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welcome to the FRSL season 2012

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Welcome to the 2012 soccer season. I trust we've all had a good break, are recharged and ready to tackle the new season...pardon the pun. As has been advertised, registrations open tomorrow; so jump on the net and sign up. Registrations will remain open for TWO weeks, so don't leave it too late. If you have any trouble registering please contact us at soccer.committee@frca.org.au and one of us will be happy to help out.

As Committee, we had to say goodbye to some members and hello to some new ones. Outgoing members were Kina van Duyn (Secretary), Richard Seigers (Treasurer), and Hayley Bosveld (Special Events). I would like to once again thank these people for their time and efforts and wish them well in their respective tasks. We were able to welcome Liz van der Linden (Treasurer), Chantelle Kleyn (Secretary) and Anson and Rachel van Delden (Special Events).



This year we will be faced with a few challenges which will require some patience on your behalf. We will now be sharing Thomas Oval with Rugby W.A. who will take a full size senior pitch every week. Kwinana Shire has told us this arrangement will be temporary as they are in the process of building a new ground for Rugby W.A. As a result we will have to look at the game schedules and implement some changes to accommodate. As more information becomes available we will post it on the website.

In order to make the season a success, as has been experienced over the previous number of years, we do need your help. Coaching, umpiring, or just spectator support, are all important ingredients for a successful season. So get behind the FRSL and together we can enjoy another season of soccer and experience the fellowship of the communion of saints.

Dave Lewis, FRSL President



registrations opening soon!



Registration will be open for **2 weeks** from **Monday, February 13** and will **close at midnight Saturday, February 25**. You will not be able to register outside this 2 week period, so we urge you to register on time so you don't miss out on playing in season 2012!

For more registration information, and to register during the registration period, please visit our website at <http://soccer.frca.org.au/2012>. If you have any issues with the registration process, please email the committee at soccer.committee@frca.org.au. Those of you who have no access to the internet and therefore cannot complete an online registration, please contact Tim Everts (0418 106 373) or Dave Lewis (0419 042 012) weekdays between 7pm and 9pm.

season 2012 and the changes

How many of us have forgotten season 2011 already, and are ready to go in Season 2012? How many are looking forward to the changes they suggested or are hoping things have stayed the same? Well, this brief article looks at the important things that have changed and also the elements that will stay the same.

What's changed? The divisions have changed slightly. Previously there were 4 grades in Micros and 3 (sometimes 2) in Minis. Numbers in Junior Boys varied a lot, so the creation of Senior Boys was sometimes difficult. Numbers in Ladies seemed to be enough for 3.5 teams, always a few short. So this is what will happen this year: Micros will be grades PP-2, Minis will be grades 3-5, Junior Boys will be 6-8, Senior Boys will be 9-11. These divisions all have 3 grades in each. The Junior Girls, due to numbers, will be a bit further spread, from grades 6-10. Some grade 6 girls may opt to play in Minis if requested, however this will be determined considering numbers and on a case-by-case basis. Ladies will be Grades 11 & Up. Grade 11 girls have been playing in Ladies for the past 2 years and have not been out of place. They are generally too big to play against grade 6 girls in Junior Girls. Senior Mens will be Grade 12 & Up.

In previous seasons, individual Committee members have chosen to carry out the tasks of Kiosk Management and Ground Management. This year, the committee has decided to outsource these tasks. We have advertised the positions on our website and in the Church Bulletin. Thanks to all those who applied. For once the Committee had to make a decision who to choose!

What has not changed? The need for volunteers. Our league relies heavily on volunteers to operate so the Committee really needs your help to umpire, line and coach where required.

Senior Men will notice that there is no split in the Men's division. Some of the reasons are purely technical and some have more to do with the romance of the league. The majority of the reason for no split is in response to the feedback we received from a questionnaire published last year. We did receive various broad proposals, however, most of these proposals included elements that currently exist in our league (especially that teams are in Churches). The Committee dealt with the topic over 2 meetings last year, and also had feedback at the AGM (one of the better attended AGM's in the past 5 years). However, the feedback was not all in favour for the split, and interestingly, the Committee was surprised with some of the feedback from certain groups (this shows that a Committee can miss-read the unwritten). As the current division can still operate successfully and each team plays each other twice, the Committee decided that there will be no split. Unless further proposals are provided or the need to split becomes apparent for practical reasons, the division will remain as is for the time being.

Frank Janssen
Vice President FRSL



micro & mini training

As in 2011, the Micro and Mini divisions will participate in organised training sessions in 2012. Each team will have the opportunity to train at least twice throughout the year, though other children with nothing to do and energy to spare are welcome to join in! We introduced free drinks

for the participants in 2011, and this will continue in 2012.

It was encouraging to see the younger players develop their skills in a controlled environment, and the turnout to training last year was very good. This year we will build on last year, continuing to offer the players an enjoyable

way in which to improve their skills.

If you are eager and able to help out by teaching the younger players better skills in these training sessions, please contact the Committee. Volunteers are needed and much appreciated.

season 2012 registrations

There are a few noteworthy changes this season regarding registration.

Firstly, this season registration will be open for only **2 weeks** (rather than 3), from **Monday, February 13** until **midnight Saturday, February 25**. This means you have less time to register than in past seasons, so be sure you, your family, and friends register on time!

Secondly, we have restructured the age groups (school grades) associated with the various divisions in order to provide a more even distribution of players (and teams) in each division. It should also alleviate the high number of teams in past Micro and Mini divisions, as well as enabling the Senior Boys division to exist.

Lastly, this season we have decided from the outset that year 11 girls will play as part of the Senior Women's division. In the last two seasons this has significantly boosted the number of players within the Senior Women's division, allowing it to have a larger number of teams and making the division competition much more enjoyable for all concerned. To ensure the year 11 girls can still register for the same cost as Junior Girls, a new (temporary) division called 'Senior Girls' has been created under which they should register. This division is specifically for registration purposes and will merge with the Senior Women's division after registration is closed.

Registration Divisions and Cost

Division	School Years	Cost
Micro	PP - 2	\$30
Mini	3 - 5	\$30
Junior Boys	6 - 8	\$45
Junior Girls	6 - 10	\$45
Senior Boys	9 - 11	\$45
Senior Girls	11	\$45
Senior Men	12 +	\$110
Senior Women	12 +	\$110



Please note:

- The school years are provided only as a guide since the online registration system determines the correct division for the player based on their date of birth.
- Players in the Micro, Mini, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys and Senior Girls divisions can be registered within a family registration. A family registration allows up to 6 family members to be registered for a fixed cost of \$110.
- Players registering within the Senior Girls division will end up playing for the Senior Women's division, as these two divisions will be merged after registration.
- Payment methods accepted are credit card (most preferred), electronic funds transfer (EFT) and cheque.

Online Registration

Due to its success in recent years, this year we again plan to utilise our online registration system for taking registrations. A link to the online registration system will be available on our website during the registration period.

The functionality of the system will be much the same as last year. However, two additional questions have been added for season 2012; one regarding the number of years previous playing experience, and the other regarding whether you're a current Working With Children Check card holder. Also, the question relating to playing in a Veteran's team has been removed, as it is not applicable this season.

If you have registered in season 2010 or 2011, we urge you to make use of the functionality to retrieve your past registration details in order to pre-fill your 2012 registration. Instructions on how to do this are documented on our website and in the online registration system itself.

Tim Everts, I.T. Coordinator

micro & mini divisions

The Micro and Mini divisions play a modified game of soccer called 'Roo ball.' It has been designed to provide younger players with a game more suited to their age. The aim of Roo Ball is for maximum participation from all players which helps in developing ball skills in a game scenario, but most importantly to have fun. The game helps not only in physical development but also develops

other life skills such as communication, teamwork and social skills.

Micro Division consists of both boys and girls in grades Pre Primary to 2, with 8 players on the field (plus interchange).

Mini Division consists of both boys and girls in grades 3 to 5 (also grade 6 girls if a parent prefers), with 10 players on the field (plus interchange).

Coaches are required for all teams in the Micro and Mini divisions, to help and monitor the teams. Any older family member(s) of the FRSL are welcome to help in this rewarding position.

Both of these divisions will be umpired by players from the Junior divisions. Scores will not be kept and players are rotated, with the aim of a fun game for everyone.

junior divisions (boys)

The Junior Boys Division is played by boys in grades 6 to 8. This division is the stepping stone between the Mini division and the Senior Boys division. The laws of the game that are used by the Junior Boys can be found on our website.

Coaches are required for the Junior division teams, to help guide and monitor the team and game. The referees for

this division are volunteers from the FRSL.

The players will be required to help in umpiring the Micro and Mini divisions. This is to encourage and help the children's understanding in the amount of effort required

to officiate a game and it also furthers their own personal knowledge of the laws of the game.



junior divisions (girls)

The Junior Girls Division is played by girls in grades 6 to 10. This division helps the girls in enhancing their skill levels and knowledge of the game in preparation for the Senior Women's Division. The laws of the game that are used by this

division can be found on our website. Coaches are required for this division to help guide the girls and monitor the games. The referees for these games are volunteers from the FRSL.

The players will be required to assist in the umpiring of the Micro and Mini Divisions. This will help the girls in their confidence of understanding the game and will also encourage them to learn and understand the rules better.

senior division (boys)

The Senior Boys division is played by boys in grades 9 to 11. This division furthers the boys understanding of the game and prepares them for the Senior League. The Laws of the game that are used by this division can be found on our website.

Coaches are required in the division to help guide the teams and further their understanding of how the game works. The umpires for this division are volunteers of the FRSL.

The players will be required to help in umpiring the Micro and Mini Divisions and also in assisting the referees in the Junior Boys Division by lining. These tasks help them in understanding the game of soccer and re-establish their knowledge in the game.

senior division (womens)

The Senior Women's division is open to all ladies who are in grade 11 to retirement age. This division uses the official FIFA Laws of the Game with the FRSL by-laws adaptation. The FRSL by-laws are available to view online on our website.

Games are officiated by official FRSL referees and linesman. The division is treated as a senior division, and as such, they are refereed in accordance with the Senior Men's division regulations.

The teams can have the option of a coach, but it must be organised

by the team. The team captain automatically becomes a member of the PC (Players Committee) and must attend the PCMs (Player Committee Meetings) throughout the year.

senior division (mens)

The Senior Men's division is the only division that is divided into church teams. In past seasons, the churches having the lowest number of players have been combined with other church teams to make combined church teams.

The division is open to all men who are in grade 12 to retirement age. This division uses the

official FIFA Laws of the Game with the FRSL by-laws adaptation. The FRSL by-laws are available to view on our website.

Games are officiated by FRSL referees and linesman. The team captain automatically becomes a member of the PC and must attend the PCMs.

This season, those registering for the Senior Men's division will have the option to indicate their interest in playing as a part-time player. If you express interest in being a part-time player, you will play for your church team on an 'as required' basis, meaning you won't be required to play every week.

volunteers make this soccer league run

The FRSL relies heavily on volunteers from our church community to have a successful season. As a Committee, we would like to heartily thank all of those who willingly contributed to last year's season and we would like to urge you all - young and old, great and small, male and female - to get on board to make 2012 a similar success! There are always many tasks that need to be filled and we'd like to ask you to consider what talents you can put forward to help bear the load. Have a look below to see how and where you can serve!

COACHES— Do you have children in the Micro, Mini, or Junior divisions? How about coaching your son or daughter's team? Coaching a team of young players can be very rewarding and the time commitment is minimal. If you're really unable to commit weekly to coaching due to work or other commitments, how about being an assistant coach with another parent? Ask a friend whose son or daughter is in the same team to help share the duty with you.

REFEREES— Do you have some knowledge of the rules of the game and fancy kicking the dirt off those old soccer boots without having to actually play? Well, how about helping the league by refereeing some games every couple of weeks? Even if you do plan on playing this year, you can still volunteer to referee without having to miss your games. Also, the perks of being a referee are very attractive: respect and admiration from the players and spectators alike, and you receive a free croquette and drink each time that you referee a game. Both the Senior and Junior divisions require referees and we are able to cater to whatever division you feel comfortable refereeing.

LINESMAN— If you don't feel confident in refereeing, perhaps you could help out as a linesman? The role is fairly simple and also gives you the opportunity to have a run around on a Saturday afternoon.

As a Committee, we hope that you're willing to have a servant-heart by helping us to fill these roles. The old cliché "many hands make light work" is certainly true and we need your help to make the 2012 season a blessed one. Please email us at soccer.committee@frca.org.au to express your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Steenhof, Game Day Coordinator



frequently asked questions

So you or your child(ren) want to play soccer with the FRSL this year? New parents, players and even some "old" parents and players may have questions. The FRSL has tried to answer many of the common questions below:

When is my child old enough to start playing soccer?

It is a requirement that your child must be attending Pre-Primary to play in the league.

Can my child play with friends?

The FRSL regards the grading process as being an important part of the season's preparation. We have found that players who are not graded properly do not have as much fun playing as they otherwise could. Our emphasis is very much on fun, but we also like to make sure the players are given every chance to improve their soccer skills and to try to make sure they come back to soccer year after year. While we cannot promise that your child will play with friends, we will try to place your child with other children from within your church boundary. This is conditional on the number of players registered from each team.

Does my child have to play in his or her own age group?

The FRSL prefers that players only play in their correct age group (it is usually best for the player). Grading by age is the best way to ensure children play alongside and against players that are of the same size and skill level.

What times and places will my child most likely play?

All games are played on Saturdays. The times that your child(ren) play have yet to be confirmed, however we can inform you that once again, all games will be played at Thomas Oval in Medina between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Numerous games are run simultaneously due to the large ground, therefore all spectators and players will be together at one venue. We aim to have all of the games completed within this four-hour period.



Who can coach?

Each Micro, Mini, and Junior division team needs at least one parent or FRC member to volunteer as a coach. Teams are usually allocated a coach after the team selection has been completed. The coach helps organise the children into positions and substitutions during the game. The coach may also be contacted when a game is cancelled, and is responsible to notify the children. Assistant coaching positions are also encouraged as this eases the load on coaching duties.

What equipment do we need to supply?

This season the FRSL will be supplying socks and jerseys (shirts) for the Senior Men's and Women's divisions. For all other divisions, the FRSL will supply jerseys, but players must provide their own black socks. In every division, from Micro up to Senior, players are required to provide their own black shorts and wear them each week. Senior Men's or Women's division teams wishing to change the colour of their shorts must inform the FRSL Committee and receive permission to do so.

Teams will be given a 2-week grace period at the beginning of the season before they will be penalised for wearing the incorrect regulation uniform. For safety reasons, all players must wear shin guards, which are to be worn on the inside of socks. Players not wearing shin guards will not be permitted to play. FIFA Law 4 states that the player's equipment should be socks, shorts, jersey/shirt, and shin guards. Therefore no player can escape without one of these items. Sneakers or runners are permitted but not recommended.

***Remember: soccer is only a game
it's not always about winning, but rather HAVING FUN!!***

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first aid

With a new year ahead of us we plan to have a contract with a first aid post. Similar to last year we will have a St. John Ambulance at the soccer field at all times. This will ensure first aid is available in any incident of an injury. While the FRSL is pleased to provide this service to the soccer community, the FRSL will not pay the cost for the use of the ambulance services should you choose to use it.



With thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, last year there were minimal serious injuries, but in most cases the first aiders have been put to good use.

We pray that God may give us a safe soccer season this year in 2012.

Chantelle Kleyn

general information



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Games are held weekly on Saturdays at Thomas Oval in Medina. (SEE MAP ABOVE)

For the most up to date news, schedules, teams and other information during the season, you should refer to our website soccer.frca.org.au.

We will also aim to notify you of important information via email.

