to roles and responsibilities of the club including volunteer positions (listed below)

Club President	Alan Bainbridge	6292 4864
Vice-President	Vivienne Breen	6291 8584
Secretary	Jean Ffrench	6231 8240
Treasurer	Andrew Stephens	6231 3346

The above positions together with any other identified 'committee' positions will become vacant and open for re-election at the April AGM. However, we would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer now, as not all roles will be 'committee' positions.

VOLUNTEERS

A non-profit organisation cannot function successfully, without the assistance of a number of dedicated volunteers. The club is keen to increase its volunteer base so that a large number of people can be allocated small jobs. The following is a list of likely roles in 2007:

PeeWee/ Rooball Competitions Manager:	(U6-U9 mixed)
Junior Competitions Manager:	(U10 – U12 open)
Youth Competitions Manager:	(U13 – U18 open)
Girls Competitions Manager:	(U8 – U16 girls only)
Age Coordinators:	(as required for above)
Coaches and/or Managers	(all teams)
Rooball/Junior Technical Director:	(U6-U12 Boys and Girls)
Youth Technical Director:	(U13-U18 Boys and Girls)
Member Protection Officer:	(to act as contact for player protection)
Public Officer:	(to endorse association changes)
Complaints & Disputes:	(management of internal issues)
First Aid Officer:	(first aid equipment and volunteers)
Referee Appointments:	(management of referee appointments)
Referee Development:	(referee advice, training & assistance)
Junior League Delegate:	(monthly meeting with Cap. Football)
Points Registrar:	(match day result management)
Grounds Manager:	(pitch booking and allocation)
Communications & Publicity:	(website update and Striker production)
Tournament Director:	(Kanga Cup, Young carnival etc)
Presentations Coordinator:	(Presentation days, trophies etc)
Kit Manager:	(distribution and return of team kits)
Assets & Property Officer:	(supply/maintain posts, nets, flags etc).
Sponsorships & Purchasing:	(local business liaison & purchasing)

