



Player & Parent Handbook 2022

Whitehill Football Club

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1.0 Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 season of Whitehill Football Club. We hope you and your family have an enjoyable season and if there is anything the Committee can do to help make it more pleasant, please let us know.

Whitehill Football Club was formed in 1999 to offer sporting opportunities, within the context of a Christian environment, for children and young people. We are a family-oriented club and we are concerned more with smiles on our player's faces than trophies in the cupboard.

All our coaches and managers, and committee members are volunteers who give of their time for training sessions and games for your child. Please encourage and support them. Volunteers are usually needed to fill these positions, so please consider helping out. The more people helping, the less work each person must do.

Tony Damrow
Chairperson / Secretary
Whitehill FC

Ben Zambra
Director

Paul Rayner
Director

Chris Romaguera
Director

Jenny Rayner
Treasurer

Our club is a member of the Queensland Christian Soccer Association Inc. and their aim is "For God through Sport". The Q.C.S.A. is a non-denominational organisation run by Christians to promote and provide facilities and competitions for playing soccer on Friday nights and Saturdays – not on Sundays.

Whitehill teams play under By-Laws administered by Queensland Christian Soccer Association (QCSA) and Federation International Football Association (FIFA), the governing body of football that sets the rules and guidelines for all competitions, which we are obliged to follow. QCSA is responsible for organising details of the fixtures draw, player insurance, dispute resolution, & liaison with Football Queensland. Other clubs within the association come from Ipswich, Logan, Brisbane, Caboolture and Beaudesert. You can catch up on results and upcoming Q.C.S.A. events on the Association's website.

2.0 OUR MISSION

To foster, develop and encourage the sport of soccer for the benefit of players of all ages in the Northern Suburbs of Ipswich.

To foster and encourage good sportsmanship and a sense of friendly competition between all concerned.

To insist that all players, parents, and team officials abide by the Aussie Sports Code of Behaviour and the rules of the Queensland Christian Soccer Association.

To encourage players, coaches, managers, and parents to conduct themselves in a manner that the club would be proud to say that the person belongs to our club.

To improve the wellbeing of the northern suburbs and broader Ipswich community by providing an opportunity for a wide cross section of players and their families to form new friendships.

To encourage participation in the worship and undertakings of the Christian Gospel.



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3.0 THE CLUB'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WINNING

While we always encourage our teams to **strive** to win, we must not place too much emphasis on the **need** to win.

An over-emphasis on winning can result in our less skilled players spending too much time on the bench, as well as arguments between parents and officials of opposing teams. Our club considers this form of behaviour unacceptable.

On or off field incidents should not be settled on the day unless it can be done amicably. More serious incidents should be reported to the Committee in writing to be reviewed and directed to the QCSA if necessary.

4.0 FEES

The 2022 Fee Schedule is available on the website and should also be emailed and made available on our Facebook Page from early November each year.

Age Group	Early Bird Fees (By 28 th Feb)	End of Early Bird Additional Charge (Applied on 1 st March)	Full 2022 Fees
Mini's (Age 4 & 5)	\$70	\$10	\$80
U6 to U8	\$160	\$20	\$180
U9 to U14	\$200	\$20	\$220
U16	\$210	\$20	\$230
U18	\$240	\$50	\$290
Senior Women's	\$290	\$50	\$340
Senior Men's	\$330	\$50	\$380
O30's & Up	\$330	\$50	\$380

Included in your Fees:

- 1 pair Royal Blue shorts with Club Logo
- QCSA & QCSRA Association Fees
- Junior Player Participation Awards
- Grounds Maintenance
- All Playing Equipment required
- All weekly Match Fees
- Basic Player Insurance
- Playing Jerseys (on loan each week)
- Senior Presentation Night
- Administrative Costs

Not Included:

- Individual Team Breakups
- Junior Presentation Family Fee
- Socks – available for purchase \$5/pr
- Playing Boots
- Shin Pads
- Training / Supporter Shirts – optional cost of \$20

During 2022, Whitehill FC has introduced the Refer A Friend Discount. Simply have a friend register for Whitehill FC who didn't play with us in 2021, and we will reduce your Fees by \$10. Conditions are:

- The returning player was registered with Whitehill FC in 2021 and registers for 2022 again
- The friend must not have played for Whitehill FC in 2021
- The returning player must advise the Treasurer by email as soon as possible, the name and expected Team of the Referred Friend so the Treasurer can track these referrals and apply your discount appropriately.



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4.1 Fee Payment Policies

- Registrations open in November each year.
- Players will not be allocated to a team without a minimum of 50% of Fees Paid
- Early Bird Rates apply to all Fees Paid up to 28th February 2022
- All Fees are to be Paid in Full 1 week prior to the first Round of Fixtures (usually late March or early April)
- Payment Plans can be arranged, but must be finalised by 15 June 2022. Please contact the Treasurer.
- Fees may be paid via:
 - MyClubMate at time of Registration
 - Direct deposit to Bank Account. Bank details are listed on our website.
 - By EFTPOS at training for approx the first 4 or 5 weeks (During February / early March)
- Players who owe Fees from Previous Years will not be registered until they are paid in full.
- Failure to pay fee by the set date will result in the player being un-financial and no longer permitted to play until all outstanding fees have been paid.

4.2 Fair Play Vouchers

The Queensland Government makes available Fair Play Vouchers each season, with applications usually opening around 20th January each year and closing in March or April. Vouchers are for a maximum of \$150 per child, and each child is eligible once each calendar year. Please check this website to confirm your eligibility:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay>

If you believe you are eligible & intend to apply for a Fair Play Voucher, please advise the Treasurer as soon as possible after completing your online registration so we can note this on your Invoice.

4.3 Uniform Items

Royal Blue Club Shorts (with Logo) will be supplied to every player who registers in 2022. Supporter / Training shirts and socks are available for purchase through the Club.

- Shirts - \$20 – Size Youth 6 to Adult XXL - Optional
- Socks - \$5 – Size XS to XL -

Orders will be taken at the first two weeks of training in February. Delivery will occur at training sessions in early March.

Players are also to supply their own football boots and shinpads. As a requirement of our Player Insurance, players who do not have their shinpads on will not be allowed to participate at Training or take the field for Games. Secondhand boots are sometimes available, the range of sizes varies from time to time. Please ask if you are interested in seeing what is available.



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5.0 CLUB SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- Whitehill FC will supply a set of Jersey's for each team, along with training and match balls, bibs and other equipment as required.
- Junior Teams – each player will be assigned a Jersey number which will be their number for the entire Season.
- Senior Teams – all efforts will be made for players to use the same number each game, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- Jerseys are to be returned to your Coach or Manager at the end of each Game for washing.

Players should take responsibility for their own equipment as well as that of the club.

- Players need to care for and clean boots and shin pads.
- Players can have no sharp objects on them before they run onto the field.
- Players are to remove all jewellery – including rings, earrings, watches etc – prior to taking the field. Breaches of the rule during a game can result in a player being sent off by the referee. Exceptions can be made for medical jewellery which may need to be taped down.
- Players are not to swing from the crossbars of goals as this is a safety issue.

6.0 CHILD PROTECTION

Our Club utilises a Blue Card Register alongside the Safe Ministry Check system to ensure all Executive Members, Coaches, Managers and other Volunteers are properly screened and trained in the Protection of Children and other Vulnerable Community members. Coaches, Managers and Volunteers will be required to complete this training on an annual basis.



7.0 BORROWING PLAYERS

Teams who find themselves short of players for game day can borrow from another team at our club. The rules for borrowing are different for Seniors and Juniors.

In Juniors:

- Players can only be borrowed from age groups or divisions that are **lower**. Where two players are in the same division of the age group, they cannot be borrowed by the other team.
- In any one season a **Junior player may play no more than 4 matches** in a higher age group or higher division. This applies across all teams who borrow that player – not just your team.

In Seniors:

- A **Senior player may play no more than 7 matches** in a higher age group or higher division.
- Players can be borrowed from higher divisions, but with restrictions and still only a maximum of 7 times per season without losing their original registered age group and team status. Borrowing players down has a few restrictions.
 - o. In the last 5 rounds of competition prior to finals, you cannot borrow players 'down' from a higher division. The exception to this is for O30's & O40's teams who can borrow appropriately aged players from a Senior Men's team.
- Like juniors, if you have 2 teams in the same division of the age group, they cannot be borrowed by the other team.

For all players:

- If a player is borrowed more than the allocated number of times, they will automatically be transferred into the team where they played the extra match for the rest of that season. They will not be able to return to their team, or be borrowed again,
- Any player that is borrowed must be noted on the match card as a borrowed player. Their correct age and division need to be noted. Penalties apply for providing false information.

8.0 GAME DAY

- If you are unable to make it to your game, please contact your Coach or Team Manager as soon as possible as they may be able to Borrow a Player from another team if they are short on numbers.
- Please arrive between 30 to 45 minutes prior to kick off time to ensure you have time to warm up, get your jersey, etc.
- The Season Draw is available on the QCSA website and via your MyClubMate login from Mid-March each year. Please familiarise yourself with it and contact your team Manager if you have any questions. You can also find the location of each Club's Fields on the QCSA website. Please arrive between 30 to 45 minutes prior to kick off time to ensure you have time to warm up, get your jersey, etc.



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8.1 Player Interchange

- All QCSA matches are played with unlimited interchange (U9 to O40).
- Teams can have a maximum of 4 interchange players.
- Interchange is only permitted at stoppages in play (i.e. when the ball is over the side lines or goal lines) at the referee's discretion. The referee will signal the interchange.
- The Referee must be informed of any interchange of a goalkeeper, e.g. if you change goalkeepers at half time.
- Players should stay out of the Interchange Area until the interchange is ready to take place.
- Players leaving the field must do so quickly to the nearest side before the interchange player comes on the pitch.
- Referees will disallow interchanges if they are deemed disadvantageous to the opposition – for example, by slowing the game with multiple changes when the opposition is attacking.

8.2 Forfeits and Rescheduling of Matches

In the event of a forfeit:

- The Coach or Team Manager needs to contact the Club Registrar/Secretary by 7pm on Wednesday night (Tuesday for Friday Night games) to enable the appropriate notice to be given to the QCSA, opposition and referee.
- Fines will apply to the Club if these procedures are not followed. If you need to reschedule:
- The team manager needs to inform the Club Registrar that there is a problem, and you are hoping to reschedule.
- Contact will be made with the other club, and a new time and place can be agreed to,

Note that fines are imposed on the club when matches are forfeited (except Under 6, 7 and 8 games). Every attempt should be made to ensure that games are not forfeited. Substitution players may be used in accordance with the rules stated in the QCSA rules and bylaws.



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8.3 Vested Official

The Vested Official is the designated club representative who can deal with situations arising during a match. As a parent or a Senior Player, you may be asked to perform this role. The Vested Official wears the official club (fluro) vest so that they are easily recognisable to all people attending the match. The Vested Official must be at least 18 years of age.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- To assist the referee in the control of the match and to maintain appropriate standards of behaviour by the spectators of the team.
- To introduce themselves to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.
- Your name will be added to the Electronic Match Card for that game.
- To welcome visiting teams to the grounds.
- To generally represent the Club and the team in all manners.

8.4 Wet Weather

A decision to cancel play on a particular field will be made by 6.30am on the morning of play (or 3pm for Friday evening matches).

Players / Parents should check the Whitehill FC website and/or Facebook page along with the QCSA website prior to departing for your game to ensure your game is still scheduled. If there is no advice of cancellation from the QCSA, you should assume the match will proceed. QCSA may also direct that the game be played at an alternate field, so check for this as well. Any decision to cancel play after 6.30am is up to the referee of the match prior to the appointed time of the commencement of play.



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8.5 Match Durations

Following is an extract from the Bylaws for game duration, ball sizes and location of corner kicks.

AGE GROUP	MATCH	EXTRA	HALF-TIME	BALL SIZE	CORNERS
Senior Men	45 + 45	15 + 15	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
>30's Men	45 + 45	15 + 15	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
>40's Men	30 + 30	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Senior Women	35 + 35	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
>30's Women	30 + 30	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Junior Colts	40 + 40	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Junior Women	35 + 35	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Under 15	35 + 35	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Under 14	30 + 30	10 + 10	10 mins	5	Corner Flag
Junior Girls	30 + 30	10 + 10	10 mins	4	Corner Flag
Under 13	30 + 30	10 + 10	10 mins	4	Corner Flag
Under 12	25 + 25	10 + 10	5 mins	4	Corner Flag
Under 11	25 + 25	10 + 10	5 mins	4	5 yards out from Penalty Corner Spot
Under 10	20 + 20	5 + 5	5 mins	4	
Under 9	20 + 20	5 + 5	5 mins	4	
Under 8	20 + 20	5 + 5	5 mins	3	
Under 7	15 + 15	5 + 5	5 mins	3	
Under 6	15 + 15	5 + 5	5 mins	3	

8.6 Finals, and Other Finals Competitions

Every Senior age group (U9s to O40s) has a finals competition whereby the top 4 teams from each division play off in the Championship Competition in accordance with QCSA By-Laws 11.1 to 11.3 inclusive.

In addition, those teams in the U9 and U10 age groups who do not make the top 4 in their divisions are invited to join the Pennant Race for their respective age groups.

Please contact the Club Committee if you have any queries about the structure of the finals competitions or refer to the QCSA web site for full details. Please note that COVID Requirements may require QCSA to implement changes to the Finals arrangements at any time.



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8.7 Discipline – QCSA and Club Suspensions

Players and parents are requested to be aware of the Christian values and ethics of fair competition and abide by the QCSA constitution and associated rules and by-laws (available from the QCSA web site). QCSA By-Laws set appeals and disciplinary processes. Coaches and Managers have been requested to familiarise themselves with the QCSA and Club disciplinary rules and procedures.

All players (particularly those in U15s and above) should be aware of the QCSA Automatic Penalties for offences committed. To increase awareness of fair play, in certain circumstances the Club may impose a mandatory one-week suspension on top of any QCSA suspension.

YELLOW CARD OFFENCES

Any player who receives **3** Yellow Cards in any one season will serve the penalty imposed by the QCSA **will not** incur an additional one week's penalty from the Club.

Any player who receives **5** Yellow Cards in any one season will serve the penalty imposed by the QCSA **and will also** incur an additional one week's penalty from the Club.

Any player who receives **7** Yellow Cards in any one season will:

- be suspended by the QCSA for three weeks.
- **will also** incur an additional one week's penalty from the Club and
- the QCSA Disciplinary Committee will review the disciplinary record of the player and **MAY** call the player in to show cause why the player should be allowed to continue to be registered in the QCSA.

RED CARD OFFENCES

A player sent from the field of play will automatically be suspended by the QCSA for one game and that suspension shall apply to the player's next scheduled fixture round. The Club **will not** impose a further one week's ban for the first red card offence for which only a one game suspension is imposed by the QCSA. Having served the one game suspension imposed by the QCSA, the player will then be able to resume playing unless the QCSA notify that further disciplinary action is being applied. However:

- If a player has received more than one red card during the season, the Club **WILL** impose an additional one-week suspension over and above that issued by the QCSA for each red card received.
- For a red card offence that receives more than a one-week ban imposed by the QCSA (a serious offence) the offending player **WILL ALSO** receive an additional one-week suspension from the Club.

Coaches, Managers, and players should be aware that the Club Committee does not act as a disciplinary committee. All disciplinary matters are dealt with by the QCSA governing body pursuant to the By-Laws. Any additional suspension imposed by the Club is given as a deterrent and pro-active measure to improve player behaviour in the future.



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9.0 U6 TO U8 GUIDELINES

Playing laws for under 6 to under 8 games are modified versions of those prescribed from the full-field game by the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA). The following guidelines are based on the Queensland Christian Soccer Association's 2007 by-laws

- Matches for U6 to U8 players shall comprise a six-a-side competition with a maximum of 3 interchange Players.
- At any time, a team must have no more than 6 players and no fewer than 4 players on the field, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
- Any number of substitutes may be used in a match provided they are registered players with that Club. A player who has been playing earlier and been replaced can return to the field as a substitute for another player. The referee must be advised of all substitutions.
- The coach or his nominee (i.e. one person per team) may run with the players on the field to coach and direct them providing that the conduct of the match is not disturbed.
- The off-side rule will not be applied.
- There shall be no direct free kicks (a goal cannot be scored from a free kick unless another player touches it), and no penalty kicks.
- Kick-offs shall be taken from the spot in the middle of the centre circle. If the ball does not pass out of the circle before being kicked by another player, then the kick-off is re-taken by the same team. If the player taking the kick-off kicks the ball a second time before it is kicked by another player, then a free kick is awarded to the opposing team. Players from the opposing team must be at least 5 metres from the ball when a kick-off is being taken.
- If the attacking team kicks the ball out over the goal line other than between the goalposts, then a goal kick is awarded to the defending team. Goal kicks may be taken from any point on the semicircle. All players, other than the player taking the kick (and the goalkeeper if someone other than the goalkeeper is taking the kick) must be at least 5 metres from the ball when a goal kick is being taken (otherwise the kick is re-taken).
- For Goal kicks, it is a Whitehill FC rule that the attacking team must retreat to the halfway line. The attacking team is not allowed to touch the ball until either the ball crosses the halfway line, or it has been touched by a player on the defending team other than the player taking the goal kick.
- When the defending team kicks the ball out over the goal line other than between the goalposts, then a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team. Corner kicks shall be taken from the point marked on the goal line, 5 metres from the semicircle. A goal may be scored direct from a corner kick.
- When a free kick is being taken, all opposing players must be at least 5 metres from the ball. If a free kick is awarded to the attacking team within 5 metres of the goal area or inside the goal area, the ball is taken back to a point 5 metres from the goal area (so that defenders may stand just outside the semicircle).
- Only the goalkeeper is allowed in the goal area at any time, except for a defending player taking a goal kick or free kick. The player taking the kick (if not the goalkeeper) must vacate the goal area immediately after the kick is taken. If the ball is kicked from within the goal area by an attacker, the defending team is awarded a free kick from the semicircle. If the ball is kicked from within the goal area by a defender (other than the goalkeeper), the attacking team is awarded a free kick from 5 metres outside the semicircle (as above). However, a player unavoidably running into the semicircle on follow-through shall not be penalised provided he does not kick the ball whilst in the semicircle.



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- Normal FIFA Rules apply regarding throw-ins and deliberate fouls.
- Unless otherwise stated above, the normal FIFA Rules shall apply.
- Field Dimensions: When using a field separate to splitting a full-size field, field size is to be Min:45x25 metres to Max: 55x35 metres.
- Field Markings: The field has a halfway line. The centre of the field has a 5-metre diameter circle. The goal box has a 5-meter radius semicircle. Corner kicks are marked 5-metres from the goal semicircle.
- Goal Dimensions under 7 and 8: Goal posts to have a 1.5-meter-high post with a 3-meter opening.



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10.0 U9 and U10 MODIFIED RULES

Matches for U9 and U10 players shall comprise a nine-a-side competition. Rules to apply for these matches are:

- Teams can register up to 12 players per team.
- At any time, a team must have no more than 9 players and no fewer than 5 players on the field, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
- The duration of matches will be 25 minutes each way, with a half time break of 5 minutes.
- Any number of substitutes may be used in a match provided they are registered players with that Club. A player who has been playing earlier and been replaced can return to the field as a substitute for another player. The referee must be advised of all substitutions. All substitutions are to take place from the half-way line or as directed by the referee. Players must leave the field before being substituted.
- The off-side rule will not be applied.
- There shall be no direct free kicks (a goal cannot be scored from a free kick unless another player touches it), and no penalty kicks. If a free kick is awarded to the attacking team inside the goal area, the kick must be taken from 5m from the edge of the goal box/penalty box. Defending players may stand on their goal line.
- Kick-offs shall be taken from the centre mark in the middle of the halfway line. All players, except the player taking the kick-off, must be in their own half of the field of play. The opponents of the team taking the kick-off must be at least 5 metres from the ball until it is in play. The ball must be stationary on the centre mark. The referee gives a signal. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.
- If the attacking team kicks the ball out over the goal line other than between the goalposts, then a goal kick is awarded to the defending team. Goal kicks may be taken from any point on the penalty box. All players, other than the player taking the kick must be at least 5 metres from the ball when a goal kick is being taken (otherwise the kick is re-taken).
- When the defending team kicks the ball out over the goal line other than between the goalposts, then a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team. A goal may be scored direct from a corner kick.
- When a free kick is being taken, all opposing players must be at least 5 metres from the ball.
- Normal FIFA Rules apply regarding throw-ins and deliberate fouls.
- Unless otherwise stated above, the normal FIFA Rules shall apply.
- Field Dimensions: field size is to be Min: 60x40 metres to Max: 70x45 metres.
- Field Markings: The field has a halfway line. The centre of the field has a spot in the middle of the half-way line. The goal box/penalty box is 5 metres x 12 metres.
- Goal Dimensions: Goal posts to be 5 metres wide and 2 metres high.
- The field will be line marked with a different colour paint if on the same field as full-size games to be played.
- The ball size is size 4.
- QCSRA referees will officiate these matches and appoint assistant referees to matches where possible.



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11.0 BEHAVIOUR

While we always encourage our teams to strive to win a game, we must not place too much emphasis on the need to win. It needs to be understood that winning comes from lots of good practice and individual and team development (and often a bit of luck). We want our players to learn the importance of team-work.

An over-desire to win a game may lead to inappropriate behaviour; keeping less skilled players on the bench game after game or arguing with the referees, linesmen and the officials of the opposing team. Our club considers these forms of behaviour as totally **unacceptable** and we don't want to see anyone from our teams doing this.

Improper behaviour by referees and linesmen or officials, supporters and players of opposing teams is **not** an excuse for members of our club to act in a similar manner.

There will be occasions when on or off-field incidents lead to anger and frustration. We should not attempt to settle such issues on the day unless you can do so amicably. Life, unfortunately, can be full of injustices and sometimes we have to accept them; but if the situation is really bothering you, **please contact the club management**.

Our Club and the Q.C.S.A. are supporters of the Australian Sports Commission Codes of Behaviour. Please read these and abide by them. Our club and the Association are serious about the good behaviour of players, parents and team officials.

11.1 Online Behaviour

With the increased use of social media, particularly by younger people, it is essential that all activities or comments on-line are done responsibly. Negative or insulting comments are not only hurtful; they probably won't resolve the issue. It may also be illegal and end in a lawsuit.

Caution should be taken when making an on-line comment, especially in programs like Facebook. The settings on your 'friends' pages might allow comments you place on their page to appear on someone else's page. Maybe the person or organisation you are complaining about.

Be careful when taking pictures of your children and their team-mates. Some players request that no pictures be taken for legal reasons. Check that no-one else is in the background of your photos as they may not want their picture posted on your FB page or website.

If a page is set-up for communications within the team, please make sure everyone sticks to these rules. Also let the club know you have an on-line page so we can catch up on what your team is doing, especially if you are cancelling training.

We are all responsible for what happens on-line and regular monitoring is required particularly with young people who may not think before they post. We don't want to be known as a club who snipes and insults people on-line. We wouldn't like it happening to us, so let's not do it to other people.

If there is an incident that has upset you, please tell your team management or the club executive.



11.2 QCSA Social Networking Policy

The Queensland Christian Soccer Association Inc. (QCSA) understands that some member clubs and their families, friends, players and parents may participate in social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, chat rooms and create and maintain personal websites, including blogs. QCSA respects the rights of all persons associated within our membership with regards to online social networking and personal Internet use; however, your online presence can affect QCSA when your words, images, posts, and comments can be attributed to our Association. As a parent/carer, player, team member, volunteer or club associate, everyone should be mindful of using electronic media, even on your own personal time, responsibly and respectfully to others.

Online comments and postings may impact the QCSA, Member Clubs and/or affiliated Associations (i.e.: QCSRA, SCCSA). QCSA has adopted the following guidelines that all Member Clubs and their members, volunteers, parents, players and other associated parties must observe when participating in social networking sites and/or engaging in other forms of Internet use that could be linked to the Association, member clubs or affiliates.

It shall be considered a breach of acceptable policy for any person to post on any public or private website or other forum, including but not limited to discussion lists, newsgroups, list serves, blogs, information sharing sites, social media sites, social or business networking sites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, chat rooms, telephone based group communications such as Twitter, or any other electronic or print communication format, any of the following:

- (1) Anything that may harm the goodwill or reputation of the QCSA or any disparaging information about the QCSA.
- (2) Any disparaging, discriminatory or harassing information concerning any Member Club, player, parent, volunteer, family member or any other person associated with QCSA including affiliates. The Queensland Christian Soccer Association Inc.'s policies prohibiting harassment apply online as well as offline.
- (3) Any confidential information, trade secrets, or intellectual property of QCSA obtained during your time with our association. This includes information relating to finances, research, development, marketing, member clubs, operational methods, plans and policies.
- (4) Any private information relating to a member club or any player, parent, volunteer, family member or other person associated with QCSA and affiliates.

This policy applies regardless of where or when things are posted and includes any communicative information seen online. QCSA reserves the right to monitor and access any information or data that is created or stored by mediums used by the QCSA as agreed to by the management from time to time. All technology, equipment or electronic systems, including without limitation, e-mails, internet usage, hard drives and other stored, transmitted or received information is included in this policy.

No person should have any expectation of privacy in any information or data:

- (i) placed on any QCSA computer or computer-related system or
- (ii) Viewed, created, sent, received or stored on any QCSA computer or computer-related system, including, without limitation, electronic communications, emails or internet usage.

Member Clubs have a responsibility to ensure that all their members, volunteers, parents, players and other associated parties are aware of the QCSA Social Media Policy and in its basic form, ensure that it is followed where possible.

All postings believed to be detrimental to the Association will be asked to be removed within 48 hours of notification. Breaches of this policy will be dealt with by the QCSA Standing Committee of Management in all cases through the normal discipline process of the Association. If you wish to make a complaint about a breach of policy within the control of the QCSA, this may be done via written correspondence (letter or email) through your Club Secretary or management personnel addressed to the Secretary of the QCSA.



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Dear Parents,

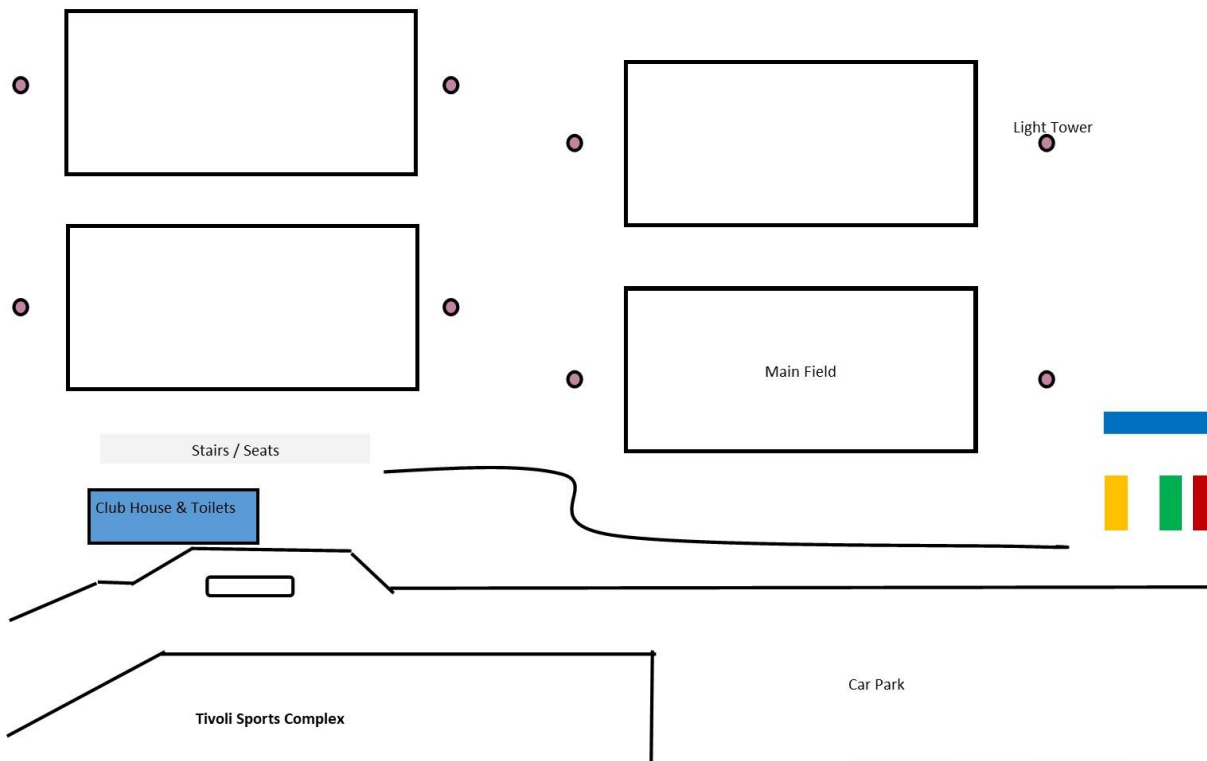
We want YOU to play by THESE Rules! Please!

1. Don't yell out instructions
2. Don't yell at me in public
3. Don't yell at my coach
4. Don't put my team-mates down
5. Don't put down other teams
6. Don't put down the officials
7. Don't lose your cool
8. Don't lecture me about my mistakes after the game
9. Don't forget how to laugh and have fun
10. Don't forget that it is only a game and I will try my best.
11. I just want to have fun with my team-mates

“With Love from your children”



12.0 TIVOLI SPORTS COMPLEX – FIELD LAYOUT



13.0 REFERENCE WEB SITES

Whitehill Football Club:

www.whitehillfc.org.au

Queensland Christian Soccer Association:

www.qcsa.org.au

Queensland Football (State FFA):

www.footballqueensland.com.au

Football Federation of Australia:

www.footballaustralia.com.au

FIFA:

www.fifa.com

Safe Ministry Check:

www.safeministrycheck.com.au



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