



**2013 Member Welcome &  
Club Information Pack**

# **SWAN HILL SOCCER LEAGUE OVERVIEW**

## **Welcome to the Swan Hill Soccer League**

The Swan Hill Soccer League (SHSL) is a unique organisation that is in action for twelve months of the year in various forms. From traditional outdoor soccer for juniors and seniors to the indoor version of the game, the SHSL has something for everyone.

This year we continue our restructure that sees all forms of the game coming together to bring the world game to Swan Hill. This has been strengthened with the official appointment by FFV of Dave Coward as the FFV Zone Development Officer who will oversee all areas of development and training of players, coaches, referees and officials.

The SHSL is committed to providing excellent opportunities for people to be involved in the game regardless of gender, race or ability.

Information pertaining to the club contacts and club policies to help you enjoy the world game in Swan Hill can be found on our website at – [www.swanhillsoccer.com](http://www.swanhillsoccer.com) and here, you will find the latest soccer news, up to date details about our competitions as well as fixtures, results, ladders, and our club policies.

## **Our Aim**

The Swan Hill Soccer League aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the Swan Hill and District Community to enjoy the game of soccer whilst providing a pathway for talented players to progress.

## **OUR COMPETITIONS**

### **Junior Competition**

Our junior competition available for participants is conducted on Saturday mornings during the months of April to September and comprises five divisions:

- Division One
- Division Two
- Division Three
- Under 9s
- Under 7s

In addition to these divisions the SHSL have junior representative teams that participate in state based Football Federation Victoria Carnivals which gives our local players the opportunity to progress through to representative sides with Loddon Mallee Lightning and further on to Victorian State representation.

## **Swan Hill Futsal**

These competitions are based indoors and whilst these are predominately social competitions, the SHSL has opportunities to participate in representative competitions with Football Federation of Victoria sanctioned competitions. Competitions are available in the following divisions;

- Men
- Women
- Juniors (Mixed)

## **Bendigo Amateur Soccer League**

The Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL) is a club based Sunday competition that our Men, Women and Youth teams participate. This is the clubs top level of competition aside from representative matches with home and away matches with clubs from Bendigo, Moama and Castlemaine. The Swan Hill Soccer League is represented in the following divisions;

- Men Senior
- Men Reserves
- Women

## **Representative Teams**

The SHSL is proud to have developed our Pathway for talented players. This involves representative opportunities for junior players with Swan Hill teams at Country Championship events and ultimately leading to opportunities with Loddon Mallee Lightning Champions League teams, which then opens the door to Victorian Country and Victorian State Representation.

In recent years several players of the SHSL have been given the opportunity to perform at National Championships, whether at soccer or Futsal at the State Victorian level. In addition this year we are offering Academy of Sport placements in Swan Hill for talented players between the ages of 9 to 12, which, in future, will form part of the Pathway for Representative and Loddon Mallee Lightning – Victorian Champions League teams.

## **CONTACT US**

The Swan Hill Soccer League wish you all the very best for this season. If you have any queries relating to the world game in Swan Hill, please contact us via our website or any of the officials listed below.

## **Swan Hill Soccer League details;**

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**Affiliates:** Football Federation Victoria (FFV)  
Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (BASL)

## **SENIOR TEAM COACHES**

### **2013 Men Division 1**

➤ **Coach:** Kevin Tootell                      mob. 0419 184 030

### **2013 Men Division 2**

➤ **Coach;** Kevin Tootell                      mob. 0419 184 030

### **2013 Women Team**

➤ **Coach;** Tony Di Palma                      mob. 0409 058 846

**All Player Registrations online at:** [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

## **CODES OF CONDUCT OF THE SWAN HILL SOCCER LEAGUE**

The codes of conduct on the following pages have been incorporated into FFV Rules of Competition. The Swan Hill Soccer League strongly encourage all participants, spectators, committee members and parents to promote and adhere to these policies at all times.

It is vital that everyone involved in sporting activities, whether they are athletes, coaches, parents, officials or supporters understand their responsibilities to ensure that all participants enjoy the sport.

### **PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game;
- (b) Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded;
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport;
- (d) Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team;
- (e) Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- (f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player;
- (g) Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
- (h) Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches;
- (i) Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you;
- (j) Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

## COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- (b) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm,
- (c) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- (d) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- (e) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (f) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- (g) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play;
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
- (i) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;
- (j) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
- (k) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
- (l) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
- (m) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

## **PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment, and not yours;
- (b) Encourage children to play according to the rules and spirit of the game;
- (c) Encourage all children to participate, do not force them;
- (d) Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the result of the activity (that is, winning or losing);
- (e) Encourage children to always participate according to the rules;
- (f) Never ridicule, yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- (g) Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud good play by both teams;
- (h) Support all efforts to remove racial and religious vilification, verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- (i) Respect the match official's decisions and teach your child to do likewise;
- (j) Show respect and appreciation to Club officials, including coaches, officials and administrators. Ensure any issues are raised through the correct channels;
- (k) 'Smart Supporting' – not loud and intense but calm, relaxed and at all times positive;
- (l) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- (m) Do not smoke or consume alcohol near the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline.

## **ADMINISTRATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behavior and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;
- (b) Ensure everyone involved in football emphasizes fair play, and not winning at all costs;

- (c) Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others;
- (d) Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

## **SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- (a) Applaud good play and performances from both teams, and be forward in congratulating all participants on their performance regardless of the final outcome;
- (b) Respect the match official's decisions on the day;
- (c) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players;
- (d) Show respect to for both teams when watching matches, because without them there would be no game;
- (e) Encourage players to follow rules and accept the decision of the match official;
- (f) Do not intimidate, harass or use foul language towards, players, match officials, Club Officials or spectators.

## **SMOKE FREE POLICY**

The Swan Hill Soccer League recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all club facilities, functions, meetings and activities undertaken by the club and will apply to all members, players, administrators, officials and club visitors.



## **Facilities**

All club facilities are to be 100% smoke free and will include:

- The social rooms including kitchen, office, toilets and storage areas
- Player change rooms including warm up areas, toilets and showers

## **Functions**

All club functions including social and fundraising events & meetings are to be 100% smoke free:

- Ashtrays to be removed from all club facilities
- Cigarette butt bins to be provided at outdoor areas for smokers to dispose of cigarette butts before entering/re-entering smoke free areas

The following is an extract from Football Federation Victoria's 2012 Rules of Competition and serves as part of the Swan Hill Soccer Leagues Smoke Free Policy:

1. It is prohibited for anyone to smoke within the confines of the playing area. This includes the team bench within the Technical area and anywhere on or near the touchline.
2. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that smoking is confined to legitimate public areas at a safe distance from the playing field.
3. If any person is in breach of this rule, both the individual and any Club of which that person is a member may be fined and face disciplinary action under the FFV Grievance Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law.

## **Policy Review**

To ensure this policy remains relevant to club operations and reflects community expectations the policy will be review annually.