



# DONCASTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## Player Registration for 2010

### About our Club:

Doncaster Junior Football Club is a friendly, family-oriented club where participation, development, and having fun are just as important, if not more so, than winning. We are proud of our values of fairness and inclusiveness. We limit our team sizes so there is no rostering players off – everyone gets a fair go every week. Our Codes of Conduct for Coaches and Officials, Parents and Spectators, and Players, as well as our Racial and Religious Tolerance policy clearly set out the standards of behaviour that are expected around our club. We are an accredited “Good Sports” club, and actively embrace the AFL’s “Kids First” program.

Our facilities, ground, change-rooms, and social rooms at our Schramms Reserve home are arguably some of the best in the area. Our social calendar includes a family function every Sunday night, where families can have a cheap meal, and hear the coaches reports and award presentations.

We run an Auskick program on Saturday mornings where 5-12 year olds can learn the basics of footy in a safe and friendly environment. We also run occasional after-school clinics in local primary schools.

Our competitive program is run on Sundays where 8 to 16 year olds play against other clubs in the Yarra Junior Football League (covering the eastern and north eastern suburbs of Melbourne). Our long standing relationship with the Doncaster Football Club (who are co-tenants at Schramms Reserve) gives our older kids a pathway to play senior football (under 18s, and open age), and still stay in the Doncaster ‘family’. We are currently developing a relationship with an AFL club which will further enhance the junior football experience of our players and their families.

Please contact one of our committee members or coaches if you would like any more information.

### Player Registration: (refer elsewhere on our website for details on registering for Auskick)

We have teams at most age levels, from Under 9 (“Tackers”) through to a combined Under 16/17 (“Colts”) team. A child’s age level is determined by their age at the start of this year. eg a child who turns 10 in 2009 is eligible to play in Under 10s. A copy of a player’s Birth Certificate must be provided for all new registrations. Football Victoria rules allow girls to play in mixed teams up to and including Under 14s (ie until the end of the year in which they turn 14). Currently our league has no competition for girls beyond Under 14s.

A player cannot play in club competition games until registration paperwork and payment has been received. A player transferring from another club may also need a “clearance” from their previous club before playing for our club. No player can be registered by the club after June 30, unless the player is transferring from interstate.

Registration fees for 2010 are:

- Tackers (Under 9)                      \$140
- Under 10                                      \$140
- Under 11 thru 15                      \$160
- COLTS Under 16 & 17                      \$190

Discounts :-      \$10 discount for a second and subsequent members of the same family,  
                            \$10 discount for players who have also registered for Auskick.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque (credit card payments are only available on Registration Day)

**Please complete the Registration and Membership Application form, and the Player’s Medical Profile form, and return them with payment (and a copy of Birth Certificate for new players) to the club as soon as possible – either to the Team Manager at training or on match day, or by post to address above.**

### **Club Rules and Policies:**

Our club has a range of rules in place that help maintain our family-friendly environment and the high standards of behaviour we expect of everyone in our club. They are based on the principle that the club only exists for kids to learn and play football. And footy after all is only a game, and kids play it for fun. Before completing the registration paperwork, please read the following. (Parents – please discuss with your child to ensure they understand.)

#### **Our “Code of Conduct” for Players:**

1. Play by the laws and rules of football
2. Don't argue
3. Control your temper
4. Be a team player
5. Be a good sport
6. Treat all players fairly
7. Cooperate with your coach and team-mates
8. Play for fun and improvement
9. Avoid unpleasant remarks based on race, religion or gender.

#### **Our “Code of Conduct” for Parents:**

1. Encourage participation but don't force it
2. Teach that honest effort is the victory, not the winning
3. Encourage kids to play by the rules
4. Never ridicule mistakes or losses
5. Remember, involvement is for their enjoyment, not yours
6. Remember, they learn best by example - applaud both teams
7. Recognise positively the contribution of all officials
8. Never publicly disagree with officials - raise any issues privately
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal, racial and physical abuse
10. Support our club officials to foster high standards of behaviour.

Please also note that Junior Football is Alcohol-free. No alcohol is to be consumed at any YJFL match. Our social rooms are licensed, but alcohol is not available during the day, and cannot be consumed outside. As an accredited “Good Sports” club, we are committed to the responsible serving and consumption of alcohol.

### **Our Racial & Religious Tolerance policy:**

We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment which promotes racial and religious tolerance. All forms of racial and religious discrimination and vilification present barriers to maintaining such an environment and are therefore unacceptable to our club.

Our Racial and Religious Tolerance policy aims to protect all players, spectators, officials and volunteers from the negative effects of racial and religious intolerance, both on and off the field. The policy also provides a means of redress for anyone who may be affected by inappropriate racial or religious discrimination or vilification. The complete policy document is available on the club's website ([www.doncasterjfc.com](http://www.doncasterjfc.com)).

### **Parent and Community support**

Junior Football is a family and community based activity. Our club is dependent on the goodwill of parents, friends, supporters and our sponsors, for it's survival and the services we provide. Parents will be expected to help out a number of times during the year. Each week we need volunteers to help as team or match officials, or to help in the canteen and kitchen. Throughout the year we run a number of social and fundraising activities, and we hope that every family will participate if they can. We would also welcome the contributions of any goods or services by local businesses that may be used as prizes or awards etc. If you are involved in a business that could help out in this or any other way, please contact a committee member.