



## Parent & Player Information - Season 2011

Welcome to Bexley North Football Club (BNFC) for the 2011 season. 2010 was very rewarding for our 58 teams; 26 non-competition and 32 competition teams. 7 of our competition teams topped their age division and were crowned Champions and 7 were grand final winning Premiers.

The Club has completed major upgrades in recent years to our home ground floodlights, toilets and changing facilities. We also installed floodlights at Kingsgrove High School and doubled our available training space. Over the summer more time and effort has gone into repairing and improving the playing surfaces of the main and mini fields.

This document has information you will need to refer to until teams are formed and Coaches/Managers are appointed. Please read carefully and if you require more information 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 clubs in the St George district. It is run solely by volunteers. Committee members, coaches and managers are not paid. Up to 150 volunteers contributed to the club's success last year. There may be times when a coach or manager asks for your assistance. Please do not hesitate, step forward and lend a hand.

### Registration Fee

All 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 disclosed within the Annual General Meeting papers on our website. The Club budgets for a small annual surplus to ensure long-term improvements to grounds and facilities, however, by popular demand, there will not be a chocolate drive this year.

The player registration fee is payable in full on registration day (**Payment only by cash (correct money if possible) or cheque only - sorry, NO Credit card/EFTPOS facilities**). It covers:

- registering players with the St George Football Association (SGFA),
- player injury insurance,
- use of playing shirts, training and playing equipment, and other administration costs.

Each player gets a new training ball and all new players receive club shorts and socks. All U6 and U7 players also receive a club "hoodie". Hoodies for all other ages are on sale at the canteen.

Registration fees for 2011 remain unchanged except to reflect association changes. There is a \$10 discount for each successive sibling and your 5<sup>th</sup> child's registration is free. Fees for 2011 are:

U6 to U8	\$140	U12 to U18	\$160
U9 to U11	\$150	U19 and above	\$240

### Referee Fees

Teams must pay referee fees and Team Managers' collect these amounts at the beginning or during the season (approx \$1 per player per game). SGFA referees fees for 2011 are:

6 & 7 yrs	\$ 5.25 per team per game	13 & 14 yrs	\$13.00 per team per game
8 years	\$ 5.75 per team per game	15 & 16 yrs	\$15.50 per team per game
9 years	\$ 7.50 per team per game	17 years	\$18.50 per team per game
10 years	\$ 9.00 per team per game	18 years	\$20.50 per team per game
11 & 12 yrs	\$11.50 per team per game	Over 18 yrs	\$24.00 per team per game

Note: U17s and above may be required to pay additional fees should assistant referees be available to officiate the games.

## Small Sided Games (SSG) – U6 to U9s – non-competition

Football Federation of Australia has expanded small sided games to now include U6 to U9 teams. SSG increases fun with fewer players on the field allowing everybody more contact with the ball. It aims to meet developmental needs of younger players and maintain a strong focus on maximum participation and enjoyment.

Our association has three playing levels within each of these age groups:

- beginner
- intermediate
- advanced

Parents interested in their children playing in advanced or beginner teams must make this known to club officials on or before grading day. 2010 Under 8 teams will only change to fill spaces made through nominations for advanced or beginner teams.

## Grading

BNFC policy is:

- Grade all players into a team of an appropriate level for player's enjoyment and skill improvement.
- Grade all non-competition teams (Under 6, 7, 8 and 9) at intermediate level, except where we identify enough players for beginners or advanced teams.
- Where necessary, spread non-comp players across the same age and level to ensure an even share of naturally skilled players in each team.
- Individual players wishing to play with friends may only move down grades, not up, and only after speaking with the Football Coordinator before the beginning of your child's grading.
- In line with association rules for the 2011 season, competition commences in U10s.
- 2010 team coaches MUST attend to assist with 2011 grading.
- One parent/guardian per child MUST stay during your child's grading time. We also ask parents to nominate for Coaching and Managing roles for their child's team, if there is not one already appointed.

Grading session(s) for 2011 are listed below. If you are unable to attend the allocated time, please contact the Football Coordinator (listed in the Club Contacts) prior to your grading day. We must complete grading by mid February hence these sessions will proceed at the times indicated except under the most extreme weather conditions. If you have any doubts please check the website.

All players MUST:

- Wear SHINPADS and FOOTBALL BOOTS or cannot participate.
- Bring a drink bottle and hat.

### Grading times for Mixed and Boys teams - Home Ground

#### **Non-comp teams mixed**

Under 6's	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am
Under 7's	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am
Under 8's	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	3:00pm
Under 9's	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	4.30pm

#### **Competition teams**

Under 10's - mixed	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm
<b>must</b> attend both days	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm
Under 11 Boys	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm
Under 12 Boys	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm
Under 13 Boys	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00pm
Under 14 Boys	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am
Under 15s, 16s and 18s boys	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	11.30am

## Grading times for Girls teams - Kingsgrove High School (enter from Kingsgrove Road)

Under 10 Girls	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am
Under 12 Girls	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am
Under 14 Girls	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am
Under 16 Girls	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	1:30pm
Under 18 Girls	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30pm
All Age Women	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30pm

NOTE: Where necessary, grading will continue as advised on the first grading day, and in-house trials may occur to finalise competition teams.

### **Coach & Manager Registration & Information Night - Compulsory**

All coaches and managers must attend the RTO (Registered Team Official) meeting held at the Grove Hotel on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm for information coaches and managers will need throughout the year, including SGFA rules and the BNFC RTO Handbook. At the end of the meeting, coaches and managers must 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 will be held at the Grove Hotel on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at 8pm. This meeting will provide information and access to coaching resources for all ages and grades. All new coaches must attend the Grassroots coaching course on Saturday 5 March at 1pm.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 8pm at the Grove Hotel Kingsgrove. At that meeting, all committee positions are vacated and votes held to re-fill them. A number of the current committee members will retire from their positions in the next year or two. We are eager for new parents and guardians to join the committee and keep vibrant and strong our club and its 50 year history of playing football. So come along and get involved – it is a rewarding experience!

### **Training Sessions**

Training can commence from Tuesday 1 March 2011. The committee set training times on application from your coach/manager. We attempt to spread training sessions over the available nights and locations to allow space for all. We try to satisfy all teams training time requests. Once determined these times must be strictly adhered to. We must respect other teams' time and space.

### **Trial Games**

In-house games between Bexley North teams, if necessary, are scheduled for the weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Friendly games against other clubs will be held on the weekends of March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We will advise coaches of times and venues for trial games as soon as they are organised with participating clubs and details will be posted to our web site.

### **Football Season**

The Football season commences on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011. The season ends during 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](http://www.sgsfa.com.au). Our website also includes a link.

### **Communication**

BNFC Committee communicate with players/parents, coaches and managers via:

- **Monthly Meetings.** Held the second Monday of each month at 8.00pm at the Grove Hotel, Kingsgrove. At least one representative of every team is required to attend 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 BNFC monthly meetings and AGM to make their voice heard.

Members wishing to contact the association can only do so through our club secretary.

## Club Contacts

President	Perry Taylor	0416 040 998
Vice President	Cameron French	0409 818 670
Secretary	Peter Bartier	0419 224 067
Treasurer	Mark Worthington	0409 049 529
Registrar	Mark Goldsmith	0418 227 696
Assistant Registrar	<Vacant>	
Football Coordinator	Vince Blatch	0403 797 707
Member Protection & Information Officer	Jenny Hesse	0415 946 294
Gear Steward	Richard Andersen	9502 2662

## Insurance

Football NSW Insurance policy covers Injuries player incur during games or training. Claim forms are available from our Club Secretary and injuries must be reported to the Club Secretary as soon as possible.

## Codes of Conduct

Football NSW and SGFA stress the need for appropriate behaviour by Players, Coaches and Parents. Please be conscious of this as inappropriate 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 the 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](http://www.footballnsw.com.au).

## Uniform and Equipment

The colours of BNFC are maroon and sky blue. A football shirt is 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. We recommend Rebel Sport for boots, shin pads, balls etc because you get a 5% discount and the Club gets 5% of the sale. This applies throughout the year. Please make sure that the cashier knows you are from BNFC and records the sale.

## Sponsorship and Fund Raising

BNFC depends heavily on sponsorship and funds raised during the season to help provide and maintain facilities and equipment and to enable the club to continue to run effectively. Please support our sponsors and any fund raising activities organised during the season. We issue information during the season on all this years fund raising events, such as Team Photos, Gala Days or the Trivia night.

