



Queenstown Junior Football Club Newsletter, No.1 for 2010

Welcome to the first Queenstown Junior Football Club Newsletter of 2010. We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and you are looking forward to the new season.

I would just like to take the opportunity to announce that this year Phil Markham has decided to step down as club manager and will be replaced by Damien Hochberg, however he will still remain an integral part of the club. We thank Phil for all his work and time over the years and the effort he has put into making the club what it is today!

This year, Registration Day will be held on **Sunday 14th February, 10.00 - 12.00 in the upstairs function room at the Events Centre**. Fees this year will be \$75.00 for one child, \$130.00 for two and \$160.00 for three children. The fees have increased slightly from last year, predominantly due to an increase in NZ Football fees. You may have heard of NZ Football's financial shortfalls and so all the club levies have been increased in 2010 to cover the shortfall. Club Shorts and Socks will be available for purchase at registration and hopefully we will have a retailer available who will have a selection of boots and shin pads available.

For those who can't make registration day I have attached the registration form to this email for you to download, complete and post to us, complete with full payment, to PO Box 2109, Queenstown. This also gives you the facility to pay by direct bank credit. If you have any problems downloading the form then please email me on queenstownfootball@xtra.co.nz.

All registrations received before or on registration day go in the draw to win a FREE personalised shirt worth \$75.00. Unfortunately this year, due to Adidas stock limitations, we won't be able to offer personalised shirts as we have in the past.

Just as a quick note so you are all aware, the Queenstown Rovers Football Club has now begun to incorporate junior players, however QJFC is the only club in the Wakatipu Basin that is currently affiliated to Football South and the Central Otago Football Association. This means only players from QJFC are eligible for Representative and Federation positions and honours.

Club Structure

For those who are new to Queenstown, here's how it all works;

Players are divided into 6 grades, from the 6th grade upwards to the 16th grade. The 6th grade (Under 6's) practice and play on a Friday afternoon starting at 4pm. All other grades train on a Wednesday at 4pm and play on a Sunday, using venues around Central Otago. The Club provides the shirts, all you have to do is buy Club socks and shorts. These are available on and after registration day. As part of our commitment to safety, all players must wear shin pads during both practice and games - NO Shin Pads – NO Play – NO Excuse.

Communications:

This year we will be using the internet and emails for communication and also for you to find out what is going on in our club. It will include news about such things as wet match days or wet practice days. Make sure you register both your email address so you can be sure to receive future club newsletters and your cell phone number so that you can benefit from the txt alert service for cancellations, kindly supplied by Orb Communications.

Website

All the information, including newsletters, is published on the Queenstown website www.queenstownfootball.com. This website contains all the fixtures, results and information and is designed as a 1-stop shop for all football information in Queenstown. It is a work in progress so any constructive comments are most welcome. The new and improved website should be up and running by the end of the month.

Season Dates

This season the Sunday morning matches start on Sunday 18th April and will run each Sunday until the 27th June. There will be plenty of time after the season finishes to enjoy the snow. Practice nights for u8 upwards will start on Wednesday 3rd March, 4pm at the Events Centre. Generally for younger players they will be finished by 5pm or 5:15, with the older players playing longer. Your coach will advise you on commencement of training. The u6 players will start on Friday March 5th .

I will make sure I update you closer to the time, and remember we will try and have a preseason day in late March or early April.

Any Questions? Easiest is contact our club manager, Damien Hochberg, queenstownfootball@xtra.co.nz or mobile 027 291 9884

Enjoy the sport, have fun, and we'll all have another great season.