**LIONS DEN NEWS – February 2017**

**2017 SEASON:** The season is fast approaching and its great to see so many players have already registered. If you haven’t registered yet, please do so asap as teams are filling fast and we will be submitting team nominations shortly.

***IMPORTANT DATES:***

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 7th February  12th February  14th February  15th February | Preseason Training/BBQ 6pm @ Dukes  Registration and Uniform Sales, 10am-12pm @ Dukes  Preseason Training U/9-U/12 starts, 6-7pm @ Dukes  Preseason Training U/13-U/17s and girls starts, 6-7pm @ Dukes |
| 19th March | Trial Games against Canada Bay @ Dukes |
| 23rd March | 2017 Season Launch |
| 26th March  1st April | ‘Rumble in the Jungle’-trial games against SW Tigers @ Greenway Park  Club March GWS Giants Game v Gold Coast @ Spotless Stadium |
| 2nd April | Round 1 |
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**DONT FORGET TO GET OUR ‘LIONS’ TEAM APP- to keep up to date on all club information.**

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:** You can register and pay online for the 2017 season in one easy transaction. Click on this link for junior registration: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?aID=5593&pKey=c27fb5f63d4ea466de862ae0a007e643&cID=14975&formID=36056>

Or this link for Auskick: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=54693&nfEntityTypeID=5&nfEntityID=466&aID=466>

Fees are $160 per player, $130 2nd family member and $110 for additional family members. Auskick is $85 per player. If you have any problems with the online registration please contact Megan 0412 605 249, or come down to Dukes Oval Sunday 12th February 10am-12pm for our registration day.

**PRE SEASON TRAINING:** Pre season training starts Tuesday 7th February at Dukes Oval for all ages followed by a BBQ at 7pm. We hope to see you all there. From next week, training will be Tuesday nights 6-7pm for U/9s-U/12s and Wednesday nights 6-7pm for U/13s-U/17s and girls teams.

*Bring your mates down to have a kick, everyone is welcome.*

*We will also be taking registrations and collecting fees at all Pre Season training nights.*

**TEAMS AND COACHES:** Team numbers for each age group and team allocations for players wont be finalised until registrations have finished We once again have a fantastic group of people who have volunteered to coach this year, and they are looking forward to 2017. Coaches will be allocated to specific teams in the younger age groups once team numbers have been finalised. If you have any questions or queries about this please contact Megan 0412 605 249.

**TRIAL GAMES:** We have 2 weeks of trial games scheduled in March. We will need some help on 19th March at Dukes with the canteen & BBQ, so if you can help out please let Megan or Brenda know, *thanks in advance.* Details for both days are:

* + **CANADA BAY CANNONS (pre season match against the Cannons) @Dukes Oval**
  + Sunday 19th March, games are scheduled for Under 12s – Under 17s, game times TBA
  + A game for the 15 girls v **Baulkham Hills** will be on the same day, game time TBA
  + **RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE (pre season match against the Tigers) @ Greenway Park**
  + Sunday 26th March, game times TBA, all ages.

**2017 SEASON LAUNCH:** please join us at Dukes on **Thursday 23rd March 2017 @ 6:00pm** for our Season Launch. ***We have a great night planed for all players & families & everyone is invited!*** Come and meet GMAN and Larry the Lion. Join in the fun with the Giants Fan Zone. Our sponsors will present our players with their 2017 Guernseys.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE AN UMPIRE:** we are looking for umpires in 2017. Training will be once a week at Dukes Oval. To Umpire you must be 13, but can start training at 12 ½ years old. Its a great way to learn more about AFL while earning money when you start umpiring games. We are also looking for ADULT UMPIRES to join the team this year. If you’re interested please contact Mike Keep on 0478 778 474. Umpire training will be starting at Dukes 20th February.

**YOUTH GIRLS:** We will have 2 youth Girls teams in 2017. Western Sydney will be running an under 12s and an under 15s competition. We look forward to getting all our girls back for another great year.

**AUSKICK:** We have big plans for Auskick next year and are looking forward to seeing everyone return for another year. Online registration is open now!!!

Keep checking our Team App, Facebook page and website, [www.lionsafl.com.au](http://www.lionsafl.com.au) for more information and important dates for our 2017 season. See you at ***pre season training***........... ***GO LIONS!!!!***

Megan & Lions Committee