



## 2020 Season Update – Juniors

15 July 2020

We are finally there!!! Season 2020 'Part 2' kicks off this weekend with the U6s to U9s running amok on the Wynnum fields. Good luck to all the teams playing this weekend and the weeks ahead.....make the most of them, there aren't too many! U10s and up start next weekend with a practice match and then their season proper starts on August 2.

Firstly, thank you again to all the coaches, managers and parents for stepping up and assisting in what has been challenging times in the past few weeks. As we move into the season it will remain a little different around the club and I look forward to your ongoing assistance around the club with training and game-day set up, managing teams and assisting with the weekend home games in particular.

**Training** – Returns to normal this week on Friday nights. The majority of U6 to U9 teams will be training from 5pm to 6pm and the older kids from 6pm until 7pm or 7:15pm.

We will continue to rope off the playing area (to manage distancing) and request all parents not involved in training remain outside the rope and maintain social distancing protocols. The bar will be open to assist with this!

**Practise Match vs Redlands** – For all U10 to U14 teams, we have organised a practice match against Redlands at home on Sunday 26 July. Coaches and Managers are aware of times etc. and are getting teams organised.

**Code of Conduct** – As the season kicks off, could I ask all members (in particular players, coaches, managers and parents) to review Rugby Australia's Code of Conduct ([https://60a30fb3-141f-46e6-8b81-960f0c06bb19.filesusr.com/ugd/30f15f\\_b112b8c068da404f886dcb63ddd4561c.pdf](https://60a30fb3-141f-46e6-8b81-960f0c06bb19.filesusr.com/ugd/30f15f_b112b8c068da404f886dcb63ddd4561c.pdf))

Our club takes great pride in being a welcoming friendly club, playing rugby with great spirit but doing it fairly and with respect for all. The club has zero tolerance for breaches of the Code of Conduct and in particular parents abusing players; referees; other parents etc. and zero tolerance for our players not playing within the spirit of the game including the spirit of mateship (no bullying of teammates) and respect for the opposition and officials.

**Merchandise** – This week we will be focussing on getting socks and shorts to those playing this weekend (U6 to U9). The focus will be U6 to U9 players so unless urgent, all other age groups please defer any purchase to next Friday.

**Club Training shirts** (free) will be available for all registered players from this Friday (all age groups but again we will prioritise the younger kids given they play this Saturday).





**Boot swap** – There remains a number of second-hand pairs of boots in the clubhouse should you wish to grab a free pair.

I have also placed some head gear x 2 and body padding x 2 with the boots too – would fit an U9 / U10 player. These are also available for free on a first in best dressed basis.

Also if you have any boots, head-gear or padding that you no longer use and is in reasonable condition and you are willing to donate to another family please bring them down Fridays and track me down.

**Bar and Canteen – OPEN:** Both will be operating this Friday so parents come and remember what it was like to wind down on a Friday and enjoy an end of week drink and enjoy great food while your kids run around exhausting themselves. The newsletter sent out on Tuesday from our President (Krissy) has further details about the changes with food and drink.

Given the year we have had, our usual major income sources (bar and merchandise) has been minimal. With only a few months of the season left, could I urge all of you to support our wonderful club by attending training nights and Senior home games and buying a drink (or two) and / or some food. It's great for us and great for you too.

Finally, given the absence of any of the usual club functions, the only source of significant income we hope to get this year is in the form of an end of year fundraiser and presentation day (major raffle and Bugland Day). At this stage we need a number of members to put their hands up and help out the Committee who have done an incredible job getting us all to this point (and are now a bit exhausted). In short, we have a plan but just need assistance to implement the plan. If you or anyone you know could assist, please let Krissy know or email [info@wynnumrugby.com.au](mailto:info@wynnumrugby.com.au)

As always, should anyone have any questions please let me know (call or email). I look forward to seeing you all back at the club in the coming days and weeks.

Cheers,

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