



## Soccer Season 2017 Sign on Colleges United Football Club

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***Who can play?***

Boys and girls of all ages and experience (or none at all) are welcome to play at Colleges United.

#### ***How old does my child have to be to play?***

Children must be turning 5 years of age in 2017 to be able to join and we will need to sight proof of age (eg. birth certificate or passport) for all new players. In accordance with guidelines provided by our governing body, all players are placed into their appropriate age group depending on the year of birth (ie. U16-2001, U15- 2002, U14-2003, U13-2004, U12-2005, U11-2006, U10-2007, U9-2008, U8-2009, U7-2010, U6-2011/12).

#### ***How much does it cost?***

U6-U11 age groups (MiniRoos small sided football) - \$250.00

U12-U16 age groups (Divisional football) - \$270.00

Sign up by 31<sup>st</sup> January and receive our earlybird discount of \$20.00 off the above fees.

There are **NO weekly game fees** on top our registration fee for any age groups, but there will be referees fees payable for the U12-U16 divisional players (usually around \$3-5 per week depending on the number of players in each team).

#### ***Where do we play each week?***

U6-U11 age groups generally play small sided football in a hub with Ipswich City (Brassall), Ipswich Knights (Ebbw Vale), Western Spirit (Camira) and Springfield United (Springfield). Sometimes other Southside clubs are added to our hubs depending on the graded level of the teams. Home games are held at our own Mt Crosby Sportsgrounds, Allawah Road, Mt Crosby.

U12-U16 age groups play in graded divisions and play in the South zone within the Football Brisbane competition. Please note that U14-U16 age groups play on a Sunday.

#### ***When does the season start?***

First game of the 18 week season will be on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017, with final fixtures on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Training will commence mid-February. Dates for each age group can be found on our website under the Hot Dates. U12's will have grading games scheduled from mid February and will start training earlier.

### ***What do they need to wear?***

The Club provides a team jersey for each player (which remains the property of CUSC) to wear during their game day match. They will need to purchase a pair of Club Shorts (\$25), Club Socks (\$15) and a pair of soccer boots. Shin pads are also required to keep little (and big) legs safe. The Club also stocks training shirts, hats and caps, and supporters Polo shirts for mums and dads – these are all available at our information day or from the canteen.

### ***When do they train?***

Training is held at the Mt Crosby Sportsgrounds on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night at either 5.30pm for the younger age groups and 6.30pm for the older children. The training night will usually be determined by the availability of whoever is coaching (most often a parent). Our coaches are all volunteers (blue card holders) who give their time and expertise for the benefit of all the children in their team. If you are interested in coaching your child's team, please mention it to us when you sign on.

### ***Can he/she play with a friend?***

Yes – if they are born in the same year and you must advise who you would like to play with when you use the on-line registration system. It is very difficult to change teams once they have been finalised and announced at the Muster Nights. Sometimes it will not be possible if it is an existing team and there are no vacancies or if the friend is playing in a different age group. We try to meet as many requests as possible, but can offer no guarantees.

Should your request not be able to be met, it is a fantastic opportunity for your child (and parents) to form new friendships.

From U12's all players are graded into teams based on their abilities in special pre-season grading sessions. Teams are then placed into divisions that suit the team's capabilities. Should there only be enough children for one team, then all children will be placed into that team and no grading will be necessary.

### **Need more info?**

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