

# Cooks Hill United Football Club – Newsletter – January 2012

Welcome to season 2012 with the Cooks Hill United Football Club. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and holiday season and is looking forward to the 2012 football season and another great year on and off the field. We extend a special welcome to those players joining us for the first time this year and of course welcome back our players and their families from 2011.

***This newsletter contains important information about Registration and Grading for 2012. It is important that you read it and follow the instructions carefully.***

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## 2011 Review

Once again we would like to thank all those coaches, managers, parents and committee members who worked so tirelessly to make 2011 a very successful year for the club.

9 out of our 10 competition teams made the semi-finals, 4 of those made it through to the grand final and the U14Cs and U15Bs won their grand finals.

In 2011, the following players became 10 year veterans with the club – Jack Bartsch, Lewis Kempton, Hamish Lorang, Nick Murray, Callum Rawlings, Declan Scott, Isaac Slater, Sean Straiton, James Weston and Tom Woodcock. This means the Club has had to shake its piggy bank for 10 new jackets but this is a small price to pay to give some well-deserved recognition to these long-serving players.

Players in the age groups from under 6s through to under 10s played in the small-sided format (SSF), which although non-competitive, was enjoyed by players and supporters alike.

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## Return of Gear from 2011

Unfortunately some teams have failed to return all of their gear (shirts or training kits) from 2011. Please ensure that if you still have any such equipment or items, you return them on one of the registration dates.

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## Under 12 Girls Team

The Club is hoping to establish an under 12 girls team to play in the Sunday morning girls competition this season. It is hoped the bulk of the team can be formed from interested girls from last year's u/10 teams, allowing the girls to play in the u/12 competition for two years but any girls who played under 11s in 2011 and new players to the Club will also be welcome. Anyone with questions or initial interest should contact Colin Perry (coach of the 2011 u/10 Panthers) on 0402 881170 or [cfcperry@gmail.com](mailto:cfcperry@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

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## Under 5s

Players turning 5 in the calendar year 2012 are allowed to register and may play/train even if they don't turn 5 until the end of the year. These players will be the 10 year veterans playing for the Club in under 14s in 2021.

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## Online Pre-Registration

**Importantly, once again this year, all players must pre-register online at the [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)**

**website before attending on one of the registration days at National Park to make payment of their registration fees and complete their registration.**

Further details about online registration are on the back of the enclosed club Registration Form.

Anybody who does not have access to the internet or the technical skills to complete the online pre-registration should contact a committee member (details below).

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## Completion of Registration

Once you have completed your online pre-registration, you **must attend** on one of the registration days at National Park to complete your registration – completing the online process is not enough.

**Bring your invoice** (from online pre-registration) **with your payment, CASH or CHEQUE ONLY**, and the **completed Registration Form enclosed with this newsletter to a registration day.**

Cheques payable to "Cooks Hill United Football Club"

*Note: Online payment is not available in 2012*

The club registration dates are as follows:

### **Current Players**

Saturday 28 January 2012, from 2-5pm

Tuesday 31 January 2012, from 5-7pm

### **New Players**

Saturday 4 February 2011, from 2-5pm

Thursday 9 February 2011, from 5-7pm

However, current players may register on the new player dates, if they are unable to attend on either of the current player dates, but must contact Di Spurway by Friday 3 February 2011 to request that a place be held open.

If a current player does not register on a current player registration date or notify Di Spurway that they will be registering on a new player registration date, we cannot guarantee their place in a team. The club gives priority to current players, but we need to know how many players are returning so that we can work out how many places are available for new players in each age group.

Details of the 2012 Registration Fees are set out on the registration form.

We are pleased to advise that the Club will be reducing fees for U6 and U7 SSF due to a reduction in the fees for these age groups by Northern NSW Football.

**If you do not intend to return in 2012, please let us know by contacting Di Spurway on 0410 531 602 or [garyspurway@optusnet.com.au](mailto:garyspurway@optusnet.com.au).** This will help with our planning and save us following you up if you don't come to a current player registration day.

Please note:

- New player registrations will be accepted subject to availability of places
- Registration fees include 1 pair of club socks

- Any refund of registration fees will incur an administration fee of \$20 (\$10 is charged by Newcastle Football and \$10 by the club)
- Registration fees are not refundable after the third competition game.
- Registration by mail is not available.

Club Jackets, Shorts and extra socks (remember you get 1 pair free with registration) are also available for purchase at registration (select during online pre-registration).

Donations of boots for the boot bin on registration day are always appreciated. Second hand boots may also be purchased.

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### **Grading (U/12 to U/16 teams) –12 February 2012**

Players in Under 12s, 13s (to be confirmed if required), 14s, 15s (to be confirmed if required) and 16s will be graded.

Grading will take place at National Park on **Sunday 12 February 2012** at the following times:

U/12: 1.00-2.00pm

U/13: to be confirmed if required

U/14: 2.30-3.30pm

U/15: to be confirmed if required

U/16: 4.00-5.00pm

It is critical that all players attend the grading session for their age group. If exceptional circumstances will prevent you from attending, you must contact Richard (0408 474 547) or Vinnie (0431 401 523) before the grading date to discuss whether alternate arrangements can be made. If you do not attend or make other arrangements you will be graded in your absence, which means that you will be placed in a team at the discretion of the grading committee.

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### **Skills Grouping (U/10 and U/11 teams) – Thu 16 February**

There will be skills grouping sessions on **Thursday 16 February 2012** for the following age groups at the following times:

U/10s: 5.30-6.00pm

U/11s: 6.00-6.30pm

In recognition of some unbalanced scores in Under 10s SSF in 2011 and the extension of SSF to Under 11s in 2012, Newcastle Football has accepted that some 'Skills Grouping' should be implemented. This is not intended to be a formal grading system, nor is it intended that 'Group A' will be the 'best' teams. Rather, the intention is, where possible, to group teams into similar 'skills groups'. It will also be possible for a club to swap its teams to different groups during the season (especially at home) to try their skills against different opposition and skill groups.

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### **Team Organisation Day (U/6 to U/11 teams) - Sat 3 March**

There will be team organisation sessions on **Saturday 3 March 2012** for the following age groups at the following times:

U/6 teams: 1.00-2.00pm

U/7 teams: 2.00-2.30pm

U/8 teams: 2.30-3.00pm

U/9 teams: 3.00-3.30pm

U/10 teams: 3.30-3.45pm

U/11 teams: 3.45-4.00pm

At these sessions, team allocations will be confirmed. Teams will need to organise a coach & manager if no one has already volunteered on registration day. Coaches will organise training days, times etc. It is therefore essential that a parent/carer attend these brief sessions.

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### **Team Sheet Signing – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4pm**

All players from **Under 12s and up** must attend at National Park on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** between 2-4pm to sign their team sheet. This is necessary to complete the registration process and the Club must lodge all signed team sheets with Newcastle Football. It is important that you attend.

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### **Trial Games – Saturday 31 March 2012**

At this stage we are expecting to schedule trial games against Merewether for all teams up to Under 11s on **Saturday 31 March 2012**. However, details are subject to confirmation. Managers will be advised of times and venue for their teams closer to the date. Trial games for other age groups will be advised by the team managers.

A reminder to all managers that Newcastle Football needs to be notified of all trial matches prior to their commencement in order for players to be covered by insurance. If you arrange a trial game for your team you **MUST** notify Dianne Spurway at least 2 days before the match so she can complete the forms and fax to Newcastle Football prior to the game taking place.

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### **Competition begins – 21 April 2012**

The season kicks off on 21 April 2012. The draw is normally released a week or two before the season begins. Sometimes, if the draw is late coming out, team managers may need to contact their players with details of the first game.

After that, if not before, you will receive a copy of the complete draw listing all your match details, the day(s) your team has roster duty at the grounds, details of the presentation day and the wet weather number.

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### **Presentation day – Sunday 16 September 2012**

Please put the date in your diary now to avoid any clashes with hair cut appointments, pre-season cricket training, trips to Disneyland and so on.

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### **Duty Roster**

As in past seasons, all teams will be expected to help out on duty roster duties at National Park during the season. The duty involves setting up the goals, canteen operation and taking down the goals, depending on whether you have an early or late roster. The canteen is our primary fundraising for the year, so support it. It is important that everyone on the team helps out with their duty and does not leave it to the coach and manager. Our volunteer coaches and managers are our most valuable resource so don't abuse their goodwill or you might find yourself having to coach next year.

Further details will be circulated through team managers.

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## Committee

The Club relies on a dedicated group of volunteers who give up their time to ensure that there is a Club for our children. As most of the committee members have responsibilities outside the Club (such as work and family), we are always looking for people willing to lend a hand. We are currently recruiting for talented and dedicated people to fill the following roles (but if we can't find any of them, we'll take anybody who's willing to help):

**Assistant Secretary** – anybody who has had anything to do with the Club over the last few years will know how much time and effort Di Spurway has dedicated to the role of Secretary. What some people may not realise is that since Di's son, Liam was poached for higher honours by Newcastle Football 2 years ago, Di has carried on this role, despite having no children actually playing in the Club. While Di is obviously irreplaceable, we are trying to find somebody who can assist Di and take on at least part of this role. There are definite prospects for advancement for the right candidate. If you are willing to help Di, please contact her on 0410 531 602.

### Assistant Canteen Coordinators

While parents and carers will have the opportunity to work in the canteen on duty roster days, our tireless canteen Coordinator, Judy Sparkes, could use some help with running the canteen. Despite what some people believe, it's not by magic that there is bread for the sausage sandwiches and rolls for the egg and bacon rolls every game day, and the fairies are too busy picking up clothes from children's bedroom floors to lend any help to Judy. Accordingly, Judy would appreciate one or more helpers to assist in keeping the canteen stocked to satisfy the needs (and wants) of our players every Saturday. Please contact Judy on 49293965 if you can help.

### Waste management professional

We need somebody to put the bins out on Union Street on Monday nights. This challenging role would ideally suit a coach/manager whose team trains at National Park on Monday nights but this is not an essential requirement. All that is needed is a willingness to move the bins from the Clubhouse to the roadside (or to supervise your players doing so) once a week. Who knows, this year's bin mover might be next year's President, such is the opportunity this role offers. If interested, please contact Di Spurway on 0410 531 602.

### Assistant Small-sided football Coordinator

Our SSF Coordinator, Jillian Dwyer, needs somebody to help her co-ordinate the small-sided football at National Park. If this sounds like you, why not give Jillian a call on 49622624/0411209240.

### Contacts

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. A list of key committee contacts is attached to this newsletter. While you should try to direct your communications to the most appropriate person, if you have any doubts about who to contact, please contact the President (Murray Scott) or Secretary (Di Spurway) in the first instance.

Murray Scott (President) – 0413 957 823 or  
[ms.scott@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ms.scott@optusnet.com.au)

Di Spurway (Secretary) – 0410 531 602 or  
[garyspurway@optusnet.com.au](mailto:garyspurway@optusnet.com.au)

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## Changed Addresses?

It's always helpful if we can have up to date contact details for all players. You will be required to include up to date contact details when you complete the online registration process and will have the ability to update those details from time to time.

Please ensure that you complete these accurately and keep them up to date. Please use an active email address, for example a family/parent email that is checked regularly.

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## 2012 Sponsors

As usual there will be opportunities available to sponsor the club, particularly in the form of shirt sponsorship. Any business owner who is interested in sponsorship should contact Donna Cleur on [occonnorcleur@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:occonnorcleur@hunterlink.net.au) or 0415 993 823.

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## 2012 COOKS HILL UNITED FC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# CHUFC Junior Calendar 2012

<b>REGISTRATION – National Park</b>	
<p><b>You MUST complete on-line registration at <a href="http://www.myfootballclub.com.au">www.myfootballclub.com.au</a> first.</b></p> <p><b>Attend one of the club rego days below with</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Your invoice</b> (emailed to you from online pre-rego at myfootballclub)</li> <li>• <b>Rego Form</b> (existing players – blue form that was posted out)</li> <li>• <b>Birth Certificate or Passport</b> (new players only)</li> <li>• <b>Payment – CASH or CHEQUE ONLY.</b> Cheques payable to “Cooks Hill United Football Club”</li> </ul>	
Current Player (and siblings) Registration Day	Saturday 28 January, 2pm–5pm
Current Player (and siblings) Registration Day	Tuesday 31 January, 5pm–7pm
New Player Registration Day	Saturday 4 Feb , 2pm-5pm
New Player Registration Day	Thursday 9 Feb, 5pm-7pm
<b>GRADING/SKILLS GROUPING – National Park</b>	
U/10 SSF Skills Grouping	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 5.30pm- 6.00pm
U/11 SSF Skills Grouping	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 6.00pm- 6.30pm
U/12 grading	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 1-2pm
U/13 grading-	To be advised if required
U/14 grading-	Sunday 12th February, 2.30-3.30pm
U/15 grading	To be advised if required
U/16 grading	Sunday 12th Feb, 4-5pm
<b>TEAM SHEET SIGNING FOR U/12 &amp; UP – National Park</b>	
All players from U12-U18 age groups MUST attend to sign the team sheet.	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm
<b>SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL (SSF) TEAM ORGANISATION – National Park – Saturday 3<sup>RD</sup> March</b>	
U/6: 1-2pm	U/7: 2-2.30pm
U/8: 2.30-3pm	U/9: 3-3.30pm
U/10: 3.30-3.45pm	U/11: 3.45-4.00pm
<b>TRIAL GAMES – National Park</b>	
Trial Day U/6-U/11 (vs Merewether teams)	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012 (times to be advised)
<b>COMPETITION STARTS</b>	
Saturday 21st April 2012	
<b>PRESENTATION DAY</b>	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	