

YEAR BOOK - 2008

BLUE MOUNTAINS SOCCER CLUB

KNAPSACK PARK, GLENBROOK



OVER 40 YEARS OF LOCAL SOCCER

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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

- **February:**
Team selection and grading. Please refer to information sheet provided at time of registration.
- **8-9 & 15-16 March:**
Trial matches played. Details will be distributed via your manager & published on Club's website.
- **29-30 March:**
First weekend of competition games.
- **Junior Presentation Day:** Mid September-Date to be advised.
- **Club Newsletter:**
A fortnightly newsletter is available via email. To receive your copy provide
- an email address at time of registration or via the Club's website.
- **More information:**
All draws, results, tables, field locations, club policies, match reports etc appear on 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.

The Committee will continue to work with Blue Mountains City Council throughout 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 throughout 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 2008 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—2008

Position	Name	Contact Details
President	Ian Monaghan	
Vice President	Gordon Aiken	0449 800 389
Competition Secretary		
Secretary	Michael Hampson	
Treasurer	Len Bowman	
Registrar	Neil Creagh	0449 800 385
Assistant Registrar	Lorraine Creagh	0449 800 385
Web Master	Martin Trigg	
Member Protection Officer & Safety Officer	Ian Monaghan	
Senior Team Representative	Vacant	
Coaching Coordinator	David Biczó	
Publicity	Michael Hampson	
Promotions Officer	Dave Gordon & Ian Monaghan	
Equipment Officer & Women's Coordinator	Margaret Semeniuk	
Roster Officer	Vacant	
Canteen Coordinator	Vacant	
Fields and Maintenance	Vacant	
Committee Member	Simon Patterson	
Committee Member	Alan Martin	
Committee Member	Adam Ostrowski	

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 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—2008

SAT & SUN 8-9 MARCH Pre-Season Trial Matches	SAT & SUN 15-16 MARCH Pre-Season Trial Matches	Mid - Late MARCH DRAW ISSUED	SATURDAY 22 MARCH EASTER No Games	SUNDAY 23 MARCH EASTER No Games	SATURDAY 29 MARCH Round 1 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 30 MARCH Round 1 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 5 APRIL Round 2 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 6 APRIL Round 2 Senior U15 & Above
SATURDAY 12 APRIL Round 3 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 13 APRIL Round 3 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 19 APRIL No Games	SUNDAY 20 APRIL No Games	SATURDAY 26 APRIL Round 4 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 27 APRIL Round 4 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 3 May Round 5 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 4 May Round 5 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 10 May Round 6 Junior U6 – U14
SUNDAY 11 May SRC1 Round 6 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 17 May Round 7 Junior U6 – 14	SUNDAY 18 May Round 7 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 24 May Round 8 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 25 May SRC2 Round 8 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 31 May Round 9 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 1 June Round 9 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 7 June Round 10 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 8 June Round 10 Senior U15 & Above
MONDAY 9 JUNE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Nepean & President Cups	SATURDAY 14 June Round 11 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 15 June Round 11 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 21 June Round 12 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 22 June SRC4 Round 12 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 28 June Round 13 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 29 June Round 13 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 5 July Round 14 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 6 July SRC5 Round 14 Senior U15 & Above
SATURDAY 12 July Standby Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 13 July Standby Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 19 July Round 15 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 20 July Round 15 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 26 July Round 16 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 27 July SRC Final Round 16 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 2 August Round 17 Junior U6 – U14	SUNDAY 3 August Round 17 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 9 August Round 18 Junior U6 – U14
SUNDAY 10 August Round 18 Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 16 August Quarter & Semi Finals Junior U9 – U14	SUNDAY 17 August Quarter & Semi Finals Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 23 August Top 4 Semi Pennant Finals Junior U9 – U14	SUNDAY 24 August Top 4 Semi Pennant Finals Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 30 August Top 4 Finals Junior U9 – U14	SUNDAY 31 August Top 4 Finals Senior U15 & Above	SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER Standby	SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Standby

**** Subject to change, please refer to www.bmsoccer.com.au for the latest information****

IMPORTANT POINTS

- **Junior 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 Pennant 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS—2007

Team - Achievement

9.8 - League Competition Winner
 11.2 - Pennant Final Runner Up
 12G.3 - League Competition Winner, Top 4 Final Runner Up
 14.4 - League Competition Runner Up
 15.1 - Top 4 Final Winner
 15.3 - Pennant Final Winner
 AA.14 - League Competition Winner, Top 4 Final Winner
 PREM 1 - League Competition Winner, Top 4 Final Winner

Special Awards	Criteria	Recipient
Robbie Madden Award	Highest Division / Age competition winner	PREM 1
John Costello Award	Most Improved team performance throughout the year	10.2
Tony Millington Award	Recognition of a teams commitment to battle on	12.3
Dedication Award	For dedication by the team to playing and training of the game	13.1
Margaret Wagner Award	Senior Best & Fairest	Les Blackstock
2007 Club Person Award	Awarded in recognition of the dedication, time and effort put in by an individual to assist the Club.	Lisa Goehner
10 Year Awards	For players who have played for BMSC for 10 years	Jonathon Creagh
20 Year Awards	For players who have played for BMSC for 20 years	Nil

COMPETITION RESULTS—2007

Div	Position	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	GF	GA	GD	Pts
9/2	7	14	2	7	5	6	14	-8	11
9/8	1	14	10	0	4	23	2	21	34
10/2	4	14	5	7	2	16	29	-13	17
11/2	6	14	5	8	1	25	39	-14	16
11/4	3	14	8	4	2	33	28	5	26
12/3	8	14	0	14	0	1	44	-43	0
12G/3	1	14	12	1	1	37	12	25	37
13/1	7	14	2	9	3	15	37	-22	9
13/5	4	12	5	5	2	27	41	-14	17
14/4	2	18	13	3	2	65	20	45	41
15/1	3	14	10	4	0	43	13	30	30
15/3	6	12	2	7	3	28	57	-29	9
AAL/1	7	12	1	11	0	3	49	-46	3
AAL/4	5	14	6	7	1	35	39	-4	19
AA/6	6	14	3	8	3	22	33	-11	12
AA/8	7	12	2	10	0	16	50	-34	6
AA/10	8	14	0	14	0	12	74	-62	0
AA/11	6	12	4	6	2	16	24	-8	14
AA/14	1	12	11	1	0	36	13	23	33
PR/1	1	20	16	1	3	57	12	45	51
PR/R	4	20	9	4	7	47	32	15	34

ADDITIONAL 2007 INFORMATION

- **Total number of teams: 31**
- **Total number of players: 420**
- **Non Competition Teams:**
 - 5 Alligators, 5 Bears, 5 Cougars, 6 Foxes, 6 Hawks, 6 Jaguars
 - 7 Kangaroos, 7 Lions, 7 Panthers
 - 8 Sharks

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 the 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.

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.

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 30th 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.

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 enforced across Sydney for the full season hampering field maintenance.

Please visit www.bmsoccer.com.au for additional Club history.

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 officials' 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.
- 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 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.

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. Continue next page...

**NDSFA—BY-LAWS SECTION 1, 10
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ABANDONED GAMES, FIELD INVASION.**

b) TEAMS

1. 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 –

2. Shall automatically be suspended for the rest of that season.

3. Their club and/or player(s) shall be fined a minimum one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

4. 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 –

- 2. 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.

(d) CLUB MEMBERS

1. A club member 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 sentence as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) A repeat offence by the same club member in the same season –

2. Will result in that club member receiving an automatic suspension for the rest of that season.

3. The Club being fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

4. Any club member who repeats an offence causing the abandonment of a game shall indicate, in writing, within seven (7) days of the Hearing, why he/she should be permitted to remain a member 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.

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(e) FIELD INVASION

1. Any person, in the context of this provision, found guilty of entering the field of play without the referee's permission, will be subject to the following penalties –
2. Their club and/or individuals shall be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
 - (b) The offending person's team shall forfeit their next two competition games.
 - (c) Receive a minimum twelve (12) months ban from all soccer activities for any form of abuse or harassment on any match or club official.
 - (d) A life ban from all soccer activities for any assault on any Official.
 - (e) A team whose players or spectators are involved in a repeat offence in the same season –
2. Shall automatically be suspended for the rest of that season.
3. Their team and/or club shall be fined a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
4. Shall be required to write to the NDSFA Inc within seven (7) days of the Hearing to indicate why the players in that team, as indicated on the Team Sheet, should be accepted as a team 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.

(f) GENERAL

1. Any team leaving the field without the Referee's permission, with or without causing that game to be terminated, or abandoned, shall incur such penalties as outlined in Clause 10 of the By-Laws.
2. Any club found guilty of the offences as outlined above for the third time in any one season, shall show cause, in writing, within seven (7) days of the third Hearing, or such other time as the Committee may deem fit, why –
 - (a) The club should have its' Affiliation renewed the following season.
 - (b) The club, if Affiliation is accepted for the following season, should not be placed on a two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) Bond for that 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.

Refer also to Code of Conduct as outlined in the Appendices.

(g) REPORTING OF ABANDONED GAMES

1. All abandoned games shall be reported to the Competition Secretary by 6pm on the day of the incident, on the pro forma as provided by the NDSFA Inc. If a night game is involved, both clubs are to contact the Competition Secretary immediately.
2. The following details shall be advised – Date and time the game was halted or abandoned.
 - (a) Teams concerned, age group and division, including colour if applicable.
 - (b) Field location
 - (c) Referee (Official or Unofficial) And Assistant Referee(s) if applicable
 - (d) Reason for game being halted or abandoned
 - (e) Score at that time

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3. Written reports from both clubs, including Team Managers and Coaches, Team Captains, and Marshals, must be forwarded to the Management Committee (MC) by 7pm on the Tuesday following the incident.
4. The Disciplinary Committee Meeting will hear and resolve incidents as outlined in Clause 10 of the By- Laws, on the Wednesday night following the incident unless the President determines otherwise.
5. President and Secretary or Competition Secretary of both clubs, Team Managers, Coaches and Team Captains of both teams, together with the Marshals for the game, shall attend the hearing to assist in an inquiry into the incident.
6. Only player(s) or other member(s) named in a report shall attend the Meeting as advised by the Hon Secretary or Competition Secretary.
7. Failure of any of the members, as mentioned within this clause, to attend, without reasonable excuse, shall mean that member will be suspended from all soccer activities until they appear before the Committee.
8. Referee and Assistant Referees (either Official or Unofficial) may be requested to attend the Meeting.

N.D.S.F.A. By-Laws Effective 25th February 2005 Last Amendment 2004 A.G.M.

NDSFA — BY-LAWS SECTION 6 MISCELLANEOUS

(A) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT GROUNDS

1. No alcohol to be allowed at any ground under the jurisdiction of the NDSFA Inc., within ten (10) metres of the playing area.
2. The penalties, as here-under, applies to any field within the NDSFA Inc area, whether the players or spectators are at home, away, or on a neutral ground, and whether or not they are officials, players, or spectators, from any club within the NDSFA Inc area.
3. Under no circumstances will alcohol be allowed within the confines of Cook Park, St Marys, except the George Churchward Pavillion Hall for social occasions.
4. Failure to comply shall incur –
 - (a) FIRST OFFENCE = Minimum \$300.00 Fine, plus four (4) weeks suspension to the team, Manager, Coach, or Player, if involved and found guilty of the offence.
 - (b) SECOND OFFENCE = Minimum \$600.00 Fine, plus ten (10) weeks suspension to the team, Manager, Coach, or Player, if involved and found guilty of the offence.
 - (c) THIRD OFFENCE = Minimum \$1000.00 Fine, plus minimum twelve (12) months suspension to the team, Manager, Coach, or Player, if involved and found guilty of the offence.
5. Any signs provided by the Association to clubs regarding the consuming of alcohol, are to be erected by the club in the following areas – Canteen, Dressing Rooms, and adjacent to playing fields.

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 NDFSAs 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 U10 and above play competition games, therefore all players U10 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 (U10 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 BMSC President requesting a review of the players grading, outlining why they think the grading is not correct. The BMSC President will consider this submission and make a decision on whether or not to change the players grading. The BMSC President's decision is final.

All players should play in the age competition for their age, i.e. U10's play U10. 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 17-18.

BMSC CLUB POLICIES-CONTINUED # 2

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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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.

Use of Club Name

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

Under 10 -15

It is a requirement of the Nepean District Soccer Football Association that teams from U10'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.

To ensure an unbiased selection of players, an independent grading committee is appointed by the Club President and 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 our 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. Often this can result in the less skilful player 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. If you would like your child to play at a less competitive level then 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 can not 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 practise 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, heading (U12+).

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

JUNIOR PLAYER GRADING-CONTINUED # 2

Marking, talking to team mates, passing, 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 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.

****Important note****

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 regrading considered.

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JUNIOR PLAYER TEAM SELECTION

Under 5-6-7-8-9s

BMSC encourages players to play with their friends at this age, however feels a balanced mix of players is required, with some new and some who have played before, and reserves the right to place players into teams that will best suit the overall majority of players.

Players and their Parents are initially left to sort themselves into teams. This generally results in teams being formed based on who players and parents already know. While this approach is generally OK, there are times when this can work against players' enjoyment of the game.

Why a Mix of Players

New children may come to play who haven't played before. If all the new players are placed in the one team without any experienced players, they will not have the opportunity to learn from the experienced players which can be a vital part of the learning process at this age. This can also result in the team being beaten most weeks and giving up with the overall enjoyment and skill level of players being lowered.

Something to note is that when players enter the under 10 age group, teams will be graded according to ability as a requirement of the Nepean District Soccer Football Association (see Junior Player Grading Parent Information Sheet at clubhouse or www.bmsoccer.com.au or refer to the Junior Player Grading section of the Year Book).

Balancing of Team Numbers

Balancing of team numbers in the first few weeks directly after team selection is sometimes required due to players dropping out of soccer, late registrations or players 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 all teams.

Having large teams of players means each player participates less. The coach's time is spread across more players with less time spent on individual players. Players spend less time playing and more time on the side line. Ultimately the overall enjoyment and skill level of the players is reduced.

To balance the need for all players to enjoy playing football, the placement committee may need to move players between teams to ensure everyone gets a fair go. Although there is some reluctance for players and parents to be split from their friends, children at this age tend to make new friends quickly. This also means that they extend their circle of friends who they eventually go to high school with.

Late Registrations

BMSC will try to accommodate late players as best as possible by placing a player into a requested team provided the team has room for an additional player.

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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.

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.

Insurance

Please refer to the "ACCIDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM" leaflet that was handed out at registration time. A copy of this leaflet can also be found on the BMSC web site www.bmsoccer.com.au

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Club	Name Of Ground	Address	Suburb
Blaxland	St Johns Oval	St Johns Road	Blaxland
Bligh Park	Berger Road	Berger Road	South Windsor
Blue Mountains SC	Knapsack Park	Levy Street	Glenbrook
Blue Mountains Grammar School	Grammar School	Matcham Avenue	Wentworth Falls
Claremont Meadows	Claremont Park	Myrtle Road	Claremont Meadows
Colo	Cougar Park	Inalls Lane	Richmond
Colo	McMahons Park	McMahons Park Rd	Kurrajong
Cranebrook	Andromeda Drive	Andromeda Drive	Cranebrook
Cranebrook	Sheringham Rd	Sheringham Road	Cranebrook
Emu Plains	Hunter Field	Nepean Street	Emu Plains
Glenmore Park	Blue Hills Reserve	Westerly Way	Glenmore Park
Glenmore Park	Town Centre Fields	Davison Avenue	Glenmore Park
Glossodia	Woodbury Estate	Spinks Road	Glossodia
Hazelbrook	Gloria Park	Lester Street	Hazelbrook
Hazelbrook	Lawson Oval	Off Wilson Street	Lawson
Henry Lawson	Parkes Avenue Res	Parkes Avenue	Werrington
Jamisontown	Elizabeth Cammack Park	Birmingham Road	Penrith
Londonderry	Londonderry Park	Carrington Road	Londonderry
Mulgoa	Gow Park	Littlefields Road	Mulgoa
Penrith Rovers	Harold Corr Res	Herbert Street	Cambridge Park
Penrith RSL	Jamison Park	York Road	Penrith
Penrith SC	Jamison Park	York Road	Penrith
Pitt Town	Oakville Oval	Oakville Road	Oakville
Richmond Ex Service	Icely Park	Dight Street	Richmond
Springwood	Summerhayes Park	Hawkesbury Road	Winmalee
St Clair	Mark Leece Oval	Endeavour Avenue	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 Mary's
St Marys Soccer Club	Potter field	Shepherd Street	St Mary's
Warradale	Waterboard Oval	Off Warradale Rd	Warragamba Dam
Wentworth Falls	Pitt Park	Matchem Avenue	Wentworth Falls
Werrington	Colyton Pk	Roper Road	Colyton
Western Storm	Mamre Christian College	45 Bakers Lane	Erskine Park
Western Storm	Erskine Park High School	Swallow Drive	Erskine Park
Wilberforce	Woodlands Park	Woodlands Rd	Wilberforce
Wollemi	Croatia Park	Lot 14 Gipps Street	Werrington