

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

WINTER WEEKLY AFL FOOTBALL PROGRAM



Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Dear Parent/Care Giver,

Bethany Christian School's Sports Department is now taking nominations for the Weekly Winter Football Season. Your child has shown interest in playing, or continuing to play Football for Bethany Christian School in the Weekly Sports Program. All matches are played on Saturday mornings at the Ridley Reserve, [corner of Phillip Highway and Judd Rd]. Training sessions are held during the school term after school from 3.30 to 4.15pm/4.30pm on the School's Football Oval.

Below is the essential information regarding the Weekly Football Program:

- The focus is on doing ones best, commitment, development, sportsmanship and fun in a secure environment.
- Coaches of teams have been police checked, completed the volunteers' course, have completed the Beginning Coaches Principals Certificate and undertook the entry level coaching accreditation.
- The season fee is \$55 [This goes towards uniform hire, team & player registration, and the end of season presentation]. The registration fee will be invoiced and sent out to you.
- The program is open to males and females in grades; Year 2/3, Year 4/5 & Year 6/7. Year 1 students will only be considered if there are not enough players in the Year 2/3 grade.
- Generally teams are capped between 16 - 18 players with the aim of maximising playing time with all team players getting to play each week.
- Players will get to experience each position over the course of the season [excluding the Year 6/7]
- Training is compulsory; players who do not attend training will not receive as much playing time.
- Each player receives a participation trophy at the end of the season presentation [if played 3 games or more].
- All Weekly Sports information will be circulated via the BCS Sports App which is a free download from 'Team App' for your smart phone, tablet or you can simply be added to the email list.
- All Weekly Football Draws will be published on the school's website.
- The Weekly AFL Football season generally starts on the weekend at the end of week 2 of Term 2 with a lightning carnival.

If enough interest is registered, meaning enough players are wanting to play, then a second team in the respective age group may be entered into the competition.

If you would like any further information regarding the Weekly Football Program, please feel free to contact the Sports Department.

Please return the attached form to the Sports Department before the due date if you would like your child to participate in the Weekly Football Program.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hannaford
Sports Coordinator

WINTER WEEKLY AFL FOOTBALL INTEREST FORM

Please return to the SPORTS DEPARTMENT by Friday 1st April 2016 [week 8]

STUDENT NAME;		CLASS;	
		Date of Birth:	

Has your child played Football before? YES / NO

If they have, which club/school have they played for? _____ Grade: _____

How long have they played for? _____

- Winter Weekly AFL Football Program [Term 2 & 3]
 - Year 2/3;** Saturday mornings @ Ridley Reserve
 - Year 4/5;** Saturday mornings @ Ridley Reserve
 - Year 6/7;** Saturday mornings @ Ridley Reserve

Volunteering:

This program is assisted by the help of volunteers and it could not happen with their support. No previous experience is necessary. If you are interested in assisting please indicate below or contact the Sports Department.

A discount will apply to the Season Fee for individual[s] who are placed into a Weekly Sports Volunteer Role.

- Coaching a Weekly Football Team: [Year 2/3 / Year 4/5 / Year 6/7]

Role: Contact point for players and parents for your team. Planning and running training sessions. Coaching and managing team during matches, and returning the Match Summary Sheet for your team each week.

- Scoring / Goal Umpiring for a Weekly Football Team: [Year 2/3 / Year 4/5 / Year 6/7]

Role: Scoring during matches and returning the score sheet to the team coach / goal umpiring during the game.

To assist with the running of the program we ask that parents familiarise themselves with the basic information regarding the Weekly Sports Program. Parents and players are asked to follow the information provided to continue to be involved within the program. Failure to follow the policies of the program means the player may be withdrawn from the program.

I have read and understand the following information for my child to participate in the Weekly Sports Program:

- I understand that once enrolled my child will need to complete the entire season.
- I understand the \$55 season fee will need to be made to the Sports Department by Week 5 of the term in which the season commences.
- I understand that I will be invoiced the season fee and this will need to be paid by the due date, otherwise my child will be withdrawn from the program and the outstanding amount will still be required.
- I have read, understood and will actively engage in the basic guide to policies and procedures for Weekly Sports.
- We have viewed and will abide by Bethany Christian School's Sporting Code of Behaviour.
- I understand that my name and contact information [mobile number and email] will be passed onto the coach for contact purposes.

Parent/ Guardian Name:			
Signature:		Date:	
Mobile Number [required]:			
Email Address [required]:			
Relevant Medication Details:			

SPORTING CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Below is a guideline for Parents and Players behaviour while at training and during matches.

PARENTS

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- Remember, children are involved in sport for their enjoyment; not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions. 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 person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background.

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules.
- Always wear the full correct team uniform.
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in sport as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

WEEKLY SPORTS POLICIES

ABSENCES

- Parents are asked to notify [by text or a call] as soon as possible if their child will be absent from Training or a Match.
- Notifying the coach 15mins before match time makes it extremely difficult when managing the team
- Once enrolled players are expected to play the entire season.

ATTIRE [PLAYER]

- Players are expected to wear the correct match uniform to the game. There are no exceptions. If there is a concern this should be dealt on a coach to player/parent level, but if there is no resolution then it needs to be referred to the Sports Department. The normal School sports jacket and pants should be worn over the top of the normal team uniform.
- Players are encouraged to wear their School Sports Uniform to trainings.

BEHAVIOUR

- Players are expected to follow all instructions by the coach during practice and match times.
- Low level consistent min-behaviour or serious incidents will result in players being suspended from play for a period designated by the Sports Coordinator, or withdrawal from the program.

BLOOD POLICY

- As in all sporting arenas, the 'Blood Rule' applies. If there is an injury where blood has been found then training or play must stop and the individual with the blood must be removed from the court/field and have first aid applied. If there is any blood on the court/field then this needs to be removed before play can be recommenced. This also applies to the player's uniforms. The individual in question can only re-enter the session if approved by the overseeing authority.

CONCERNS & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Please approach the team coach to address any matters directly. Gossiping or talking about any issues you have without intention of discussing it with the coach are counterproductive. Coaches are volunteers who contribute their time and knowledge; they do have the best interests for your child and would be happy to discuss any concerns that you may have.
- Conflict may arise between a player, a parent, the coach from an opposing team or an official. In all things you do as a coach please remember that you are a role model to the children you are coaching. When or if conflict occurs please speak to that person about your concerns at an appropriate time. For example if it is an official, wait until the end of the match. Please speak to the person calmly and try and resolve the situation. If you are unhappy with the outcome or would like the matter taken further please contact the Sports Department.

FEES

- There are fees to be involved in the Weekly Sports Program. These fees need to be paid to be involved in the program. Unpaid fees will result in your child being withdrawn from the team

FIRST AID

- Each team has a first aid kit which is used for immediate 1st Aid. The team manager will apply appropriate dressings as needed.
- It is the parents responsibility to follow up any further medical attention
- It will be at the coach's discretion if they allow them to continue to play after said injury has occurred.

MATCHES

- Please arrive 15mins earlier to matches so the coach can organize the team and perform warm-ups

- Please send our child's drink over with the team manager for breaks in play.
- Players are to remain with the coach during breaks. Going back over to the parents during breaks is not permitted as the coach needs this time for organization.

PLAYER AND COACH SAFETY

- Any concerns about player or coach safety should be immediately reported to the Sports Department for further investigation.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Only players registered through the Bethany Sports Department are eligible to play for Bethany teams. Coaches who require fill-in players will need to contact the Sports Department with details and reasons for the fill-in. Any fill-in player who plays more than 3 games during the season will be required to pay the registration.

PLAYING TIME AND ROTATIONS

- The coach, where possible, will work towards giving players equal playing time. This is the same positional play. However, this does not mean that the players get to play in each position each week. Playing time and rotations will be on a 3 to 4 week basis. Coaches need to communicate this to parents at the beginning of the season through the initial contact letter.
- Players are expected to attend training, as it is compulsory. If a player has not notified the coach that they will be absent from training then their playing time will be reduced. Priority will be given to players who attend training.

SUPERVISION

- Parents are expected to be present at trainings and games, or have made appropriate arrangements, in case of injury to their child to arrange appropriate treatment.
- It is not the responsibility of the coach or manager to supervise siblings of players on your team.
- For training, siblings of players are not permitted in the training facilities without their parents being present. If they are present siblings will need to be sent to the late pick-up yard duty.
- Children of the coach are permitted to be in the training facility but are the responsibility of the coach.

TRAININGS

- **Training is compulsory.**
- Training may be cancelled from time-to-time. The Sports Department will place notifications of cancelled trainings on the school's website. Please view this, as this will be the most up-to-date information, besides contacting your child's team coach.

HOT WEATHER

- In line with the school policy, if the temperature is 35 degrees or higher as advertised on the channel 9 six o'clock news the night before training, training will be cancelled. It is the responsibility of the coach to inform their player's parents of this policy when sending out the initial coach's letter at the beginning of each season.

WET WEATHER

- Training will still commence in wet weather. Court based sports can train under the undercover area. Football will only be cancelled in extreme wet weather, hail or lightning. It is the parent's responsibility to find out if training is cancelled by following the above procedure

WITHDRAWALS

- Players will be suspended or withdrawn from the program if parents or players fail to follow the policies set out within this document.