



Parent & Player Information - Season 2010

Welcome to Bexley North Football Club (BNFC) for the 2010 season – our 50th year of football. Last year was an extremely rewarding one for our club, we had a total of 59 teams, 26 non-competition and 33 competition teams. **Our U16 girls became the State Champions by winning the Football NSW Champion of Champions competition, a first for our club and the first State Champion girls team from the St George Association.**

Last season with assistance from a NSW Government (Dept of Sport and Recreation) grant, we completed a major upgrade to floodlights at our home ground. We also have new toilets and changing facilities as well as improved gear storage thanks to Rockdale City Council. Over the summer (with some financial assistance from Dept of Sport & Recreation and Football Federation Aust), we installed floodlights at Kingsgrove High School to effectively double our training space.

This document has information that you will need to refer to until teams are formed and Coaches/Managers are appointed. Please read carefully and if you require more information or need an explanation on any matter, contact the relevant committee member listed below or refer to the club website at <http://www.bexleynorthfc.com.au/>

Volunteers

Bexley North FC is one of the largest junior sports club in the St George district. It is also solely run by volunteers. Committee members, coaches and managers do not get paid. Up to 150 volunteers contributed to the club's success last year. There may be times when coaches or managers ask for your assistance. Please do not hesitate, step forward and lend a hand.

Registration Fee

All of the club's revenue is used to improve player participation and enjoyment of the game. The club is managed transparently via monthly meetings and complete financial information is disclosed within the Annual General Meeting papers on our website.

The player registration fee is payable in full on registration day and is used for registering players with the St George Football Association (SGFA), player injury insurance, playing shirts, training and playing equipment and other administration costs. Note that by popular demand, there will not be a chocolate drive this year. The Club budgets for a small annual surplus in order to ensure long term improvements to grounds and facilities. Registration fees for 2010 are:

U6 to U8	\$140	U16 to U18 employed	\$200
U9 to U11	\$150	Adult student	\$180
U12 to U18	\$160	Adult employed	\$240

There is a \$10 discount for each successive sibling and your 5th child's registration is free. Every registered player will get a training ball and all new players will receive club shorts and socks.

Referee Fees

Teams will still be required to pay referee fees and these amounts will be collected by your team Manager during the season. SGFA determined referees fees for 2010 games are:

6 & 7 yrs	\$ 5.00 per team per game	13 & 14 yrs	\$12.50 per team per game
8 years	\$ 5.50 per team per game	15 & 16 yrs	\$15.00 per team per game
9 years	\$ 7.25 per team per game	17 years	\$18.00 per team per game
10 years	\$ 9.00 per team per game	18 years	\$20.00 per team per game
11 & 12 yrs	\$11.00 per team per game	Over 18 yrs	\$23.50 per team per game

Team Grading Days

Team grading for boys teams will take place at our home ground which is located at Kingsgrove Ave Reserve, Kingsgrove Ave, Bexley North. U10 to U18 Girls grading will take place at Kingsgrove High School (enter from Kingsgrove Road).

Players MUST wear SHINPADS and FOOTBALL BOOTS to the grading days. If they do not come with these items, they will not be able to participate due to risk of injury. So please do not be disappointed and come prepared. It is advisable to bring a drink bottle and hat also. Team coaches from 2009 must attend to assist with grading.

Parents/Guardians are reminded that at least one adult per child is REQUIRED to be in attendance during your child's grading time as you will be addressed by a member of the BNFC committee on the upcoming season. We will also be asking parents to nominate for Coaching and Managing roles for their child's team, if there is not one already appointed.

Allocation of ALL players into a team of an appropriate level is a key policy of the BNFC and is done to ensure the enjoyment of all players. Under 6 players are split to ensure each team has an even share of naturally skilled players. Teams generally stay together in U/7's and U/8's. Grading into appropriate levels commences after U/8's as the teams move into graded competitions. Should individual players advise that playing with particular other players is more important than appropriate grading, such players may only move down grades to play with friends, not up.

Your child's grading session(s) are allocated on the following days and times. If you are unable to attend the allocated session time, please contact the relevant coordinator (listed in the club contacts) prior to your grading day. Grading needs to be completed by mid February hence these sessions will proceed rain, hail, or shine. If you have any doubts please check the website.

Saturday 6th February

<u>Home Ground</u>	2.00pm	Under 9's (2 weeks)
	NOTE:	U9's must attend both Saturdays.
	4.00pm	Under 10's (2 weeks)
	NOTE:	U10's must attend both Saturdays.

Sunday 7th February

<u>Home Ground</u>	9:00am	Under 6's
	10:30am	Under 7's
	12:00pm	Under 8's

Kingsgrove High School (enter from Kingsgrove Road)

	9:00am	Under 10 Girls
	11:00am	Under 12 Girls
	1:30pm	Under 14 Girls
	4:00pm	Under 16 Girls, U18 Girls, & All Age Women

Saturday 13th February

<u>Home Ground</u>	2.00pm	Under 9's (2 weeks)
	NOTE:	U9's must attend both Saturdays.
	4.00pm	U10's (2 weeks)
	NOTE:	U10's must attend both Saturdays.

Sunday 14th February

<u>Home Ground</u>	9.00am	Under 11 Boys
	11.00am	Under 12 Boys
	1.30pm	Under 13 Boys
	3.30pm	Under 14 Boys to All Age

Kingsgrove High School (enter from Kingsgrove Road)

	9:00am	Further girls grading if required
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Compulsory Registered Team Official (RTO) Meeting – All Coaches & Managers

All coaches and managers are required to attend a compulsory team official's meeting held at Bexley RSL on Monday 15th Feb at 8pm. This meeting will provide all of the information coaches and managers will need throughout the year, including SGFA rules and the BNFC RTO Handbook. At the conclusion of the meeting, coaches and managers will need to complete their RTO registration and "Working with Children" check. Please ensure that you bring along one form of photo identification with you to the meeting.

Coaches Information Meeting

A special information meeting for new coaches and new managers will be held at Bexley RSL on Monday 22nd Feb at 8pm. This meeting will provide information and access to coaching resources for all ages and grades.

Training Sessions

Training times are set by your coach and manager in consultation with the committee who attempt to spread the training sessions over the available nights and locations. Our home ground and the playing field at Kingsgrove High School are available for training on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings only. We also have access to the outer field at Bexley Oval for training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and evenings. Please be aware that every possible attempt will be made to satisfy all teams with the allocation of training times. Once determined these times must be strictly adhered to. We need to respect other teams time and space.

Trial Games

In-house games between Bexley North teams are scheduled for the weekend of February 20th and 21st. Friendly games against other clubs will be held on the weekends of March 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th, & 20th & 21st. Coaches will be advised of times and venues for trial games as soon as they have been organised with participating clubs and details will also be posted to our web site.

Football Season

The Football season will commence on Saturday 10th April. The season comes to a conclusion during the month of August or early September depending on whether teams reach and compete in the final series. The draw will be available through the St George Football Association website: www.sgsfa.com.au. Our website also includes a link.

Communication

There are several avenues of communication from the BNFC Committee to Players / Parents, Coaches and Managers.

- **Monthly Meetings.** These take place on the second Monday of every month (all year round) and are held at Bexley RSL Club at 8.00pm. At least one representative of every team is required to be in attendance at these meetings. (The BNFC by-laws now includes a fine of \$25.00 to teams not represented)
- **Weekly newsletters.** These are published on our website and by email.
- **Website.** The website is continually updated with important information and all parents are encouraged to refer to it regularly. <http://www.bexleynorthfc.com.au/>

All members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings and AGM to make their voice heard. Members should also be aware that all correspondence with the SGFA MUST be conducted through the club secretary only.

Club Contacts

President	Perry Taylor	0416 040 998
Vice President	Doug Doyle	0419 215 538
Secretary	Peter Bartier	0419 224 067
Treasurer	Mark Worthington	0409 049 529
Registrar	Mark Goldsmith	0418 227 696
Youth Coordinator (Age 11 & over)	Vince Blatch	0403 797 707
Member Protection & Information Officer	Jenny Hespe	0415 946 294
Gear Steward	Richard Andersen	9502 2662

Insurance

Injuries to players at games or training are covered by the Football NSW Insurance policy. Claim forms are available from our Club Secretary and injuries must be reported to the Club Secretary as soon as possible. NOTE: RTOs should request that the referee record any injury occurring during a match on the match sheet at the conclusion of the game.

Codes of Conduct

Football NSW and SGFA stress the need for appropriate behaviour by Players, Coaches and Parents. Please be conscious of this as any adverse behaviour will not be tolerated. Please refer to "Codes of Behaviour" provided within the RTO Handbook and available on the website, which outlines the expectations of all when representing our club.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents **MUST NOT** enter the field of play under any circumstances (BNFC will be fined \$500.00 for every infringement to this rule by the SGFA and the Club will pass this amount on to an offending person). Coaches/Managers may enter the field of play **ONLY** after being signalled to do so by the Referee.

Child Protection Policy

NSW child protection laws govern the conduct of club including parents, coaches and managers, towards our members, members of other clubs and most importantly the children. These laws apply in conjunction with our own code of conduct. Our club will do everything possible to ensure we adhere to these laws. Further information is available on Football NSW website at www.footballnsw.com.au and click on the link to child protection.

Uniform and Equipment

The colours of BNFC are maroon and sky blue. A football shirt will be issued by the club, via the Coach / Manager and **MUST** be returned at the end of the season. Additional socks and shorts can be purchased from the canteen or from our Gear Steward Richard Andersen 9502 2662. All other equipment purchases (boots, shin pads, balls etc.) can be purchased from our sponsor Kingsgrove Sports. With all purchases that are made relating to football at Kingsgrove Sports Centre, the club receives 5% of the sale. Please advise the cashier that you are from BNFC and they will record the sale. This applies throughout the year.

Fund Raising

BNFC depends on funds that are raised during the season to provide facilities and equipment to enable the club to continue to run effectively. Please support any fund raising activities organised during the season. Information on all this years fund raising events such as Team Photos, Gala Days or the Trivia night will be issued during the season.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 8th March 2010 at Bexley RSL.