



Cashmere Wanderers AFC

Junior Section

Information for Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the Junior Section of Cashmere Wanderers AFC. This handout is aimed at providing you with some information about the Club and the upcoming season.

Important details about this season

Season start dates

This year the start date for teams competing in the Mainland competition (i.e., 10th grade and above) is **Saturday 17 April 2010**. The start date for the Cashmere Wanderers Development Grade (i.e., 7th – 9th grade) and Starters is **Saturday 24 April 2010**.

Team selection

Division 1 and 2 teams in the Mainland competition (10th grade and above)

Trials are held before the season starts to select the Division 1 and 2 teams for the 10th grade and above. Teams are selected by team coaches and Fred Simpson (Football Development Manager).

Team selections will be posted on the Cashmere Wanderers website (www.cashmerefootball.co.nz) by 6.00 pm **Sunday 28 March**. Team contact lists will also be emailed to the coach of each team for circulation to team members.

Remaining teams

Team lists for remaining teams in the Mainland competition will be posted on the Cashmere Wanderers website by 6.00pm on **Sunday 4 April**. We expect to have team lists for the in house competition (i.e., Development Grade)

and starters programme available soon after.

Team contact lists will be emailed to the coach of each team for circulation to team members.

Don't worry if you don't hear from coaches until after these dates – you will be contacted when coaches are ready to begin training!

We aim to keep teams together from year to year if possible – subject to player and parent requests. However we can't always achieve this because of coaching changes, or the need to accommodate new members and new team configurations when team numbers change between grades.

Please bear with the Committee during this period as it can be a very busy time. If you have particular concerns or requests, please contact the Committee by email so that details can be noted.

Communication

We aim to email out regular monthly newsletters so please keep your email address up to date so that you don't miss out on important news and information about events. Newsletters and up to date information about events are also available from our Club website.

Refunds

Like many sports, we pay affiliation fees to Mainland Football as governing body for football in Christchurch and these fees are non-refundable. Our policy is therefore to offer partial refunds until 13 May but after that date refunds will only be provided in exceptional circumstances.

General information about the Club

About the Club

Cashmere Wanderers Junior AFC is part of Cashmere Wanderers AFC Inc. You become a member of the Club (or parents become proxy members) when you (or your children) enrol to play for the Club. A copy of the Club's constitution is available from the Club's website (www.cashmerefootball.co.nz). The AGM is usually held in November – details will be provided in the newsletter.

About the Committee

The Committee comprises about 10 members who all donate their time on a voluntary basis. We are always looking for volunteers to help run the Club. If you are interested, please contact one of the Committee to discuss what the role involves!

Coaches

Our coaches are all volunteers and many are also parents of team members. Coaches are responsible for organising team practices and attendance at the Saturday game. Depending on the grade, coaches may also referee Saturday games. Coaches are trained with a combination of our own in-house coach training programme and coaching courses available from Mainland. If you are interested in coaching, please contact a committee member or Fred Simpson (fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz).

Managers

Team managers are responsible for helping the coach, handing out gear, ensuring all players are registered with the Club, organising the orange roster and ringing/emailing round parents.

General info about the competitions

Grades

Players are normally placed in grades depending on their year of birth. Players

turning 7 during the calendar year will generally be placed in the 7th grade, 8 in the 8th grade and so on. Mainland Football requires copies of birth certificates in order to verify that players are placed in the correct grade.

Our **Starters** programme is aimed at children aged 4-6 years as an introduction to the sport. This year we plan to run the Starters programme alongside the Development Grade competition. We encourage parents to stay with their children to enable our coaches to be able to focus on teaching soccer skills.

Cashmere Wanderers Development Grade competition (Centennial Park)

Our Development Grade competition covers 7th to 9th grades and runs on Saturday mornings in a 'family friendly' atmosphere at Centennial Park next door to Pioneer Stadium. 9th grade teams kick off at 9.00 am, 8th grade at 10.15 and 7th grade at 11.15 (after the frost has melted). Cancellations for this competition will be broadcast on Newstalk ZB (listen for 'Cashmere Wanderers Development Competition').

Mainland competitions

10th grades and above compete in the Mainland competition and teams can play all over Christchurch. Draws for teams competing in this competition will be published in Wednesday's paper or are available from the Club's website (via a link to the Mainland site). Cancellations for the Mainland competition are listed on the Mainland site (see the link on the club's website) and also broadcast on Newstalk ZB.

For further information:

Contact Fred Simpson on 021 756 005 or email (fred@cashmerefootball.co.nz) or email the Committee at juniorsecretary@cashmerefootball.co.nz