



## SANDRINGHAM SOCCER CLUB

### NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2008

#### 2008 SEASON DATES

With the announcement that stage 3A water restrictions will remain in place until June 2008, Football Federation Victoria (FFV) has once again condensed and delayed the season fixture for rooball, junior and most senior competitions. The following are start and end dates for all Sandringham Soccer Club programs:

**U5-U6 Small Sided Games: Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**U7-U8 Small Sided Games: Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**U9-U10 FFV Competition: Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Juniors: Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Women's Premier League: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Women's State League: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Men's State League: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Also, as was the case last year the Council has restricted our pre-season access to our training grounds until 1<sup>st</sup> April. All players will be notified by their coach and/or manager as to day and time of training once we are granted access.

#### INTRODUCING SMALL SIDES GAMES FOR U5 THROUGH U8 PLAYERS

FFV under the direction of Football Federation Australia has introduced a new program for U5 through U8 players to be implemented nationwide in season 2008. "Small Sided Games" (SSG's) are a modified version of the game designed to aid the development of younger players. The SSG format is similar to the current GoalKick program but with a greater emphasis on game time. SSG's will replace FFV's U8 Rooball competition in 2008 and U9 Rooball in 2009. By 2012, the small sided games format will be used nationwide for players up to U12's. SSG's are widely used for younger player development throughout Europe and the US.

The SSG format is designed to allow players to have maximum touches of the ball in a "game" situation. The games are played on a smaller playing field and with a smaller number of players per game. There is no positional play so players are expected to be both attackers and defenders and goal scorers! There is no goalie. No scores are kept and there are no ladders.

The Sandringham Soccer Club will be running a GoalKick (SSG) program for U5 and U6 players on Sunday mornings. A 15 to 20 minute skill session will be followed by a small sided 4 v 4 game of two 15 minute halves.

The club will run SSG's for U7's and U8s on Saturday mornings. These games will consist of two 20 minute halves in a 5 v 5 format. An hour long skill session will be conducted during the week at our training ground at Spring St.

SSG players will be organised into "teams" and all participants will receive a team tee-shirt and a soccer ball (via a redemption card sent by FFV). The skills sessions will be run by an experienced coach supplied by the club, but each team will have one or two "team leaders" to help and encourage the players during the SSG's and to assist during the skill sessions. We encourage all parents to get involved to make this a fun and worthwhile experience for your player. Please volunteer to help out on our registration form.



For more information on small sided games, please visit our website or Football Federation Australia at [www.footballaustralia.com.au/site/\\_content/document/00000584-source.pdf](http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/site/_content/document/00000584-source.pdf)

### **OUR AGE GROUP COORDINATORS – 2008**

If you have any questions regarding our programs, please feel free to contact one of the following

<b>U5 and U6:</b> Peter Stephenson 9533 5976 or <a href="mailto:renfilm@aol.com">renfilm@aol.com</a>
<b>U7 and U8 Small Sided Games:</b> Michael Krauser 9530 5335 or <a href="mailto:krausers@bigpond.com.au">krausers@bigpond.com.au</a>
<b>U9-U10 FFV Competition:</b> Michael Krauser 9530 5335 or <a href="mailto:krausers@bigpond.com.au">krausers@bigpond.com.au</a>
<b>Junior Boys (U11-U18 competition):</b> Brett Erdelyi-Gotz 9598 8182 or <a href="mailto:bretteg@sub.net.au">bretteg@sub.net.au</a>
<b>U10 Girls and Junior Girls (U11-U18) Competition:</b> Ken Montgomery 9589 6959 or <a href="mailto:kkckmontgomery@bigpond.com">kkckmontgomery@bigpond.com</a>
<b>Open Women:</b> Martin O'Connor 9533 5494 or <a href="mailto:thequizking@hotmail.com.au">thequizking@hotmail.com.au</a>

### **OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

**Echo Sports, 411 Hampton St., is the exclusive supplier of club shorts and socks.** They also stock a wide range of soccer gear including shin guards, soccer boots, and balls. SJSC members receive a 5% discount on all purchases and Echo Sports donates a further 5% back to the club. Echo Sports is open 7 days a week....from 9:00 to 5:30 Monday thru Saturday and from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday.

**Rebel Sports at Southland Shopping Centre will also provide a 5% discount on all purchases to our members and a 5% rebate to the club.** Just quote SJ SJSC number 28282 to receive this discount or tell them that you are from the Sandringham Soccer Club.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH U10'S IN 2008**

At the request of the FFV, the club assigns its U10 teams to either Kangaroo or Joey's leagues depending on their skill levels. The club plans to enter two Kangaroo and two Joeys teams into the FFV comp in season 2008. All U10 players will be invited to try out for the two Kangaroo teams.

### **GRADING OF U11 TEAMS**

Whilst the FFV competition is not graded until U12, team assignments are based on the performance of teams at the U11 level. Therefore, the FFV has requested that clubs grade their teams at U11. Grading at U11 gives coaches a chance to group players based on ability for the first time and gives teams a year to get established as a group before going into the graded leagues of the FFV U12 competition. Teams and players develop better by playing opponents of similar or even greater ability.

U11 team assignments for new and returning players will be made after pre-season grading sessions. All new and returning players will be invited to these sessions. **Our grading sessions for U11 players will take place on Pitch 1 at Mentone Boys Grammar School, 756-768 Springvale Road, Braeside on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February from 6-8pm.**

### **GRADING FOR U12'S**

**Club grading of U12's will also take place on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of February from 6-8pm at Mentone Boys Grammar, 756-768 Springvale Rd., Braeside on Pitch 1.** All returning and new U12 players will be invited to attend these sessions.

### **OUR PLAYING, TEAM ASSIGNMENT, AND GRADING POLICIES**

A copy of the club policy can be viewed on our website under **Club Policies**. If you feel that your team is not following club policy, please contact a member of the committee or your age group coordinator as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken.



### **ATTENTION SANDY PLAYERS AGE 12-15...BECOME A "BUDDING REFEREE?"**

The Sandringham Budding Ref program is entering its 6<sup>th</sup> year now. This program provides pre-season training for U12 to 15 year-old Sandy players to enable them to referee during U9 and U10 home games. Many of our budding refs have gone on to become official FFV referees and are now officiating at junior matches locally. All interested players should contact program coordinator Tom Le Grice at [loutom@bigpond.net.au](mailto:loutom@bigpond.net.au) before 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### **OUR PREMIER LEAGUE WOMEN**

Congratulations to Coach Shaun Parton and our Women's Premier League Team for its 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in only its second season at this elite level. And congratulations to our Reserves Team and coach Ross Mackay for its second place finish. The team's home games are played on Saturdays (reserves at 1:00pm and Premier League at 3:00pm) at Sillitoe Reserve, Ludstone Street, Hampton. All Sandringham Members are invited to come out and support our WPL team. Visit our website under **Club News** for info regarding the team's 2008 home games.

### **SANDRINGHAM SENIOR MEN**

We currently have 3 Sandringham teams for Senior Men who all train and play their home games at the newly renovated facilities at R.J. Sillitoe Reserve.

The 1st Team and Reserves are both relatively young sides with the 1st Team seriously pushing for promotion during 2008 season. Both teams currently compete in FFV South East State League 3 on Saturday afternoons (alternating w/our WPL and Reserves teams).

We also have a 3<sup>rd</sup> team that plays on a Sunday afternoon and is primarily made up of veterans. They currently compete in the FFV Master League where they have had some success in the past few years.

### **SANDY PLAYERS REPRESENT VICTORIA**

Congratulations to the following players who represented Victoria in 2007:

- U11 Primary Schools Championships -Roland De Biase
- U11 Primary Schools Championships-Cassandra Mayston
- U13 Victorian Futsal Squad-Jonathan De Biase
- U13 Girls Metro Friendship Games-Hannah Whittaker
- U13 Girls Metro Friendship Games-Stephanie Catley
- U14 Victorian Futsal Squad-Laura Hawes, Ophelia Hollway
- U15 Girls National Youth Championship-Mietta McDonald

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE**

We have a wide range of Sandringham Soccer Club merchandise available including polar fleece vests, scarves, beanies, spray jackets, polo shirts, tee shirts, tracksuit pants and much more! Please visit our website [www.sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au](http://www.sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au) to view samples and to obtain an order form. Samples will also be available at our registration day on the 17<sup>th</sup> February and orders will be taken.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our 2007 volunteers....coaches, team managers, canteen volunteers, and everyone else who pitched in to help out when needed. Without you, this 850 player club could not continue to thrive.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.SANDRINGHAMSOCCERCLUB.ORG.AU](http://WWW.SANDRINGHAMSOCCERCLUB.ORG.AU) FOR INFORMATION ON FIXTURES AND RESULTS; CLUB POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL CLUB COACHES, MANAGERS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

