



Please take a moment to read this important information.

TEAMS AND PLAYERS

We play in the Granville and District Soccer Football Association Inc (GDSFA) and have teams for all ages and levels of abilities, for both girls and boys, from age 5 (turning 5 in 2010) upwards. We have Over 35's and female-only teams as well as Ladies teams dependent on numbers at registration. In 2009, we fielded 38 teams with 480 members and we expect similar numbers in 2010. Games are scheduled for Saturdays, with games being played sometimes on Sunday or mid-week if washed out on Saturday.

Female only teams are scheduled for Sundays. In 2010 Granville is running a female-only competition for 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, 19s as well as All Age Ladies Divisions. The Committee fully supports the development of female soccer and is looking to expand the number of female players within the club. Girls have the option of playing in a mixed team up to U15 level. Additionally, we also have in-house skills competitions for boys and girls aged 5 to 6 in 2010. It is an internally run, non-competitive learning program focused on skills development and small-sided games. It is a great way for children to develop basic ball skills and find out whether they enjoy playing the game. There is no travelling to other clubs and there are no training sessions.

REGISTRATION

Registration days will be held at Bella Vista Clubhouse - Corner of Crown Terrace and Bella Vista Drive, Baulkham Hills. (We also play matches at Crestwood No 3, Corner Peel Road and Boonal Street, Baulkham Hills) from 10am to 3pm on the following days:

Sunday 6th December 2009, Saturday 30th January and Saturday 6th February

SKILLS	\$95
U7 + U8	\$120
U9 – U16	\$140
U17 - U18 Students	\$160
U16 & U17 Non-students	\$240
U19 & Over Students	\$240
SENIORS	\$240

A \$20 "family" discount for the second family member playing in comp team will apply.

Some late registration sessions can commence 30 minutes before each grading session (refer dates and times below) but must be advised to Peter Emerson on 0419 481 210 at least the day before.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete and sign the appropriate registration forms, including FFA and insurance forms (if available), player code of conduct and any other paperwork provided by the club.
2. Parents/guardians of Players who are under 18 at the time of registration must also sign the required forms.
3. Date-Of-Birth proof (e.g. original of Birth Certificate, Passport or Visa for Juniors; Adults need photoproof eg Drivers Licence) for us to sight and copy the first time you register with us.
4. Sports eyeglasses certificate (if glasses are to be worn whilst playing).

NB: The player in the photo taken for the registration must wear those Sports Eyeglasses in the photo.

5. All officials will be required to be registered, as well as photographed for cards. They must complete the Working with

Children form at the same time.

GRADING

St Michaels Baulkham Hills is a family orientated sports club. We believe in promoting participation, equal opportunity and the development of personal and team skills, but above all the enjoyment of the game through these principles. We believe that placing players or teams in a grade appropriate to their skill levels plays a significant role in achieving this. Grading aims to promote these objectives and is not about grading to win matches.

The club recognises that individual players have different motivations for playing football, ranging from highly competitive reasons to those that involve social recreation. Grading and player placement aims to cater for this so that everyone can benefit. Grading is compulsory for all junior players (U8 – U17 inclusive). This will allow SMKSC to nominate all teams in divisions that are appropriate with their level of skill.

Please note that although the club recommends specific grades when registering each team with GDSFA, we do not have the final decision regarding the level at which each team ultimately plays. A player can play in the age group they turn in the current calendar year or up to two age groups higher. A player can only grade in one age group.

The complete SMKSC Grading Policy is available upon request and from the club website.

2010 Grading sessions are scheduled for Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th February at Bella Vista Oval as follows:

Age	Check In Time	Kick Off Time	Check Out Time
U/8	08:30	09:00	10:30
U/9	10:30	11:00	12:30
U/10 & U/11	12:30	13:00	14:30
U/12 & U/13	14:30	15:00	16:30
U/14 upwards	16:30	17:00	18:30

Only registered players can take part in team grading, so ensure you are registered before the grading days.

Unregistered players can register prior to grading, but are not permitted to commence grading until registration is completed and the fees paid, so please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to grading session commencement if you intend to register on a grading day.

SKILLS (U5 & U6)

The Skills program is internally run and is a mixture of skill drills and small-sided games. There is no grading of Skills players or ranking of teams. Each team generally has between 5 -10 players who are placed randomly in teams each week, sometimes with their friends and/or previous teammates, other times with new people to encourage social skill development and to even up team numbers. During the season there will be sessions starting at 8:30am. There is no mid week training for Skills. Skills is based around the Small Sided Game development concept.

SMALL SIDED GAMES (SSG) (U7 and U8 year olds)

SSG is deemed 'non-competitive' and the players are not graded. Each SSG team will generally have between 7 and 8 players and will play in an internal competition of approximately 8 teams. SSG games are usually scheduled for early to mid Saturday mornings. Mid-week training is arranged based on the availability of coach and parent helpers. They have a dedicated SSG Coordinator who is a committee member.

JUNIOR TEAMS (U9 to U18) COMPETITION

All player will be placed by GDSFA in a level where they can enjoy a competitive game. All grading sessions are held at Bella Vista on the dates noted above. You need to attend both days for your age group and all players must wear shin pads and boots. Only registered players can grade, so ensure you bring your registration receipt to grading. If you cannot attend for emergency reasons you will need to inform the Chief Grader via a written note/email. Players that do not attend grading are likely to be assigned at first to the lowest grade team for that age group. Teams will generally have between 11 and 14 players. Players are graded individually based on reports from their previous coach (where available) and their performance during grading. Further fine-tuning occurs during trial matches. Grading appeals must be put in writing and will be assessed by the Grading Sub-Committee. Their decision is final. Following this the GDSFA will place teams into a competition based on our recommendations, however it is GDSFA's decision on the final team grade.

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Ladies Teams have between 11 and 14 players, although they can have many more registered players where necessary as a result of work or other soccer commitments. Players are graded based on reports from their previous coach (where available) and their performance during grading. Females have the option of playing in mixed teams (on Saturday), in female-only teams (on Sunday), or both via dual registration.

SENIOR TEAMS (Incl Over 35's)

Senior Team players are generally not graded: it is the responsibility of the players to form their own teams with each team determining their player numbers. New seniors will be provided a list of the Team Managers whom they can contact directly and will not be registered until the relevant Team Manager has confirmed their position in a specific team. GDSFA also require a photo Proof of Identity (e.g. Drivers License or Passport which we copy) for each new Senior player before a new ID card is issued to them.

COACHING and DEVELOPMENT

SMKSC strives to assist members improve their ability to play, coach, manage and referee. A sub-committee of volunteers is arranging programs for 2010. This includes, as it did last year, specific training from professional coaches at your normal training sessions through Football Elite. We are proud of this initiative, and the lift in skills it has provided both coaches and players, and will be looking to further improve our opportunity for players through more coaching and training initiatives.

In 2010 Football Elite will provide sessions for SMKSC Coaches of all ages, designed to improve coaching ability and to expand the range of specific training drills suitable for all teams. These sessions will be held on:

Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st March.
U8, 9 & 10 from 9am – 10:30am
U11 Upwards from 11:00am – 12:30pm

REFEREES

The District Soccer Referees Association (GDSRA) are separate from GDSFA and are always looking for people to train as referees.

Details are on the GDSFA website, (<http://www.granvillesoccer.com.au>) or contact the club. The cost of GDSRA Refereeing course will be reimbursed to members who pass the final exam.

Club Referee - These people Referee home games when no official referee is available. For competitive teams (9's and up) this should only be a handful of times per season dependent upon the availability of official referees from the Granville Referee's Association (GDSRA). Both teams' coaches jointly referee all Skills games. Training as a referee for this role is not necessary, but is available and preferred.

PARENTS/PLAYERS' GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES

SMKSC is a volunteer organisation and cannot function without the support of its players and parents. Each team has certain responsibilities as part of that support.

Junior and Senior (Male) Teams

Set up the field before all home games when the team is playing the first scheduled game.
Clear the field after all home games when no following game is scheduled.
Staff the canteen and BBQ for at least one morning or afternoon shift during the season.

SSG and Skills

Parents assist to set up and take down their field's portable goalposts at home matches and assist from time to time

in canteen duties.

Skills team parents assist to set up and clear the playing equipment they are using after the last game/skill session of the day, and staff the canteen and BBQ for at least one morning or afternoon shift during the season.

Ladies teams are responsible for setup and clearing of their fields and staffing of the canteen (if they determine to open it) for all rostered Bella Vista Sunday games.

In addition, ALL teams are required to fill three official positions:

Coach - Develops the skills of their players and teaches the players to the best of the coach's ability on how to play football.

Manager- The communication link between the club and the players/parents. In particular, they work closely with the Age Managers regarding matches, results etc. The Manager is responsible for submitting match reports to the website before Monday 5pm each week. They are also responsible for ensuring at least one parent from one team assists in setting up the Bella Vista clubhouse ONCE per season on a Friday night. This is invaluable support for the voluntary Committee people who do it all season, and is an important part of teaching members how the club is run so they are aware of what they may volunteer for in the future.

Team/Ground Official - Maintains order and assists the referee in controlling the game and spectators. Appropriate instruction will be provided for these people at the beginning of the season. (Skills only require two Ground Officials per week covering all teams.)

PARENTS/PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

All SMKSC members (players and parents) are bound by the Code of Conduct. Copies are available on the website and from the clubhouse. Failure to observe this Code could lead to disciplinary action, which, in its most extreme form, could result in dismissal from the Club. The NSW Government and sporting associations have a program to combat violence in sport (www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportrage/). This will again be a focus in 2010 and both the Club and the Granville Association intend to take a strong stand on breaches of conduct, especially where physical and verbal abuse is concerned.

CLUB STRIP AND EQUIPMENT

Players are provided with a club shirt for the season, which must be returned at the end of the season. All players must buy their own club colour shorts, socks and other playing equipment. Full kit is available at registration. There will also be an opportunity for individuals or teams to purchase a range of club wear during the year. Details will be available at registration.

PLAYER INSURANCE

Payment of the player registration fee includes an insurance premium required through Soccer NSW. All players are covered for limited medical costs when no other insurance exists and, where the player has registered as a NON-STUDENT, limited loss of wages. Full details of insurance is provided on the Football NSW site (<http://www.footballnsw.com.au/>) and will be provided at Registration if available. The club only collects the insurance premium and forwards it to Football NSW via GDSFA. We are not their agents or Insurance Brokers and earn no commission for the collection of the premium.

If you work full or part-time and wish to have your income insured under the policy, you must register as a NON-STUDENT. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this and players registered as a STUDENT will not be able to claim loss of income under any circumstances if they are injured. If your circumstances change before the season commences (e.g., you start working part-time at McDonalds) you need to advise the club if you wish to have that income insured. Once the season has commenced there is no provision to amend your level of cover.

THE COMMITTEE & OTHER ROLES

SMKSC is a volunteer organisation and cannot function without your support. The Committee is charged with the responsibility to run the club and always need people to lend a hand. Committee members are ordinary people who do this for the reward of helping their families and community. The Committee, and therefore the club, cannot function

without your help. We are rightly proud of the high levels of involvement, however always need and appreciate more.

At Registration you will be asked to commit to regular or ad-hoc assistance in a variety of roles, or just be OK with us asking for help once or twice a year when something special comes along.

Although you are welcome to attend, there is no requirement to commit time to the monthly committee meetings unless you wish to address a specific issue. Please call our President, Craig Gough, if you are prepared to assist in making this an even greater Club. Dates of Committee Meetings are listed on the club website.

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