



**Knapsack Park  
Glenbrook**

# 2004 YEAR BOOK

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## **BLUE MOUNTAINS SOCCER CLUB INC**

Blue Mountains Soccer Club can proudly claim to be the first junior soccer club to have been established in the district. Its colours of light blue and white are reminiscent of the founders' admiration of the U.K. team, Manchester City.

We are a voluntary sporting association that relies totally on the efforts and skills of our members. 2004 will be a very exciting year for the Club with the committee working in close partnership with Blue Mountains City Council on developing a Master Plan for Knapsack Oval to improve car parking, landscaping, club entry/exit driveways, lighting and hopefully a new Soccer club house.

The club requires the support of all parents and senior players to undertake duties to ensure the smooth running of the club. Parents and players can support the club by:-

- Attending the games
- Helping the coach at training or the games
- Helping the manager by volunteering the line marking and canteen duty.
- Coaching the team
- Managing the team
- Do line marking and putting the nets up when it is the team's turn.
- Do canteen duty when rostered to do so.
- Support the club in any fund raising activities.
- Attend working bees to improvement the amenity of Knapsack Park.
- Serve on the committee.
- Do a shift as Duty Officer

If you have any concerns or issues with the running of the Club, or have any suggestions for improvements contact a committee member (preferably in writing) so that it can be discussed at a committee meeting and action taken.

Many different skills are needed to keep Blue Mountains Soccer Club alive for our kids and those coming through in future years.

The 2004 Management Committee.

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## ***BLUE MOUNTAINS SOCCER CLUB Inc 2004 COMMITTEE***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
President / Competition Secretary	Gordon Aiken	
Vice President	Ian Monaghan	
Secretary		
Treasurer	Len Bowman	
Registrar	Neil Creagh	
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Coaching Coordinator	James Rees	
Property Officer	Noel Hanrahan	
Equipment Officer / Women's Coordinator	Margaret Semeniuk	
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## 2004 Soccer Program

Saturday 6 March Trial Games U/6 to U/14	Sunday 7 March Trial Games U/15 and Above	Saturday 13 March Trial Games U/6 to U/14	Sunday 14 March Trial Games U/15 and Above	Sunday 14 March Start PREMIER DIVISIONS	Saturday 20 March Start U/6 to U/14	Sunday 21 March Start U/15 and Above	Saturday 27 March U/6 to U/14
Sunday 28 March U/15 and Above	Saturday 3 April U/6 to U/14	Sunday 4 April U/15 and Above	Saturday 10 April EASTER SATURDAY	Sunday 11 April EASTER SUNDAY	Monday 12 April EASTER MONDAY  Prem Div GAMES	Saturday 17 April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Sunday 18 April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  10 TEAM COMPS
Saturday 24 April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Monday 26 April PREMIER DIVISIONS	Saturday 1 May U/6 to U/14	Sunday 2 May U/15 & Above	Saturday 8 May U/8 to U/14 MINI GALA DAY	Sunday 9 May U/15 & Above	Saturday 15 May U/6 to U/14	Sunday 16 May U/15 & Above  Presidents Cup R1
Saturday 22 May U/6 to U/14	Sunday 23 May U/15 & Above  State Cup R1	Saturday 29 May U/6 to U/14	Sunday 30 May U/15 & Above	Saturday 5 June U/6 to U/14	Sunday 6 June U/15 & Above  State Cup R2	Saturday 12 June U/6 to U/14	Sunday 13 June U/15 & Above
Monday 14 June U/6 to U/18  NEPEAN CUP ROUND 1	Saturday 19 June U/6 to U/14	Sunday 20 June U/15 & Above  Presidents Cup R2 State Cup R3	Saturday 26 June U/6 to U/14  Cut-Off Date for RR Gradings	Sunday 27 June U/15 & Above  Cut-Off Date for RR Gradings	Saturday 3 July U/6 & U/14  U/8 Mini Gala Day	Sunday 4 July U/15 & Above  State Cup R4	Saturday 10 July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  NEPEAN CUP Round 2
Sunday 11 July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  10/12 TEAM COMPS	Saturday 17 July U/6 to U/8  Start RR U9 to U/14	Sunday 18 July Start RR U/15 & Above  State Cup R5	Saturday 24 July U/6 to U/14  NEPEAN CUP Round 3	Sunday 25 July U/15 & Above  Presidents Cup R3	Saturday 31 July U/6 to U/14	Sunday 1 August U/15 & Above  One Double RR Header Weekend to be held	Saturday 7 August U/6 to U/14  NEPEAN CUP Round 4
Sunday 8 August U/15 & Above  Presidents Cup R4 State Cup Final	Saturday 14 August U/6 to U/14	Sunday 15 August U/15 & Above	Saturday 21 August U/6 to U/14  NEPEAN CUP Round 5	Sunday 22 August U/15 & Above  Presidents Cup R5	Saturday 28 August FINALS	Sunday 29 August FINALS	Tuesday 7 September PRESIDENT S CUP & NEPEAN CUP FINALS Cook Park

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## 2003 ACHIEVEMENTS

Team	
9.4	Competition Winner. Round Robin Winners
10.6	Competition Runner Up
11.7	Competition Runner Up, Round Robin Runners Up
12.1	Competition Runner Up
16.3	Competition Winner
17.1	Competition Runner Up
21.1	Knock Out Competition Winner, Champion of Champions Runners Up

## 2003 SPECIAL AWARDS

Robbie Madden Award Highest Division/Age Comp Winner	16.3
John Costello Award Most Improved	17.1
Tony Millington Award Battlers	9.8
Dedication Award	9.4
The Margaret Wagner Award Senior Best and Fairest	Joel Carson
2002 Club Person Award	Barry Summers
10 YEAR AWARDS	Simon Crawley, Andrew Darcy, Ben Firth, Brad Konemann, Iain Martyn, Brett Monaghan, Jason Semeniuk, Nathan Shuttleworth
20 YEAR AWARDS	Michael Cameron, John Emmingham, David Heyman, Julian Nixon

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## 2003 COMPETITION RESULTS

DIV	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
09.4	1	9	3	0	28	3	25	30
09.8	6	2	4	6	6	17	-11	10
10.6	2	10	0	4	36	15	21	30
11.7	2	12	1	1	37	6	31	37
12.1	2	9	0	3	30	19	11	27
13.6	7	1	2	9	11	46	-35	5
16.3	1	12	0	3	59	31	28	36
16.G2	5	6	2	6	22	29	-7	20
17.1	2	10	2	3	45	24	21	32
21.1	1	KNOCK OUT COMP WINNER						
35.2	3	7	2	4	47	19	28	23
AA.5	9	3	1	12	40	64	-24	10
AA.6	9	2	3	13	25	66	-41	9
AA.9	4	6	1	7	30	35	-5	19
AA.L1	5	3	1	8	10	42	-32	10
AA.L3	7	1	4	7	16	41	-25	7
PRMR YLW	9	5	3	12	26	46	-20	18
PRMR RED	10	4	1	15	20	55	-35	13
PRM1 YLW	9	6	2	12	25	35	-10	20
PRM1 RED	5	10	6	4	40	30	10	36

P - final position in competition

W - games won

D - games drawn

L - games lost

GF - goals scored for the team

GA - goals scored against the team

GD - Goal difference

PTS - competition points

### Non Competition Teams

6L 6M 6O 6P 6Y

7F 7H 7P 7S

8F 8L

Total number of teams - 30

Total number of players - 400

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## ***BMSC HISTORY***

The Blue Mountains Soccer Club (BMSC) was formed in 1965. The 1st Annual General Meeting was held 12 November 1965.

In 1966 the club had 4 teams playing in the Nepean Competition – Under 8, Under 13, Under 15 and All Age team. All games were being played on Glenbrook Oval, which the club shared with Glenbrook Baptist Soccer Club. By 1968 the club had 12 teams. During this time consideration was given to merging with the Baptist Soccer Club and to change the name of the club so as to include more sports.

It was proposed in 1970 that the BMSC become a Limited Liability Company with seven directors in order for the club to progress. This proposal was passed at a Special General Meeting held on 13 July 1970 with club becoming Blue Mountains Soccer Club Ltd on 24 November 1970. The first Annual General Meeting of BMSC Ltd was held 29 September 1971.

During 1971 the lease of Knapsack Park commenced with the Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC). On 15 February 1974 the lease for Knapsack Park was signed for 20 years.

The Robbie Madden Trophy was first presented for the highest placed, highest age competition winner in 1972.

In 1974 the Ladies Auxiliary was formed to assist with fund raising and the running of the canteen. The Auxiliary ran until 1995 when it ceased due to lack of support.

The tractor was purchased in 1974 for \$500 and sold for \$500 in 2003.

In 1976 John Costello died and the John Costello trophy was first presented in 1984 for the Most Improved Team.

The first earthworks for Knapsack Park were started in 1976. Work continued on the fields until they were finished in 1983 when all teams used Knapsack Park as their home ground. The fields were completed by BMSC with the assistance and financial help from the Dept of Sport and Recreation, BMCC and contractors, including J K Williams. The fields included the playing pitches, an irrigation system and lights.

In 1979 the old club house at Leonay Country Club was moved to Knapsack Park to become the BMSC club house at a cost \$6,000.

By 1979 the club had grown to 20 teams plus one ladies team. In 1980 the Most Improved and Dedication Trophies were presented, along with the Robbie Madden Trophy.

Tony Millington died in 1982. Tony was one of the clubs longest serving directors, being on the Board for 12 years from 1970 to 1981. The Tony Millington Shield for the Battlers Award was first presented in 1983.

In 1983 the amenities block was constructed at a cost of \$1000. In 1985 cricket was first played at Knapsack Park.

In 1986 the Club Person Award was introduced. The first recipient was Ian Wykes.

Construction of the Mini Fields began in 1990 and was completed for 1991 season with a grant of \$2,100 from the Dept of Sport and Recreation and Club funding the rest of the cost.

In 1991 the Club received a \$9,000 grant from BMCC to upgrade the fencing around the fields.

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Also in 1991 the 10 years Awards were instigated.

By 1992 the Club had 30 teams, 26 Junior teams and 4 Senior teams, with 366 players.

In 1993 negotiations on renewal of the lease of Knapsack Park began with BMCC.

In 1997 the U15.1 team, having won their competition, were invited to play in the South Pacific Junior Soccer Championships in Fiji. In 1998 the U16.1 team, again winning their competition, went to Vanuatu to play in the South Pacific Soccer Challenge.

In 1998 the field lights were upgraded at a cost of \$12,500. The Club paid for half the cost, with the rest of the money coming from a Dept of Sport and Rec grant.

In 2000 the club had 382 players in 28 teams. This had grown to 421 players in 31 teams, including 51 female players in 3 teams, in 2001.

On 10 September 2000 the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM was held.

At an Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 August 2001 a resolution was passed to register the club under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act, and adopt the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations (with changes), according to the Associations Incorporation Regulation. A copy of the rules is available on the Clubs web site. The name of the Club was changed to Blue Mountains Soccer Club Inc.

In 2002 the Club's first twenty year award was presented to Michael Curry.

After 10 years of negotiations with the BMCC the Club decided in 2003 to no longer pursue a lease for the use of Knapsack Park. The Club came to an agreement with the Council for them to take over the maintenance of the fields and the Club to "booked" the fields during the soccer season. This resulted in the freeing up of considerable funds, which can be put back into the purchasing of additional equipment for players and teams. It also meant that the Council will be funding the upgrading of the fields and car parking which the Club was unlikely ever to have raised enough funds to complete.

In 2003 the U21 team won their knock out competition to win the right to represent Nepean Association in the Champion of Champions competition. The team made it through to the final where they lost 0-4.



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## **CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

### **PLAYERS**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official on your behalf.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in soccer.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport; recognise all good plays whether they are part of your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in soccer as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **COACHES**

- Remember that junior players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at junior players for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All junior players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

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- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Any physical contact with a junior player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### PARENTS

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all of soccer's activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

If you have an issue or are concerned about how your son or daughter is being treated:

- Discuss the issue with the responsible Coach or Manager. It is strongly recommended that you do not attempt to do this before or after a match or prior to training. At these times the Coach and or Manager are likely to be extremely busy and probably unable to give your issue the attention it needs. Make an arrangement to talk to them at some other mutually agreeable time.
- If you are not able to deal directly with the coach or Manager or are dissatisfied with the outcome, your next option is to discuss the issue with the BMSC Coaching Coordinator (see list of Club Committee members).
- If the Coaching Coordinator is unavailable, make a written complaint to the BMSC Secretary who will bring the matter to the attention of the full Committee at the next scheduled Meeting.

### SPECTATORS

- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.

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- Respect the decisions of officials and teach junior players to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **COMMITTEE**

- Provide opportunity for involvement of young players in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to their activity.
- Give all young players equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young players to participate in soccer not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young players participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of Fair Play sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of Soccer Australia's National Junior Development Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young players in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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## **CLUB POLICIES**

### **REGISTRATION POLICY**

BMSC will try to register all players. The club will encourage as many players as possible to play for the club. However, if a team has the maximum number of players and there is not the possibility of another team being formed the Club may not be able to register a player and may refer the player to another club.

The fees to be charged to players are those formally approved by the BMSC Committee. Variations to the set fees can only be made at the discretion of the BMSC committee and must be formally agreed in a properly constituted meeting.

A receipt is to be issued for each registration payment. Each person should ensure they obtain a receipt and retain it for future reference.

BMSC will not complete registration for any player(s) who have not paid the specified fee in full. A BMSC Executive member or Registrar may determine to vary this policy however, any variation must be ratified by the full Committee at its next meeting.

Where the BMSC Committee has authorised registration of a player prior to payment of the specified fees, the BMSC Registrar will not make the NDFSA player Identity Card available to the team Manager until payment has been received. Variations to this policy can only be made at the discretion of the BMSC committee and must be formally agreed in a properly constituted meeting.

### **JUNIOR PLAYER GRADING POLICY**

In the Nepean Soccer District, age groups U9 and above play competition games, therefore all players U9 and above should, where possible, play in a team for their age and in a division best suited to their ability.

Where there are more than two teams entered into the same age competition (U9 and above) then the players will be graded into teams based on their ability. The grading is to be carried out by a Grading Committee of appropriate people appointed by the Competition Secretary. The teams will be graded according to the player's ability based on advice from coaches of the teams and an independent assessment of the player's ability by the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee grades the players such that players of similar ability are placed in the one team.

Accordingly after grading, players will be offered a position in a team at the appropriate level for their ability. If players do not wish to play at these higher levels they will be allocated to lower teams.

If any player or parent is not satisfied with the grading they or their child receives, they can make a submission in writing to the Grading Committee requesting a review of the players grading, outlining why they think the grading is not correct. The Grading Committee will consider this submission and make a decision on whether or not to change the players grading. The Grading Committee's decision is final.

All players should play in the age competition for their age, i.e. U9's play U9. The Grading Committee will only consider playing a player in a higher grade if it does not impact upon the team for which the player would have played. When there are an insufficient number of players in a team it may be necessary for the Grading Committee to require some players to play in the higher age competition to even out the player numbers in all the teams. The players who will play in the higher age competition will be selected based on their ability to play in the higher age division team.

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## DISCIPLINE AND FINES

BMSC supports the NDSFA stand of “zero tolerance” on violence by players and spectators and abusing or harassing match officials. All players should make themselves aware of the Nepean By Laws (Section 10) covering these matters.

A player who receives two Yellow cards in the same game is sent off and receives an automatic one-match suspension. A player receiving a third yellow card receives an automatic one-match suspension. A player is not to serve their suspension until notified by Nepean.

A player receiving a fourth and fifth yellow card is fined \$10.00. A player receiving a sixth and subsequent yellow cards is fined \$20.00. The sixth and ninth Yellow cards also carry an automatic one-match suspension.

The responsibility for payment of fines levied by the NDSFA on individual players rests with the player. The BMSC Competition Secretary will request the player's Coach or Manager to advise the player, details of the fine and collect the amount due.

The player will be eligible to participate in a maximum of one competition game for BMSC until receipt of payment of the fine by the club.

If a player is sent from the field for a Red Card offence, that player will receive an automatic suspension (see Nepean By Laws 11 (b) 9) and will not need to appear before the NDSFA P&D Committee unless required to do so. Any player receiving a red card should contact the Competition Secretary, by 7:00 pm of the Sunday after their send off, or by 6:00 pm for a send off on a Monday, to discuss their options.

Any suspended player will be notified in writing by the BMSC of the details of the suspension including the nature and length of the suspension and fine imposed by Nepean.

Any person (eg. player, coach, manager, marshal, spectator, etc) required to appear before a NDSFA P & D or Disciplinary Committee hearing will be notified in writing by the BMSC at least 24 hours before the hearing. Any reports requested by Nepean are to be submitted to the BMSC Competition Secretary or President at least 4 hours before the due time to allow time for vetting and any changes that may be needed prior to submission to Nepean. If a person is unable to attend the hearing for any reason they are to notify the Competition Secretary before the hearing. A member of the BMSC Committee must accompany any player or team official attending any such hearing.

Any team or player, who by their actions (eg. Violence, alcohol, abandoning a game), causes the Club to be fined by NDSFA, will be required to pay the fine and may be subject to further penalties imposed by the Club. They may also be required to attend a BMSC Committee meeting to discuss their actions and any penalties the Club may impose on them. If the team or player does not pay a fine they will be declared unfinancial. A team or player may submit a request in writing to BMSC detailing any extenuating circumstances of the incident which they feel means that they should not pay all or part of the fine.

Any player or team wishing to appeal a decision of the P & D Committee are to contact the Competition Secretary within 24 hours for appeals against a suspension or within 48 hours for other appeals. For appeals against a Disciplinary Committee the player or team are to contact the Competition Secretary within 48 hours. The Competition Secretary is to review the merits of the appeal, and if he considers it appropriate, will pass the appeal onto the NDSFA.

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## SPONSORSHIP

If a team receives team obtains special purpose sponsorship (eg. in return for naming rights on their BMSC competition soccer shirts) the funds must be applied towards the cost of producing and applying the naming panels to the teams' shirts.

If the amount received exceeds the cost of obtaining and applying the naming panels to the shirts, the excess may be applied at the discretion of the BMSC committee for the purchase of essential soccer equipment: -

- BMSC competition playing strips.
- Soccer Balls.
- Cone markers.
- Training bibs.
- To subsidise BMSC players' costs in completing BMSC Committee approved soccer-related courses.
- End of Season trophies.
- BMSC Presentation day expenses,

If a BMSC team obtains general sponsorship, part of that sponsorship must be retained by BMSC to be used or applied at the discretion of the Committee for the benefit of the BMSC Club.

Any sponsorship is to be fully receipted by the club and applied at the discretion of the Committee.

*A receipt for any goods purchased from sponsorship monies must be obtained from the supplier, for auditing purposes, and forwarded to the club Treasurer.*

The retained amount *will* be as agreed by the teams nominated representative and the BMSC Committee, but shall be not less than ten percent of the amount received by the sponsored team.

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## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***What do I do if I think any player or young person is not getting a fair go in a team?***

1) Discuss the issue with the responsible Coach or Manager.

**Note:** - It is strongly recommended that you do not attempt to do this before or after a match or prior to training. At these times the Coach and or Manager are likely to be extremely busy and probably unable to give your issue the attention it needs. Make an arrangement to talk to them at some other mutually agreeable time.

2) If you are not able to deal directly with the coach or Manager or are dissatisfied with the outcome, your next option is to discuss the issue with the Coaching Coordinator.

3) If the response you get from the Coaching Coordinator is unsatisfactory, make a written complaint to the BMSC Secretary who will bring the matter to the attention of the full Committee at the next scheduled Meeting.

### ***What happens if a player receives a Red Card in a game?***

Firstly, it is the responsibility of the BMSC team Manager to take the players ID card to the referee either at half time or at the end of the game. If you wish to appeal the send off you must notify the BMSC Competition Secretary ASAP (see Discipline and Fines Policy). Generally, the player will receive an automatic suspension as per the NDSFA By Laws and will not need to attend a meeting of the NDSFA P&D.

### ***Wet weather cancellations?***

If the NDSFA or another Club cancels either a game, the BMSC Competition Secretary will advise your Team Manager who in turn will advise you.

If in doubt, call your coach or Manager. It is strongly recommended that each team makes specific arrangements for general matters like these at the start of the season.

On most occasions a message will be recorded on the Clubs phone, 47395121, giving the details on washed rounds and ground closures, including Knapsack Park, due to wet weather.

If Knapsack Park has been closed due to wet weather NO training on the park is allowed.

Games can be called off due to wet weather in the following ways:

- The NDSFA Competition Secretary will call **all** games off if Councils in the NDSFA area 'close their' grounds. Note, arrangements such these should be discussed / agreed at a team meeting at the start of the season.
- The NDSFA Competition Secretary will call games off scheduled to take place on grounds closed by individual Councils in the NDSFA area. In these circumstances, the BMSC Competition Secretary will advise **the affected** BMSC team Managers of the cancellation. The Team Manager will advise the team members. Again, if in doubt, ring your Team Manager
- Individual clubs will close their grounds. In these circumstances, either the other Club Competition Secretary or the NDSFA Competition Secretary will advise the BMSC Competition Secretary who will advise the affected BMSC teams.

Note – These cancellations can occur 'at the last minute' there have been occasions where teams have travelled to games only to find that the grounds have been closed. Every effort is made to avoid this, but it does happen.