



GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

Founded 1964

Affiliated Northern Football League

INFORMATION BOOKLET INCLUDING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

SEASON 2012



Purpose

The purpose of this booklet is to provide a brief overview of the Greensborough Junior Football Club's Vision, Values, Objectives and Club Administration for our Players, Officials, Members, Sponsors and Supporters.

Our Vision

To be recognised as the "leading Junior Football Club" in the Northern Football League (N.F.L.).

We Value

- Following our Code of Conduct
- Promoting enjoyment , friendship and participation for all players and their families
- Open communication between players, parents and club officials
- Ongoing development of our players, coaches and support staff
- New ideas that will contribute to greater success for our club
- Our sponsors and supporters contribution in the promotion of our club

Code Of Conduct

- The Greensborough Junior Football Club does not condone
 - underage consumption of alcohol or smoking (we are a smoke free club)
 - the taking of non prescription drugs or illegal substances
 - foul language
 - graffiti

All players, coaches, parents, officials and members are required to sign off to acknowledge their support of our Code of Conduct.

Our 2012 Objectives

- To continue to provide the opportunity for all players to develop and improve their skills , their teamwork and enjoy their football
- Continuation of Ground Improvements incl. ground surfaces, scoreboards, decking etc
- To continue to attract more players and their families to our club
(Please promote our club to others)
- To obtain further sponsorship to assist in meeting the Club's financial obligations
(Do "you" know of an interested sponsor and/or member)
- To achieve a greater voluntary participation in filling the many key roles required to successfully operate our Club (eg **Vacant Committee positions, etc**)
- To encourage all families to become full financial members of the Club

Our Committee

The Committee is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The 2011 Committee consists of the following members.

Executive Committee:

President	Phil Grice	- 0418 344 307
Vice President	Rod Hughan	
Jr Vice President	Matthew Phelan	
Secretary	Chris Hogg	- 0421 543 343
Treasurer	Vacant	

General Committee:

Coaching Co-Ordinator	Richard Pocock
NFL Delegate	Chris Hogg
Registration Secretary	Kathy Buckley
Medical Officer	Bruce Ramsay
Tribunal Advocate	Peter Griffith
Football Property Manager	Pat Phelan, Geoff Schmidt
Pavilion Managers	Chris Buckley
Ground Managers	Jamie Blakely, Brett Luke
Canteen Managers	TBC
Social Manager	Mel Phelan
Merchandise Manager	Kylie Longley
Communication/website	TBC
Senior Club Liasion	Rod Cann
Complaints Committee	Phil Grice, Les Hill, Peter Quinn
Gen.Committee	Stuart McGougan, Neil Thompson, Dale Tindal, Dave Pisani, Paul Smith, Clayton Doig, John Calloway, Les Hill

Coaches will be required to report on all team issues at least bi-monthly to the Committee. It is a policy of the Club that the Executive Committee and all Coaches consent to a Working with Children Check in 2012. Medics also need to consent to a Working with Children Check in 2012.

Our grounds and clubrooms are located at the Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena Road , Greensborough.

Affiliation

The Greensborough Junior Football Club is affiliated with the Northern Football League. The Junior Club is a separate legal entity to the Greensborough Football Club, however, both clubs operate with common goals, shared ideas and facilities. The Junior Club is also represented on the Senior Committee.

Club Colours

The colours of the club are predominantly Green and White.

The Origins of the Greensborough Junior Football Club

The origins of the Greensborough Junior Football Club are closely linked to the origins of junior football in the Diamond Valley area.

In 1966, Greensborough Football Club President and All-Australian footballer, Joe Murphy, initiated the introduction of junior football to the Diamond Valley area. Two Greensborough Under 15 teams, the Colts and the Rovers, played in the now disbanded Preston / Reservoir Junior Sunday Football League. Four Greensborough Under 13 sides, known as the Blues, the Blacks, the Golds and the Maroons, together with two Watsonia teams and one Montmorency team formed the Greensborough Midget League.

In 1968, the administration of junior football was handed over to the DVFL, and the competition commenced as we know it today, with senior teams fielding Under 15 and Under 13 sides. In 2007 the Diamond Valley League became the Northern Football League.

Greensborough Junior Football Club has a proud history in the Diamond Valley/Northern Football League with the following list of premierships:

Under 17:	1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1988, 1989, 2008, 2009(x2)
Under 16:	1980, 1983
Under 15:	1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2002
Under 14:	1977, 1978, 1985, 2001
Under 13:	1970, 1975, 1996, 2005
Under 12:	1976, 2006, 2009
Under 11:	1974, 1975, 1994, 1996, 2005, 2006
Under 10:	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2009

The Joe Murphy Trophy

Joe Murphy came to Greensborough from Fitzroy in 1954 as Captain-Coach and won the first of two DVFL Best and Fairest awards in that year.

From 1955 to 1958, he was Captain-Coach of Latrobe Football Club in the NWFU in Tasmania. He represented Tasmania in the State Carnivals and won All Australian selection. Returning to Greensborough in 1959 to set up his legal business, he was Captain-Coach of the 1960 and 1961 premiership sides, and won his second DVFL Best and Fairest award in 1961. Many observers regard Joe Murphy as the best player ever to play DVFL football. Following various positions on the Greensborough committee, Joe was Club President from 1966 - 68, and was the instigator of junior football in the area.

Everybody connected with DVFL football was saddened by the passing of Joe at a comparatively young age on June 7, 1985 from a terminal illness. In 1986, as a tribute to the vision of Joe Murphy, the Greensborough Junior Football Club created a perpetual award known as the Joe Murphy Trophy. It is awarded annually to the junior footballer(s) that the committee considers the most outstanding for that year. Considerations include services to the Club both on and off the field. A shield is displayed in the clubrooms, and the player is presented with a trophy.

GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches

- Understand and abide by the laws and rules of the club.
- Teach the rules.
- Develop respect for others and club equipment.
- Ensure players enjoy their football.
- Are required to attain coaching accreditation.

Players

- Play by the rules.
- Don't argue
- Control your temper.
- Be a team member.
- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players fairly.
- Cooperate with your coach and team mates
- Enjoy your involvement.
- Aim to improve.
- Avoid ugly remarks about race and gender, religion (This is unlawful conduct).

Parents, Officials and Members

- Encourage participation but do not force it.
- Teach honest effort is the victory.
- Encourage playing by the rules
- Never ridicule mistakes.
- Remember involvement is for the players, not the parents.
- Remember players learn best by example.
- Recognise positively the contribution of voluntary officials.
- Never publicly disagree with officials, raise issues privately.
- Support the efforts to foster high standards of behaviour for our club and the League.
- Support efforts to remove verbal, racial and physical abuse.

General

- The Greensborough Junior Football Club committee will not tolerate undesirable behaviour.
- Players, coaches, parents or officials who do not follow the Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action.

Club Administration

Presentation Day

The awards for the season are presented to players and officials on Presentation Day. All players, families and friends and supporters are invited to attend.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is held normally in October each year. At this meeting, the current committee reports on the season's activities and the new committee is elected.

Membership

Membership consists of the following categories:-

- (a) Full financial member, is a person who has attained the age of 18 years
- (b) Life members
- (c) Junior members

Only full financial and life members have voting entitlements at a General Meeting of the club.

Nomination of a person for membership of the Club:-

- (a) Shall be made in writing on the Application for Membership form.
(see **appendix form sample in this booklet**)
- (b) Shall be lodged together with the fees payment with the Secretary (or nominated Rep) of the Club

Upon a nomination being approved by the General Committee, the Secretary (or Rep) shall enter the nominee's name in the Club's Membership Register.

Selection of Coaches and Support Staff

All coaching positions are declared open at the conclusion of each season. People interested in coaching the following season are required to formally nominate their interest in writing to the Secretary. Nominations will normally close on October 31. The appointment of coaches will be at the discretion of the Coaching Selection Committee. In accordance with standard practice when dealing with children, applicants will be required to consent to a police check.

Player Registration

The club will hold a registration day, normally in February, each year. On this day players will be registered within their appropriate age group. It will not be possible to register individual players to a single team if more than one team exists in the player's age group.

New players must also provide an **original** birth certificate or extract of entry for the **initial** registration.

Note: Registration of players is not restricted to Registration Day; as this process shall be extended through your contact with Team Managers or the Registration Secretary. However, it is strictly enforced that **only registered players** be permitted to participate in matches.

Age Qualification

The player's age in a calendar year must not exceed the age group of the players' team eg: a player turning 10 in the 2012 calendar year is able to play in the Under 10 age group.

Player Details

The Club will retain a full list of players' names, addresses, registration numbers and other information it deems necessary for the operation of the club. Parents / Guardians will be requested to provide this information at the start of each season.

Annual Subscriptions

Player registration fees are set annually by the committee. The fees are to be paid by all registered players **and must be paid in full prior to their 2nd Game.**

The fees (includes full membership for parents/guardians) for 2012 are as follows:

Single player	\$ 150
Extra players in the same family	\$ 50
Jumper bond (per player)	\$ 40
(Jumper must be handed back to Team Manager by Presentation Day <u>of the same year</u> to receive full refund)	

All players receive a team photo, as well as discounted/free access to nominated Team and Club functions.

There are no weekly game fees.

The Club will consider cases of financial hardship. Any family requiring this consideration should forward a "written request" for consideration to the Registration Secretary or the Treasurer.

Full membership includes.

Full members have voting rights at the AGM and will also have their names identified on the Club's Membership Register. Any discounts on Merchandise and Club Functions will be determined by the Committee on an annual basis.

Team Membership

Where the Club has nominated more than one team in an age group, teams will be determined on the following basis.

Under 9, 10, 11, and 12 Age Groups

The Club requires that teams in these age groups are equally competitive in their division. This means that the teams should normally finish within 2 places of each other on the ladder. Players are to be assessed and allocated each year, dependant on numbers, by both team coaches in conjunction with the Coaching Coordinator, (where there is more than 1 team in the same age group)

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To aid in the endeavour of this outcome, the Coaching panel of all teams from Under 9 through to Under 12 will adopt the "MOVING ROTATION" policy up to the end of the Grading Period (usually Round 4), after which period it will be encouraged to continue where possible.

“MOVING ROTATION” is the moving of every player through each line on a match by match basis (can also be done quarter by quarter, or half by half), thus giving them the opportunity to play in every position in their early development years.

Under 13, 15 and Under 16, 17 Age Groups

The Club requires that teams in these age groups are equally competitive in their division. This means that the teams should normally finish within 2 places of each other on the ladder. Players are to be assessed and allocated each year, dependant on numbers, by both team coaches in conjunction with the Coaching Coordinator, (where there is more than 1 team in the same age group).

The Executive requires (for development purposes) compulsory rotation of players between the two sides in the same age group for at least the first 6 rounds of the season. NFL rules provide for the rotation of up to **eight** players per round: ie. 4 players from each side, up to the close of registrations (30th June annually).

The club recommends training will be two nights a week, with both teams of the same age group training together at least one night a week as a combined group.

The Executive recommends the following be included as part of the coaches selection criteria when determining sides for Division 1 and Division 2 or 3. PACE (speed), ENDEAVOUR (effort, exertion), DISCIPLINE (self, team rules etc.), COMMITMENT (training attendance, game day etc.). Whatever your selection criteria please advise Players and Parents in writing before the start of the season. It is preferred players of both sides train together throughout the season (possibly break into teams half way through the final training session for the week).

Players playing in older age groups

Players will be expected to play in their own age group.

Any request for players to play permanently in a higher age group must be lodged with the committee, it is then at the discretion of the committee. Under exceptional circumstances players may be granted permission to play in a higher age group.

Players may play a second game in an older age group if this team has insufficient players. NFL rules prohibit a player from playing in finals in their own age group if they have played too many games in an older age group.

Training Nights (Times & Venues)

Training times will be advised by the coach. These may vary during the season.

Team selection and minimum game time policy

All club coaches have to follow the AFL Coaches Code of Conduct which they sign when they are accredited. Failure to do so means they can be deregistered as a Coach.

Club policy is in line with the NFL where all age groups from Under 9 - Under 17 must get to play at least half a game of football each week.

Coaches must aim to maximise participation for all players regardless of ability.

Problems or Complaints

The Club will nominate a complaint's committee. This committee will be responsible for hearing all complaints and to recommend actions to the Executive Committee and/or the General Committee. The Executive Committee will be required to ratify the outcome of all complaints' committee hearings.

All complaints must be made in writing and forwarded to the Club Secretary. The complaints' committee will meet and advise the Executive Committee of its findings in a formal report. The report shall be available within 14 days of the complaint being made.

Procedures

Please remember when considering your complaint that the Club is staffed by volunteers who are giving up their time, to provide your child with a game of football.

If a parent or player has a problem that they would like to have resolved they should follow the procedure detailed below:

If the problem relates to a team official, the player / parent should arrange to discuss the issue with the coach or team manager.

It is expected that complaints would not be raised during a game or training session.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of these discussions, you should forward a formal complaint in writing to the secretary who will arrange for the complaint to be heard by the complaints' committee.

If the problem relates to a Club policy, initiative, spectators or other issue, you should document your problem and forward it to the secretary who will arrange for your problem to be heard by the complaints' committee.

Equipment

The Club provides the players with training and playing facilities, footballs, jumpers and a range of other equipment.

Any other protective equipment eg: mouthguards, headguards, must be supplied by players.

MOUTHGUARDS are COMPULSORY.

Players are required to have their own boots. Socks, shorts (green & white) can be purchased from the club at a cost of \$50 per set. It is not appropriate for players to wear the Club supplied jumpers for training. The club has a quantity of old jumpers (that don't contain the NFL log) these jumpers can not be used in games so they are for sale at a discounted rate and are ideal to wear for training. Please see your team manager or the Merchandise team.

The Northern Football League does not allow players to wear aluminium stops during games.

Insurance

The club is covered for Public Liability to the value of \$10m.

Fund Raising

The Club has a Social Committee comprising at least one representative(s) from each team. Several fund raising activities and functions are held throughout the year and these are generally advertised in the newsletter and/or on the noticeboard in the Club rooms. Helpers are always required to assist with these activities, so if you would like to participate, please contact the Social Manager or a Committee Member.

Canteen

The Canteen is run by a qualified Canteen Manager with the assistance of paid juniors.

Merchandise

The Club has a range of merchandise controlled by the Merchandise Manager.

Items available include:

- Fleecy Tops
- Polo Shirts
- Caps / Beanies
- Scarves

Prices and samples are displayed in the Club rooms, please contact your teams Social Committee Representative or our Merchandise Manager.

Volunteers

Your Club is run by volunteers and we are always looking for new helpers and members. Please contact a Committee member to obtain more details.

Newsletter - "The Raiders Review"

The Club publishes a weekly newsletter throughout the season. This newsletter includes the results for all teams and other matters of interest. All coaches are required to support the Communications Manager with your submissions.

Contact Us

Our Website can be found at: <http://www.gjfc.org.au/>

Our email address is: GJFC@bigpond.net.au

Our clubrooms are located at: Anthony Beale Reserve,
off St Helena Road ,
St Helena VIC 3088.

Medical Records and Responsibilities

The club will request details of your child's medical history on Registration Day. This information will be handed to the team's trainers, so that they will be aware of any irregularities or special requirements that your child may have.

The club has insurance cover through the JLT/NFL. This does not replace your own private health cover or Ambulance.

A "**Register of Injuries**" is located in the clubrooms and is maintained by the Club Medical Officer.

For claims to be made, players must notify the club's accident fund representative of all INJURIES. If treatment is required, you must obtain a claim form from the Club Medical Officer prior to receiving treatment, and return the form within 28 days of the injury occurring. The forms can be returned with or without the accounts. The insurance cover ceases once the player resumes playing. All accounts must be paid prior to a claim for reimbursement being made. All claims for refunds will be made by the club's Medical Officer.

Benefits Covered:

- Dental - \$1000 Maximum (only if mouthguard worn)
- Ambulance - \$1000 Maximum
- Chemist/Orthotics - \$ 200
- Registered Physiotherapists, Chiropractors, Masseurs and Osteopaths:-
 - where no games lost - \$50 excess – max \$ 50
 - where 1 game lost - \$25 excess - max \$100
 - where 2 or more games lost - \$ 0 excess - max \$600
- Private Hospital - elective surgery only - 9 days
 - Theatre Fee - \$300
 - 1st day - \$200 bed fee
 - 2nd to 9th day - \$300 bed fee
- Chiropractic X-Rays - \$60 Max.
- Tragedy Benefits (Death & Disability)

Doctors, X-Rays, and outpatients **DO NOT QUALIFY** for benefits. These are all covered under Medicare.



GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB Theme Song

All my life I wanted to be a Boro boy,
A Boro boy I always wanted to be.
We are the premiers of the Northern Football
League,
The best team,
The top team,
We really are the side.

We do our best to show the rest ability,
We make the ball the object every time,
And if you want to mix it,
We've got the boys to fix it.
We are the mighty Boro every time.

UP THE BORO

