

Weston Creek Soccer Club

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Weston Creek's 41st Season

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INFORMATION FOR ROOBALLERS & JUNIORS

Welcome to the 2011 soccer season!!

Fun, fitness, friendship, family WCSC - our community football club.

New and returning players are invited to register with the Club. Refer below for important information regarding registration procedures for this year.

The Club is run by volunteers so we are always keen for anyone who is able to help, whether it is as a coach, manager, age coordinator, Committee Member or as a general helper. So please email one of the contacts listed on page 5 if you are interested.

Important dates

Feb	Sat 19 Sat 26 & Sun 27	Information/Registration Day, 10am – 2pm, next to Weston Creek Community Centre, Cooleman Court Junior Mixed/Boys/Girls grading, Waramanga Playing Fields – times & dates for age groups to be determined
Mar	Tue 1 to Sun 13	Junior Mixed/Boys/Girls grading, Waramanga Playing Fields – times & dates for age groups to be determined
Apr	Sat 2 Mon 4 Wed 6 Sun 10 Mon 11 Mon 11 Wed 13	Rooball Organisation Day, 2.00 – 4.00pm Waramanga Playing Fields Coerver Skills Clinic, Waramanga Playing Fields, 5.00 – 6.30pm Coerver Skills Clinic, Waramanga Playing Fields, 5.00 – 6.30pm Grassroots Coaching Course, Waramanga Playing Fields, 8am – 11am Coerver Skills Clinic, Waramanga Playing Fields, 5.00 – 6.30pm Coaches & Managers Meeting #1– 7.30pm, Weston Club Coerver Skills Clinic, Waramanga Playing Fields, 5.00 – 6.30pm
May	Sun 1 Sat 7 Mon 23	Grassroots Coaching Course, Waramanga Playing Fields, 8am – 11am Season commences Coaches & Managers Meeting #2 - 7.30pm, Weston Club
Jun	Sat 11 Sat 18 Sat 25	} Team photos
Jul	Sun 10 to Fri 15	Kanga Cup week
Aug	Sun 21	Last day for submission of Yearbook Entries to the Yearbook Coordinator
Sep	Sat 10 Sat 17 Sun 18	Last game of season Presentation Day (U6 to U14) Presentation Dinner (U15 to U18) – Irish Club, Weston, 6.30pm -9.00pm

Registration

Online registrations via MFC now being taken – no more queuing and filling out of forms

In 2010, Football Federation Australia (FFA) introduced a national online registration system called MyFootballClub (MFC). MFC is intended to streamline registrations for both new and returning players and reduce paperwork for club administrators.

For online registrations for both new and returning players, please follow the link on the Club's website to the MFC website or go directly to the MFC website at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Please refer to the 'WCSC Registration Procedures 2011' (available from the Club's website at <http://www.westoncreeksoccer.org.au/junior/registration.php>). Other guidance documents are available on the MFC website.

For those players unable to register online, for further information or for purchasing of clothing/merchandise (eg. Club socks, black shorts, training shirts), an Information/Registration Day is being held. Details as follows:

Information/Registration Day - Saturday 19th February, 10am – 2pm
Adjacent to Weston Creek Community Centre, Coleman Court

Fees:

Age Group	Earlybird Fee*	Fee after 12 March
Rooball: U6-U9	\$110	\$120
Junior: U10-U13	\$160	\$170
Junior: U14-U18	\$170	\$180
Maximum fee for a family	\$370	\$380

The 'Earlybird' fee applies to registrations received before 13 March 2010.

Note: registrations close on Sunday 13th March. Late registrations will be accepted only at the discretion of the Club if vacancies exist in teams. **Anyone registering late MUST contact the relevant Registrar before registering.**

Team placement for Rooball (U6 – U9)

Rooball teams are generally formed using three criteria – retaining the same teams from 2010, preferences to play with friends, and grouping children from the same school. Please note however, that whilst every effort is made to fulfill special requests regarding team placement, this is not always possible. For registrations received after the closing date of 13th March, players will be placed according to their preferences only if there are spaces available in the team.

Junior Grading (U10 – U18)

Grading of Junior players is NOT compulsory, however, all Junior players are encouraged to attend even if they prefer to play in a team based on friendship groups, as this helps to ensure that players in the team are roughly of equal ability and playing in an appropriate division. The Club's Grading Policy is available from the Club's website. Players are required to arrive 30 minutes before the session start time. Coaches/Managers are also asked to attend.

Registrations received after the closing date of 13th March will only be accepted if vacancies exist in teams as team entries are due in to Capital Football by mid-March.

Players must be registered before attending grading. Boots, shin pads and water bottles are required.

Grading will be held at Waramanga Playing Fields on the following days:

Sat 12 Feb & Sat 19 Feb – U18 Div 1, 2pm to 3.30pm

Sat 26 Feb to Sun 13th March – specific times and dates for each age group to be determined

Further details about grading are to follow, so please check the website regularly.



Rooball Organisation Day

**When: Saturday 2nd April
2pm to 4pm**

Where: Waramanga Playing Fields

Team lists for the U6, U7, U8 and U9 Rooballers will be posted outside the canteen.

Rooball Organisation Day provides an opportunity for Rooball players and parents to finalise the placement of players into teams, meet team mates, name teams, appoint Coaches/Managers and sign up for a coaching course/training.

Soccer-based activities will be available for players to participate in (soccer boots and shin pads **will not** be required for these activities). Coerver coaches have agreed to facilitate these sessions free to WCSC.

Club socks, black shorts and other Club merchandise will also be available for sale or to order on the day. If you have second hand boots, these can also be brought to the day to be sold.

A sausage sizzle will also be available.

Grassroots Coaching Courses

Two Grassroots Coaching Courses are being held at Waramanga Playing Fields. The Grassroots course is of three hours duration and is aimed at beginner coaches of players up to 10 years of age. It is designed to give a basic understanding of their role and to provide them with practical ideas for training sessions.

When: Sun April 10, 8am – 11am
Sun May 1, 8am – 11am

Cost: Free

Registration is via the Capital Football website at <http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/site/grassroots.php>

Please contact the WCSC Coaching Coordinator, Richard Jalland, for further details about coaching and coaching courses (email: coaching_coordinator@westoncreeksoccer.org.au).

Weston Creek Soccer Club – Coerver Coaching Pre-Season Skills Clinic

Following on from the success of the 2009 and 2010 WCSC Coerver Coaching Pre-Season Skills Clinic, WCSC has arranged for Coerver Coaching to again hold pre-season skills clinics for registered Rooball and Junior players. The Clinic sessions are run by professional coaches. The club has negotiated a good price keeping the cost of this highly praised training as low as possible.

The details of the Pre-Season Skills Clinic are:

- Cost:** \$72.00
Dates: Mon 4 April, Wed 6 April, Mon 10 April & Wed 13 April
Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Players should be on the fields at 4:50pm ready to commence at 5:00pm
- Equipment:** All players **must** wear boots and shinpads
WCSC will supply the balls for training
- Venue:** Waramanga Playing Fields
- Players:** Applications will be accepted from registered Junior & Rooball WCSC players only
- How to apply:** The application form will soon be available from the WCSC website at <http://www.westoncreeksoccer.org.au>. The application form will contain details of where to send the application and the closing date.
- Contacts:** Coerver Coaching ACT – contact details are on the application form

Referees

If you are 13 years and over and would like to earn some extra money, come and be a referee. Please leave your details with a club official on Information/Registration Day or email the Boys or Girls Registrars.

Capital Football is conducting ‘Introduction Referee Courses’ on the following dates:

19th & 20th Feb – at Marist College
5th & 6th March – at Radford College
30th April & 1st May – at Marist College

Further details about becoming a referee and enrolling in one of these courses can be found at <http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/site/becomeareferee.php>.

Volunteers required

The Club has a number of key roles that require urgent filling. These are:

- U6 & U9 Age Coordinators
- Photo Coordinator
- Member Protection Officer
- Awards Coordinator

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, or are able to assist the Club in any other way, please contact the Junior Chair at junior_chair@westoncreeksoccer.org.au or one of the other club contacts listed below.

Other Information

Location of games – all mixed U6-U9 Rooball games are held at Waramanga. U10+ and girls only (U8/U9) Rooball games are played on a home/away basis. Field allocations for games will be displayed on the Notice board near the canteen each Saturday.

Playing Age – is generally based on the calendar year ie. Children turning 6 during the playing year 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 has started Primary School (NOT Pre-school) and wishes to play with school friends in the U6 age group. NB. A CHILD TURNING 5 IN 2011 WHO IS AT PRE-SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Girls playing in mixed teams may choose to play a year down eg. An U7 girl may play in an U6 mixed team.

Uniform – playing shirts (strip) are provided for teams on match days on a 'loan' basis. Players will need to have their own black shorts, socks (black & white), shinpads and soccer boots. Club socks are available for sale via the Clubs website and will also be available for sale on Information/Registration Day and Rooball Organization Day. **Please note - the wearing of shinpads is compulsory for training and games.**

Fair Play and Member Protection

In accordance with the Member Protection Policy, the Club is committed to providing a fair and safe environment for players and other participants and investigating any complaints relating to unacceptable behaviour from both players and spectators. All Club participants need to be aware of and abide by the Codes of Conduct. For further details, refer to the Capital Football website (http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/userfiles/file/Constitution-Policies/Member%20Protection%20Policy%20Sept_%202005.pdf)

Contacts

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