

Wonderful CJFC Parents!

After another successful year with Auskick and a few brilliant under 8/9/10 games with respective clubs around our area, it's fair to say that Pete has done a wonderful job yet again. While we all love Auskick for what it provides for our kids, the willingness for our children to grow further in this sport is something that we all passionately believe in. Therefore, what better way is there to grow and develop the first superstars of CJFC than building our own playing team!

CJFC have been given the opportunity numerous times by the Yarra Junior Football league to assemble a team that could then be entered into the league. While Pete has contemplated this offer before, he firstly wanted to give all of his energy to creating a successful Auskick model. Now that such a model exists, we believe that CJFC has the resources and man/woman power to lead a team onto the ground for the 2018 season.....BUT.....it cannot be understated, that running a team requires a greater amount of input from parents and children if such a concept is to be effective.

So, what does the team need in order to be successful in 2018?

- **Coach** – Run match day, training and operate under the YJFL code of conduct. Must have AFL Level 1 Course, WWCC (Working with Children's Check) and sign a Coaches Code of Conduct. This is an easy one as I have the qualifications listed and have decided to put my hand up for the role.
- **Assistant Coaches** – Every coach needs great support. A team consists of a lot of children and these kids need to learn varied skills. I'm looking for at least 2 assistants that have the drive and the capacity to run sessions on a weekly basis. These roles will require the parent to also have a WWCC before the commencement of the season.
- **Team manager/s** – I believe the most important role! I'm looking for at least 2 team managers that can work together to really drive the success of this team. A team manager has the role of assigning small jobs to parents, particularly on match day (cutting oranges, filling drink bottles, organising transport, time-keeping etc). There is also an administrative aspect to this role as well but this will become more apparent as we head into next year! WWCC is also required.
- **Committed Parents** – I cannot emphasise this enough, although there are assigned roles, parents have to put in the same level of effort. You are responsible for transport, making sure your kids have the correct uniform and following the values and set procedures outlined by CJFC. Remember, this is for your kids and ultimately, what they learn from such a unique experience will have a great impact in the way that they perceive and enjoy the game of football. Therefore, as parents, you have the responsibility to make it a great year for your kids. This is not a day-care where your kids can be left alone with coaches for a sustained period of time. I expect all parents to be greatly involved in both match-day and at training.

#### NOTE

- I am not looking for helpers with a background in football. What I am looking for are parents that are well organised, are aligned to our club's values and are eager to coach and develop young kids.
- This will be an **UNDER 10's** side. This means that children are eligible to play if they were born in 2008 or later.
- Positions are voluntary/unpaid although Coaches & Team Manager's kids are refunded at the end of the season and all requests are considered.

#### PAYMENT

Running a team requires energy as well as money so here I will outline the fees.

- **\$195 (\$95 upfront paid by Oct 15, \$100 balance payable by March 30, 2018).** This is great value as other clubs generally charge around \$300 a season! Payments will be fully refunded if a team does not go ahead.
- This fee covers Insurance, league fees, jumpers (on loan), ground fees and other equipment and club fees.
- The fee does not cover socks, shorts, boots, helmets, mouthguards and transport.

I apologise, condensing every bit of information into one page is difficult so I urge all parents to contact me if they have any questions! Hopefully we can get enough numbers to start up a club and represent CJFC in the best possible light.

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