



Wynnum & Districts Rugby Union
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INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES NEW TO WYNNUM BUGS

First and foremost, welcome to the Wynnum & District Rugby Union Club.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns as the Vice President of the Junior part of the club I am your first point of contact – please call, email or find me around the club (see details below).

You may notice that the first few weeks will seem a bit disorganised. This should be expected as we go through a process of managing ongoing registrations, finalising teams (including finding the best fit for all the kids), identifying coaches and managers (all are volunteers and have to come from the membership) so please be patient.

This perception of disorganisation will be particularly so if you are in U6s because most families will be new to the club and there is not likely to be any coaches or managers identified for the teams.

There will be a meet and greet, Q & A session on Saturday 15 February 8am to 9am at the club to assist in welcoming the U6 cohort.

If you haven't already done so, send me an email if you have any specific requests for your child i.e. would like to play in a team with XXXX because they go to school together etc. This is a common request and we do our best to align the teams accordingly.

As sated earlier, coaches and managers come from the parents, relatives and friends of the kids in the team - the more help that we can get and the more quickly that we get coaches and managers established, the faster we get on with the season.

Many of the higher age groups may already have coaches and managers organised so the main areas of immediate attention is usually the U6s.

If your apprehensive, we've all been there - It doesn't matter if you don't have much experience, the kids will just love it if you are involved! At the U6 age, it is about running around, learning some rules (that the ignore) and having fun. There are many people, myself included, that are here to assist with training, rules, refereeing etc.

Even if you aren't the designated coach or manager, please feel free to help out with training on a Friday night – coaching Under 6's can be like herding stray cats so the more parents that can get involved, the more the kids will get out of the experience!





In March there will be a designated Manager's information session and a designated Coaches information session to assist you with what is required and what resources are around for you to use.

What does the club provide you?

Training shorts for all kids.
Shorts and socks for U6 and U7s
Match day jerseys
A place for your kids to have fun!
A bar for the adults to have fun (escape)

What do you provide?

Shorts and socks (if U8 and above)
Mouthguards
A good attitude!
Help with running the team and/or game day
Note there are no ongoing fees once registration is done.

Mouth guards – It is anticipated that prior to the season starting, a local dental group will attend the club and make moulded mouthguards for the kids. Otherwise they can be purchased at Rebel etc. however in my experience are not too comfortable for the kids.

TRAINING

Training for U6s to U9s is typically 5pm to 6pm on Fridays.

Training for U10s and up is typically from 6pm to either 7pm or 7:30pm on Fridays depending on age etc. with one or two additional sessions during the week.

The teams will train for several weeks, with games starting from 2 May. The team will be provided a kit that will contain team Jersey's, flag and bibs for manager, coach and lineperson. The game jerseys are taken home and washed as a group (at the managers direction). Each week, designated members of the team will also have responsibility for bringing along oranges for half time - please don't forget as the kids really enjoy their half-time oranges!!!

Training for U7 to U9 begins on Friday 14 February.





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For next week only, U6 will be on Saturday 15th February at 8am for a meet and greet and FAQ session (training with rest of club for U6s with start on Friday 21).

GAME DAYS

Games for U6s to U9s are played on Saturdays starting at 8:20am for the U6s

Games for U10s and up are on Sundays starting at 8:30am.

U6 teams are expected to help set up the fields early on a Saturday morning whenever there is a home game (usually arrive at 7:30am) so please come down and lend a hand as it is a big job otherwise. Games cannot start before the fields are set up. There will also be a Saturday coordinator to assist in the process.

Similarly, U9 teams are expected to help pack up on a Saturday afternoon as they are the last teams to play that day.

U10 teams are expected to set up fields of Sundays. Parents in these teams should be familiar with the process so you can just chip in and help where you can. There will also be a Sunday coordinator to assist in the process.

For each home game, you will need to be prepared to provide a referee (U6 to U9) and 1 touch judge (your team manager will organise this) but please be prepared to pitch in and help at least once in the season!

The 2020 Season Starts on Saturday 2nd May for U6 - U9 and on Sunday 3rd May for U10 – U16.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Friday nights are a very social night at the club with many parents heading to the bar for a drink whilst kids train. The bar is also a major source of income for the club so you can enjoy your Friday sundowner knowing to be contributing the future of this wonderful club.

Each week a team will be nominated to sell raffle tickets and man the bar/merchandise stand on a Friday night. A roster which shows the week that your team has to help will be distributed by your manager.





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The Bugs rely on revenue raised via bar sales and raffle tickets to help fund maintenance of the fields and equipment so please stick around on a Friday night and have a few drinks and get to know the wider Bugs community.

We will have a working bee on Sunday March 1 (7am to 10am) – we would really appreciate help from as many of the Bugs community as possible so we can get our clubhouse and grounds looking spick and span for the season.

In mid-September we will have our annual BUGLAND day where the club comes together to enjoy a day of entertainment and importantly recognised the efforts of the kids and award trophies to all the teams.

Resources

Please monitor the Club's Facebook page and / or the Club's website for updates on all things BUGS.

The club Website has a range of resources including player / parent code of conduct etc.

The Brisbane Junior Rugby Union (BJRU) website has a range of resources as does Rugby Australia.

Finally, please keep in mind the club is a volunteer club so any assistance with any aspect of club life from Committees to general maintenance or perhaps sponsorship is greatly appreciated and assists in keeping our wonderful club going. As an FYI, we are still in need of a junior registrar and assistance with running social and fundraising events.

And last but not least....at the BUGS we believe rugby is all about the kids and them having some fun with their mates whilst learning the games and a load of life lessons.

We as the Committee hope you enjoy your season and meet some fantastic new friends!

Cheers,

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