

# YEAR BOOK - 2005

## BLUE MOUNTAINS SOCCER CLUB

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SOCCER

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### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

- **7-18 February:** Team selection and grading nights. Please refer to information sheet provided at time of registration.
- **11 March:** Coaches and Managers information night.
- **12-13 & 19-20 March:** Trial matches played. Details will be distributed via your manager & published on Club's website.
- **2-3 April:** First weekend of competition games.
- **Junior Presentation Day:** Early September-Date to be advised
- **Where to find more information:** All draws, results, tables, field locations, club policies, match reports etc appear on the Club's website
- **Club Newsletter:** A weekly newsletter is available via email. To receive your copy provide an email address at time of registration or via the Club's website

## INTRODUCTION

Blue Mountains Soccer Club can proudly claim to be the first junior soccer club established in the district. Its colours of sky blue and white are reminiscent of the founders' admiration of the U.K. team, Manchester City. The Club plays in the competition managed by the Nepean District Soccer Football Association (NDSFA) which covers over 1,000 teams.

We are a voluntary sporting association that relies totally on the efforts and skills of our members.

In 2005 the club is celebrating 40 years of Soccer and we hope that you will join with us as we enter a new phase in the Club's development. This season sees the adoption of a new logo covering all junior and senior teams, the introduction of a range of clothing in Club colours for all to wear proudly in a show of support for the Club, various additional initiatives to improve the profile of the Club and the continued development of processes and procedures designed to ensure an enjoyable time is had by all.

The Committee will continue to work with Blue Mountains City Council through out the year with the major goal for the season being to ensure the completion of a suitable "Master Plan of Management" for Knapsack Park by BMCC. This plan will focus on the major issues of car parking, landscaping, club entry/exit driveways, lighting and include detailed planning to allow for the development of a new club house in the medium to longer term.

Please bear in mind that "The Club" is the sum of it's Members. We can only continue to prosper with the support of players and their families. Part of the responsibility of belonging to a volunteer organisation such as BMSC is the need for 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
- Coaching or managing a team
- Helping the coach at training or games
- Helping when it is your teams turn for line marking or canteen duty
- Assist with line marking and putting the nets up when rostered to do so
- Assist with canteen duty when rostered to do so
- Support the club in fund raising activities
- Attend working bees to improve the amenity of Knapsack Park
- Serve on the committee or volunteer to assist committee members with specific tasks through out the year
- Act as Duty Officer for a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday. You get to watch a good game of Soccer or two

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. General inquiries may also be made via the "Contact Us" page on the Club's website.

We hope you have an enjoyable season of Soccer with Blue Mountains Soccer Club

**The 2005 Management Committee.**

## IMPORTANT POINTS

- The Club can only continue to function with the full support of players and parents.
- Please consider donating some of your time to make the Club even better so we may continue to prosper for the next 40 years and beyond.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS—2005

Position	Name
<b>President</b>	Ian Monaghan
<b>Vice President</b> <b>Competition Secretary</b>	Gordon Aiken
<b>Secretary</b> <b>Council Liaison Officer</b>	Tony Adamski
<b>Treasurer</b>	Len Bowman
<b>Registrar</b>	Neil Creagh
<b>Assistant Secretary</b> <b>Member Protection Officer</b> <b>Safety Officer, Web Master</b>	Martin Trigg
<b>Assistant Registrar</b> <b>Senior Team Representative</b>	Stephen Hurley
<b>Coaching Coordinator</b>	David Biczó
<b>Publicity and Promotions Officer</b>	Michael Hampson
<b>Property Officer</b>	
<b>Equipment Officer</b> <b>Women's Coordinator</b>	Margaret Semeniuk
<b>Roster Officer</b>	
<b>Canteen Coordinator</b>	Pauline Trigg
<b>Committee Member</b>	Martin Mc Daid
<b>Committee Member</b>	Cameron Morgan

### HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

Ever wondered what goes on in the background to keep the Club running smoothly?

The Committee always appreciates the assistance of Club members in helping with the day to day tasks that ensure the Club is an enjoyable place to play soccer for all. If you are able to give some of your time please contact the club via our website [www.bmsoccer.com.au](http://www.bmsoccer.com.au) or call the President on the number listed above. You will be provided with clear and concise instructions for a task that needs completing.

If every one does their best to assist the club by donating a small amount of their time and skills we will continue to prosper for the next 40 years and beyond.

## NEPEAN SOCCER PROGRAM—2005

DATE DRAW ISSUED Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Complete U6 U7 U8 3 Rounds U9 & Above	SAT & SUN 12-13 MARCH  Pre-Season Trial Matches	SAT & SUN 19-20 MARCH  Pre-Season Trial Matches	SATURDAY 2 APRIL  Start Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 3 APRIL  Start Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 09 APRIL  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 10 APRIL  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 16 APRIL  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Middle Week No Play	SUNDAY 17 APRIL
SATURDAY 23 APRIL  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 24 APRIL  Senior U15 & Above	MONDAY 25 APRIL  ANZAC DAY	SATURDAY 30 APRIL  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 01 MAY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 07 MAY  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 08 MAY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 14 MAY  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 15 MAY  President's Cup Round 1 <b>State Cup R1</b> Senior U15 & Above
SATURDAY 21 MAY  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 22 MAY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 28 MAY  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 29 MAY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 04 JUNE  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 05 JUNE  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 11 JUNE  Nep Cup R1  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 12 JUNE  Senior U15 & Above	MONDAY 13 JUNE  <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>  No Play
SATURDAY 18 JUNE  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 19 JUNE President's Cup Round 2  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 25 JUNE  Nep Cup R2  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 26 JUNE  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 02 JULY  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 03 JULY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 09 JULY  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Middle Week No Play	SUNDAY 10 JULY	SATURDAY 16 JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  Nep Cup R3 Junior U6 – U14
SUNDAY 17 JULY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 23 JULY  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 24 JULY  President's Cup Round 3  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 30 JULY  Nep Cup R4  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 31 JULY  Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 06 AUG  Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 07 AUGUST  President's Cup Round 4  Senior U15 & Above	WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST  NEPEAN CUP  SEMI FINALS	SATURDAY 13 AUGUST  Junior Finals Series Round 1
SUNDAY 14 AUGUST  Senior Finals Series Round 1	SATURDAY 20 AUGUST  Junior Finals Series Round 2	SUNDAY 21 AUGUST  Senior Finals Series Round 2 President's Cup Rd 5	SATURDAY 27 AUGUST  Junior Finals Plate & League	SUNDAY 28 AUGUST  Senior Finals Plate & League	SATURDAY 03 SEPT  Standby Date For Finals	SUNDAY 04 SEPT  Standby Date For Finals	TUESDAY 06 SEPT  President's & Men's Nepean Cup Finals Cook Park	WEDNESDAY 7 SEPT  Junior & Ladies Nepean Cup Finals Cook Park

### IMPORTANT POINTS

- Although games are not scheduled to be played during the middle of School Holidays, games will be played on the beginning and ending weekends. Parents should notify the coach or manager as early as possible if their child will not be able to attend a particular game.
- **Junior 8 team competitions:** At the end of the league competition rounds the top four teams will play off against one another with the top two teams from the play offs playing in the final. At the same time, the bottom four teams play off against each other with again the top two teams from the play offs playing in the plate final.
- **Senior competitions:** At the end of the league competition rounds, only the top four teams will play off against one another with the top two teams from the play offs playing in the final.
- **This program is subject to change through out the season.** In particular there could be washed out games which have to be rescheduled, as well as catch up games for teams that are re-graded after the first three games, these would usually be played on Sundays.  
**Updates will be published to the Club's website [www.bmsoccer.com.au](http://www.bmsoccer.com.au).**

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS—2004

Team	Achievement
U14.4	Competition Runner Up
AA.5	Top Four Finalists
O35.2	Competition Winner
AA.L2	Competition Winner
AA.L4	Competition Runner Up
Prem 1	Competition Runner Up,

Special Awards	Criteria	Recipient
<b>Robbie Madden Award</b>	Highest Division / Age competition	<b>AA.L2</b>
<b>John Costello Award</b>	Most Improved team performance	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Tony Millington Award</b>	Recognition of a teams commitment to	<b>8.C</b>
<b>Dedication Award</b>	For dedication by the team to playing and	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Margaret Wagner Award</b>	Senior Best & Fairest	<b>Malcolm Butt</b>
<b>2004 Club Person Award</b>	Awarded in recognition of the dedication, time and effort put in by an individual to	<b>Gary McNicol</b>
<b>10 Year Awards</b>	For players who have played for BMSC for 10 years	<b>Nil</b>
<b>20 Year Awards</b>	For players who have played for BMSC for 20 years	<b>Nil</b>

## COMPETITION RESULTS—2004

DIV	Final Position	Games Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Lost Points	Points
9.2	4	14	7	3	4	21	7	14	0	24
9.6	4	12	6	1	5	16	12	4	0	19
10.2	5	14	4	3	7	18	21	-3	3	18
10.9	3	12	7	2	3	30	15	15	0	23
11.5	7	12	1	0	11	10	50	-40	0	3
12.5	4	12	6	2	4	12	13	-1	0	20
12.8	5	12	3	2	7	15	31	-16	0	11
13.1	6	12	1	1	10	7	44	-37	0	4
14.5	2	12	9	2	1	29	7	22	0	29
17.G1	8	14	1	1	12	17	50	-33	0	4
18.1	4	12	5	1	6	17	24	-7	0	16
35.2	1	12	8	1	3	28	13	15	0	25
AA.L2	1	12	11	0	1	60	10	50	0	33
AA.L4	2	14	10	2	2	59	11	48	0	32
AA.4	10	18	1	1	16	17	94	-77	0	4
AA.5	3	18	10	4	4	38	23	15	0	34
AA.6	9	16	2	2	12	16	40	-24	0	8
PRM1	2	18	10	6	2	51	19	32	0	36
PRMR	5	18	8	4	6	31	24	7	0	28

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Total number of teams:** 31
- **Total number of players:** 400
- **Non Competition Teams:** 5E 6R 6S 6T — 7K 7L 7P 7R 7S — 8B 8C 8D

## HISTORY OF BLUE MOUNTAINS SOCCER CLUB

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 passed away 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 this stage 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 passed away in 1982. Tony was one of the clubs longest serving directors, 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 to recognise the contribution made by a non-committee member to the Club. The first recipient was Ian Wykes.

Construction of the Mini Fields began in 1990 and was completed for the 1991 season with a grant of \$2,100 from the Dept of Sport and Recreation and the 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. The 10 years Awards were also 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 Recreation grant.

In 2000 the club had 382 players in 28 teams. This grew in 2001 to 421 players in 31 teams, including 51 female players in 3 teams. 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 whereby Council would take over the maintenance of the fields, with the Club "booking" 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 upgrading of the fields and car parking became the responsibility of Blue Mountains City Council.

In 2003 the U21 team won their knock out competition and the right to represent Nepean Association in the Champion of Champions competition. The team made it through to the final , but despite a gallant effort were defeated 0-4 on the day.

2004 saw the return to a single Premier League 1st Div team. The combined team finished Competition and Top 4 Runner Up's. Strict water restrictions were enforce across Sydney for the full season hampering field maintenance.

## 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.
- 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.



## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR—CONTINUED #2

- 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.

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### Spectators

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- 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.
- 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.

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### Committee

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- 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 over emphasise awards.

## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR—CONTINUED #3

- 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.

### NDSFA—BY-LAWS SECTION 1, 10 VIOLENCE, HARASSMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS, ABANDONED GAMES, FIELD INVASION.

#### 1. VIOLENCE, HARASSMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS, ABANDONED GAMES, FIELD INVASION

##### Glossary of Terms

1. 'Abuse' is defined as physical violence or verbal misuse of language. Abuse will include, but not limited to, spitting threats, direct swearing, gestures and insults.
2. 'Assaults' is defined as an unlawful physical attack upon another to include, but not limited to, hitting, punching, kicking, and all forms of abuse.
3. 'Harassment' is defined as offensive, abusive, belittling or threatening unwelcome behaviour that is directed at a person or group of people.
4. 'Official' is defined as any Coach, Manager, Official of a Club, and any Match Official, Assistant Referee, or Marshall.
5. 'Player' is defined as a registered player with the N.D.S.F.A. Inc.
6. 'Team' is defined as a group of players.
7. 'Spectator' is any person, excluding player or official, present at a sanctioned game.
8. An abandoned game, in the context of this provision, shall be a game determined by a match official due to an act(s) of violence as defined above.

##### a. PLAYER

- 1) A player found guilty of any form of abuse, assault or harassment, directly or indirectly, against any match official, before, during, or after a match, will be subject to the following penalties –
  - a) A sentence as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
  - b) Repeat offence by the same player in the same season –
    - 1) Will result in that player receiving an automatic suspension for the rest of that season.
    - 2) Will result in the player and/or club being fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
    - 3) Any player who repeats an offence causing the abandonment of a game shall show cause, in writing, within seven (7) days of the Hearing, why he should be permitted to re-register the following season.
- 2) Any player named in an Incident Report in relation to an abandoned game may be stood down by the NDSFA Inc President, or Snr Vice President in his absence, from all games until he appears before the Disciplinary Committee.

**These penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties that may be handed down by the Management Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Executive Committee, P & D Committee, and/or Appeals Board.**

##### TEAMS

Any team found guilty of any form of abuse, assault or harassment, directly or indirectly, against any match official,

before during, or after a match, will be subject to the following penalties –

- a) Receive a suspension sentence as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b) Shall be deducted six (6) competition points.
- c) Their club and/or player(s) shall be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
- d) Any team that repeats an offence in the same season –
  - 1) Shall automatically be suspended for the rest of that season.
  - 2) Their club and/or player(s) shall be fined a minimum one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
  - 3) Shall be required to write to the NDSFA Inc within seven (7) days of the Hearing to indicate why each player in that team, as indicated on the Team Sheet, should be accepted in the competition the following season.

These penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties that may be handed down by the Management Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Executive Committee, P & D Committee, and/or Appeals Board.

**c) OFFICIALS (Other than Referees or Assistant Referees)**

- 1) Any Official found guilty of any form of abuse, assault or harassment, either directly or indirectly, towards any other match official, player(s), or spectator(s), before, during, or after, any game, will be subject to the following penalties –
- a) Their club and/or Official(s) shall be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
  - b) Their club and/or Official(s) shall be fined a minimum of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for a second offence.
  - c) The Official shall receive a penalty as determined by the Disciplinary Committee or the Management Committee.

**These penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties that may be handed down by the Management Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Executive Committee, P & D Committee, and/or Appeals Board.**

## **BMSC CLUB POLICIES**

### Registration

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 NDSFA 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

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 writ-

## BMSC CLUB POLICIES-CONTINUED # 2

ing 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.

**For further information on the Club's "Junior Grading Procedure" see page 14-15.**

### Discipline & Fines

BMSC supports the NSDFA 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 notify 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 players 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.

## **BMSC CLUB POLICIES – CONTINUED #3**

### Sponsorship

If a team receives or 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 received 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.

### Use of Club Name and Logo

The following text and images may not be used with out the prior written approval of the Blue Mountains Soccer Club Committee:

“Blue Mountains Soccer Club”, “BMSC”, “BM Soccer”, other derivatives of the Club name, the Club Logo.

This restriction applies to the use of the text and / or images on the following, but is in no way limited to the specific items listed:

clothing, hats, soccer balls and equipment, advertising materials, promotional materials, written documents etc.

## JUNIOR PLAYER GRADING—PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

It is a requirement of the Nepean District Soccer Football Association that teams from Under 9's and up be graded into divisions according to their ability.

As you may be aware, Blue Mountains Soccer Club has a Grading Policy and Grading Procedure. The aim of this Grading procedure is to place players in a division best suited to their ability and to ensure an unbiased selection of players, an independent grading committee is appointed by the Club President. Prospective Coaches are also asked for their input.

There are some advantages in not grading players, such as maintaining friendships and family social groups; however this soon becomes an issue in several ways.

- **Peer pressure** – Other players will soon let their feelings be known when it comes down to ability and from the Clubs experience this often does more damage than any ill feelings resulting from the grading itself.
- **Exodus of talented players** – Players of above average skills and their parents will become frustrated and eventually leave for another club that does grade their players in the hope their child is put into a better team.
- **Reduced enjoyment** – Players who play in a grade significantly above their skill level will often feel left out as the more skilful players take control of games, this can result in these players leaving soccer in search of another sport.

To not grade the children based on ability would take away the opportunity for some to progress to representative soccer at a later stage. Soccer is a competitive sport, and if you would like your child to play at a less competitive level then please ask the grading committee if they can be placed in a lower grade when grading is conducted at the start of the season.

Playing a competitive team sport teaches children lessons which they can use right through life such as persistence, team play, friendship and fair play. Blue Mountains Soccer Club aims to give all players a fair go and the opportunity for them to play to the best of their ability and to be good sports.

It's heartbreaking for the Grading Committee to decide between several players of near equal ability knowing that some will be separated from their friends. We cannot however, make exceptions based on friendships as this will undermine the whole procedure. Children at this age tend to make new friends quickly and this also means that they extend their circle of friends who they eventually go to high school with.

An integral part of grading is the information available about the player from his or her coach in the previous year. The grading committee has asked that each coach complete an end of season report assessing player attributes and playing ability. This information is used to help grade the players at the start of the next season.

Grading is conducted at the beginning of the season so as not to disadvantage those players that practise during the off season. Players also grow at different rates. Some become more awkward. Any new players also need to be graded at the start of the season. Last years coaches and/or prospective coaches are invited to take part in the game play part of the grading process as they are more aware of how players performed last year.

The more practice a player does the more they are able get out of the game and the more they enjoy soccer. Eventually they will improve enough to progress to a higher grade or to representative soccer.

For those that wish to practice during the off season, here is a list of the skills which will be tested during grading at the start of the season:

**Kicking strength, running speed, juggling, passing/receiving, one touch passing, dribbling, goal shooting, heading and throw-ins.**

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There will also be a Game Play situation where the following will be evaluated:

### **Playing position, marking, talking to team mates, positional play, play-making and tackling ability.**

When practising kicking, passing and dribbling, please use both feet and don't kick the ball with the toes, use the instep instead.

A Copy of the **Junior Grading Policy and Procedure** is available at [www.bmsoccer.com.au](http://www.bmsoccer.com.au) or ask at the club house.

The Grading Procedure is reviewed each year based on suggestions from parents, coaches and the grading committee. Our aim is to continually improve the procedure to make it as fair and equitable as possible.

### **Team announcement**

Announcing teams can be a very stressful time for Players, Parents and the Grading Committee. Sometimes the Grading committee will have problems placing a select few players into the correct team. So rather than be rushed into a decision on the grading night. Some players will be placed into the lower team so they can be watched in their first trial game before a final decision is made. Parents of these players will be notified when teams are first announced on the grading night.

### **Late Registrations**

For all kinds of reasons we have new players arrive late, just like any other player they get an equal opportunity to try out for the higher division team provided the team has room for an additional player.

### **Balancing of Team Numbers**

Balancing of team numbers in the first few weeks directly after grading is sometimes required due to players dropping out of soccer or changing clubs for various reasons. At times there is no easy answer for this problem and the Club would prefer this did not happen but it does and needs to be addressed fairly for both teams.

### **Opting out of the Grading process**

A player can elect not to be graded but will automatically be placed in the lowest division team. If a player elects to be graded, they will need to remain in the team that they are graded into and will need to apply in writing to the BMSC Club President to have their case for re-grading considered.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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.

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.

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 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, 4739-5121, giving the details on washed out rounds and ground closures, including Knapsack Park, due to wet weather.

If Knapsack Park has been closed due to wet weather details will also be posted to the Club's website. NO training on the park is allowed when the fields are closed.

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 for such occasions 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.



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**FIELD LOCATIONS**

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Club	Oval	Location
Blaxland	St Johns Oval	St Johns Road, Blaxland
Bligh Park	Berger Road	Berger Road, South Windsor
Blue Mountains	Knapsack Park	Cnr Levy & Barnet Sts, Glenbrook
Blue Mountains Grammar	Blue Mountains Grammar	Wentworth Falls
Claremont Meadows	Myrtle Street Fields	Myrtle Road, Claremont Meadows
Colo	McMahons Park – Sat	McMahons Park Road, Kurrajong
Colo	Inalls Lane Fields	Inalls Lane, Richmond
Cranebrook	Andromedia Drive Reserve	Andromedia Drive, Cranebrook
Emu Plains	Emu Park / Hunter Fields	Nepean Street, Emu Plains
Glenmore Park	Glenmore Park	Luttrell Street, Glenmore Park
Glenmore Park	Blue Hills	Westerly Way, Glenmore Park
Glossodia	Woodbury Estate	Spinks Road, Glossodia
Hazelbrook	Gloria Park	Lester Ave, Hazelbrook
Henry Lawson	Parkes Ave Reserve	Parkes Ave, Werrington
Jamisontown	Southlands Oval	Evans Street, South Penrith
Londonderry	Londonderry Oval	Carrington Road Londonderry
Luddenham	Luddenham Oval	Lot 207 Luddenham Road
Mulgoa	Gow Park	Littlefields Road, Mulgoa
Orchard Hills Public School		Lot 14 Gipps St, Werrington
Penrith RSL—Penrith SC	Jamison Park	Jamison Road, Penrith
Penrith Rovers	Harold Corr Oval	Herbert St, Cambridge Park
Pitt Town	Brinsley Park	Somerset Street, Pitt Town
Richmond Ex-Servicemen's	Icely Park	Dight Street, Richmond
Springwood	Summerhayes Park	Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee
St Clair	Mark Leece Oval	Endeavour Road, St Clair
St Josephs	Parker Street Oval	King Street, Penrith
St Marys Band Club	Colyton Park	Roper Road, Colyton
St Marys Convent	South Creek Park	Creek Road
St Marys Soccer Club	Potter Field	Shepherd Street, St Marys
Warradale	Waterboard Oval	Warragamaba Dam
Wentworth Falls	Pitt Park	Adele Ave, Wentworth Falls
Werrington	Potter Field	Shepherd Street, St Marys
Wilberforce	Woodlands Park	Woodland Road, Wilberforce

**KNAPSACK PARK FIELD LAYOUT**

