

Rooball Organisation Day - Saturday 20 March Waramanga Playing Fields

For rooball players (and parents) to get together to finalise the placement of players into teams, meet teammates, appoint coaches/managers, name or rename the teams as necessary, and purchase (or sell) second hand boots etc.

U10's @ 9.30am U9's @ 10.00am U8's @ 10.30am
U7's @ 11.00am U6's @ 11.30am

Junior Grading - Waramanga Playing Fields

Please arrive 30 minutes before your session.

Prospective coaches/managers are also asked to attend.

Mixed Teams - Saturdays - 21 & 28 February

Under 11 10.00am - 11.00am
Under 12/13 11.00am - 12 noon
Under 14/15 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Under 16/17 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Girls Teams - Sundays - 22 & 29 February

Under 11/12 10.00am - 11.00am
Under 13/14 11.00am - 12 noon
Under 15/16 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Junior players wishing to play in Divisions 1 & 2 should attend grading. Selectors will be looking at ability, fitness **and** attitude. Remember that no matter how skilled individual players may be, they must also demonstrate that they are team players by attending grading too. Selectors can gauge the strengths of other players better, are able to get a perspective of teams as a whole, and foster team spirit. Players in mixed teams who don't make Division 1 or 2, or who wish to play more social soccer, will be placed into a Division 3 team based on friendship groups. Junior girls will form Division 1 or Division 2 teams - there is no Division 3 for girls.

Note: Players who wish to be graded and are unable to attend due to other commitments should let a co-ordinator know. Otherwise those who don't turn up will be automatically placed in teams in the lower divisions.

See the Club's Grading and Selection Policy for further information (website www.westoncreeksoccer.org.au)

**PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED
BEFORE ATTENDING GRADING**

CLUB CONTACTS

Executive		
President	Peter Johnson	6261 3786
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Men's Chair	Nick Churchill	0438 093 473
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Treasurer	Paul Hyde	6288 3994
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Registrar	Karen Kark	6288 4779
Coaches U11-U17	David Hough	6288 0890
Coaches - Rooball	Steve Rohan-Jones	6288 1464
U6's		
U7's	Carmel Nethery	6288 9748
U8's	Heather Stamford	6288 4049
U9's	Chandani Prammer	6288 8708
U10's	Pippa Munro	6288 8436
U11's	Vernon Keighley	6288 8588
U12's	Jennifer Anderson	6231 3972
U13's-U14's	Janice Hagen	6288 5231
U15's-U17's	Chris Stamford	6288 4049
Girls U8-U16	Karen Kark	6288 4779
Property Officer	Tony Holliday	6288 9083
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Junior Referees	Owen Watson	6296 3207
Rooball Referees		
Awards	Alan Hayes	6288 6270
Canteen	Mary Anne Brew	6288 8566
BBQ Roster	Janice Hagen	6288 5231
2nd hand boots	Geoff Martens	6288 3126

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Day: Saturday 14 February
Pre-Grading Coaches Meeting: Tuesday 17 February
Junior Grading: 21/22 and 28/29 February
Rooball Organisation Day: Saturday 20 March
Rooball Coaches Course: Saturday 27 March(2-3 hrs)
Coaches Jr Licence I: 13-14 March (8 hrs both days)
Coaches Jr Licence II: 20-21 March (8 hrs both days)
Coach Youth Licence: 27/28 Mar & 3/4 Apr (4 days)
1st Coaches & Managers Meeting: Tuesday 30 March
Referees Course: Southside -12&18 April (both days)
Kick Off: Round One - Saturday 1 May
Kanga Cup: 4-11 July (nominations close 22 May)
Last Games: Saturday 18 September
Presentation Day: Sunday 19 September

Weston Creek Soccer Club

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2004 - Weston Creek's 34th Season

The Weston Creek Soccer Club welcomes new and continuing players and their families, and looks forward to a great year of soccer in 2004.

Registration Day Saturday 14 February Cooleman Court 9.30am to 3pm

Continuing players please bring your completed registration form and photo, if required. New players may print a form off the website www.westoncreeksoccer.org.au to complete and bring along, or fill one in on the spot. New players will also be required to show proof of age. Payments on the day can be made by cash, cheque, or credit card.

Player ID cards - a passport size photo is required from all **new** Junior players (U11 up), and players whose ID cards are now over 3 years old. ID cards are not required for rooball.

Referees - Those over 13 wishing to referee should advise an official on Registration Day. If you wish to become a referee, there will be a course in April, and you will need to be prepared to buy your own uniform & equipment.

Note: Where a number of players know they wish to play together, it will assist us if one person can negotiate the formation of the team.

Websites - for registration forms, our Club information, guidelines and policy, updates, newsletters, important dates etc. visit www.westoncreeksoccer.org.au – you may also email juniors@westoncreeksoccer.org.au if you have any queries. For other soccer information relating to the Canberra district visit the **Soccer Canberra** website at www.soccercanberra.com.au

Teams	Age Groups
Mixed Rooball	Under 6 - Under 10
Mixed Junior	Under 11 - Under 17
Girls Rooball	Under 8 - Under 10
Girls Junior	Under 11 - Under 16

Location of Games - all mixed Rooball games are at Waramanga, Girls Rooball and all Junior games are played at Waramanga and other grounds on a home/away basis. Field allocations for games will be displayed on a board near the Canteen each Saturday. All players will receive a copy of their draw for the season and addresses for the location of away games.

Playing age is generally based on the calendar year ie. children turning 6 in 2004 can play in the U6 age group. Sometimes younger players may also be accepted at the discretion of the club eg. a child turning 5 who wishes to play with school friends in the U6 age group. Also, girls playing in mixed teams may choose to play a year down eg. an U7 girl may decide to play in an U6 mixed team. Please check with a co-ordinator if you have special requests like this.

The soccer season covers Terms 2 and 3 with 9 games each term, and four weeks break in between.

Rooball is non-competitive soccer played by younger children under modified rules, in teams based on schools, suburban areas or friendship groups. Where possible, age group co-ordinators will notify rooball players of team placement by email so that any problems can be ironed out before Rooball Organisation Day.

Sports and Encouragement Awards

Video Ezy, McDonalds, Domino's and Kingsley's donate encouragement and sports awards which are handed out to team members each week during the season.

Timetable - with soccer's rapid growth last year, problems were encountered with large numbers of teams playing in the last timeslot of the day, affecting the availability of fields and adequate supply of referees. Amendments to the timetable are being finalised to try and rectify this, meaning that some age groups will be playing at a different time this year.

Registration Fees help to pay Soccer Canberra (capitation, insurance, player levies, ID cards), ground hire for matches and training, equipment (balls, cones, shirts, net replacement), referees match fees, training courses for referees and coaches, newsletters, trophies, the yearbook, presentation day, and GST. The Club offsets these costs wherever possible with sponsorship and fundraising. This year fees are set at \$85 for U6-U9 and \$125 for U10-U17, with discounts for families with more than 2 players living at the same address.

Volunteers

Weston Creek Soccer Club is community based, relying entirely on the efforts of volunteers to run smoothly.

Coaches - courses are held for new coaches and those wishing to upgrade their skills, and assistance is provided during the season. Junior players who would like to coach or assist coaches of rooball teams are most welcome.

Managers, as organisers, are invaluable in helping teams run smoothly, and require no knowledge of soccer.

Age Group Co-ordinators - are the main contact between individual team managers and the Club committee. They assist the registrar with the placement of players in teams and are often the first point of contact when problems arise with teams in their age group.

If you can help in these roles, or fill a vacancy on the contact list overleaf, tick a box on the registration form, or contact a committee member to find out more. Offers of assistance are always appreciated.

Junior Committee meetings

For discussion of issues in running the Club, we welcome and encourage your attendance at all our meetings. Meetings are usually held once a month - if you'd like to come, check the website or contact a committee member for confirmation of the next one.

Support - parents are asked to assist with setting up fields and packing away afterwards as required. This is not a job for the coaches and managers who will be busy organising their teams.

Cheer Squad - parents are also asked to support referees, encourage all players, and help promote fair play. Remember that supporters who get a bit hot under the collar can affect the attitude of players as well, especially in the older age groups. 2004 will see the introduction of a Zero Tolerance Policy for Swearing, to be enforced by referees. Players who go too far may end up receiving a red card, missing the rest of that match and their next game as well. If you have concerns with inappropriate behaviour, please contact someone on the committee, as it has become an important issue in our sport.

Fundraising - a Canteen operates at Waramanga to raise funds used to help keep fees down and subsidise the purchase of equipment. Sausage sizzles and meat raffles are also run on a roster basis. If you wish to fundraise for your team entering in the Kanga Cup, contact Janice Hagen (ph 6288 5231) who will be co-ordinating the roster. Your support of these activities is appreciated.

Uniform - shirts are provided for teams on match days on a 'loan' basis, with rosters organised for parents to launder them between games. Players will need to have their own black shorts, socks (black and white), shinpads and boots. (Club socks, shorts and shinpads are available through Jerseys are Us at Coleman Court.) The wearing of shinpads is compulsory for training and games.

Merchandise - for \$35, personalised training shirts in the Club's colours of black and white with the player's name and lucky number on the back can be ordered when registering. Examples will be available for inspection on Registration Day at Coleman Court.

2nd Hand Boots and shinpads etc in good condition can be bought and sold on Rooball Organisation Day (Saturday 20 March). If you have 2nd hand gear you wish to sell or donate, bring it along on the day, or leave it with officials on Registration Day. If you have any queries, contact Geoff Martens (ph 6288 3126).