



# Calamvale Leopards Junior Australian Football Club Inc.

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## Club Fees

There has been some confusion around the club related to the apparent large jump in club registration fees for 2005. To clarify the Club's position, the following has been published both in the newsletters, website and sign-on days.

## 2004 Registration Fees Breakdown

The (all inclusive) registration fees are \$120.00 for U8's to U10's, and \$140.00 for U11's to U16's this year which covers:

- AFL Brisbane Juniors Registration Fees and Insurance.
  - League Umpire Fees – (where applicable)
  - Club Polo Shirt – (to be worn to all club events). Yours to keep.
  - Playing Shorts and Socks. Yours to keep.
- Remember, there are NO weekly game fees.

## 2005 Registration Fees Breakdown

Registration fees for 2005 are as follows:

- Auskick Rules - Under 8's to 11's - \$165
- Junior Rules - Under 12' s to 16' s - \$185

**Please Note: there are NO weekly game fees**

*While we recognize that a \$45 increase seems to be excessive, the Club is faced with increased costs in 2005, such as the new style AFL shorts which are compulsory and required by the AFLQ.*

## 2005 Same benefits as 2004

- AFL Brisbane Juniors Registration Fees and Insurance.
- League Umpire Fees – (where applicable)
- Playing Shorts and Socks. New QAFL Shorts. Yours to keep.
- Club Polo Shirt – (to be worn to all club events). Yours to keep.

*We made the decision to retain the "all inclusive" fee structure of the previous year taking the additional step of adding the following NEW benefits:*

## \*\*2005 Plus Additional Benefits\*\*

- Team Photos. **(NEW BENEFIT)**
- Membership to Algester Sports Club for 2 parents. **(NEW BENEFIT)**
- AFL Pack – [Bag, Cap and Drink Bottle] **(NEW BENEFIT)**

*You will note that an additional benefit is a special 18 month membership to the Algester Sports Club, our major sponsor for the Club.*

*After examining at our fee structure in comparison to other clubs, both within the J AFL competition and sports such as cricket, basketball, soccer and other forms of football, we recognised that our "all inclusive" strategy makes the fees appear to be expensive. However, when you look at what is included in registration fees for these clubs, you can see that they generally do not include the following benefits that we are providing your children:*

- Shorts and Sock - \$25 - \$35
- Match Fees - \$50 - \$90 (\$3-\$5 per week)
- Club Polo/Shirt - \$25 – \$35
- Team Photo's - \$8 - \$10
- Club Membership - \$15

*N.B. These are actual figures from a number of clubs.*

*However, recognising that the fees have increased, the Management Committee decided to offer several discounts designed to lighten the financial burden for parents:*

## 2005 Cost Savings

Registered 2004 Players can opt not to receive the Club Polo. This will reduce the fees by \$15.

The Second Family Member registering in 2005 will receive a discount. This will reduce the fees by \$10.

*These 2 discounts provide:*

1. *Loyal Leopards players the option of NOT receiving a new Club Polo shirt this year if last year's Polo is still suitable. A saving of \$15 per registration.*
2. *Family participants are offered discounted rates where there are 2 or more players registered from the same family. A saving of \$10 for each additional family member registered.*

*And remember, any family having financial difficulties can arrange a payment plan by simply contacting the registrar.*

*So, the fees you pay could be as little as:*

Registration fees for 2005 are as follows:

- Auskick Rules - Under 8's to 11's - \$140
- Junior Rules - Under 12' s to 16' s - \$160

*Remember, there are NO weekly game fees.*

*There were a number of reasons for the change in the fees but as many would be aware,*



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*the club ran at a loss last year and while we have clearly tried to avoid making any profit from registrations we definitely cannot afford another year where we cannot meet our registration costs with the revenue received from registrations.*

I hope these explanations detailed above have helped you to understand that we are not trying to make a huge profit from the registration fees. We have bundled everything together in one cost at the start of the season so that you will not be required to pay any further costs throughout the season.

### **Sponsorship**

As you all know we completed the building of our Clubhouse and Changing Rooms in 2004. As a result, the Club has been drained of its reserve funds and is in urgent need for extra sponsors to help the Club through the 2005 season.

***Our aim this year is to have every team in the Club sponsored by a business organization or a parent from the team to the value of \$500.***

As a result of this sponsorship:

- 1 A representative will be invited to attend all our club functions and sponsors day.
- 2 Club newsletter: the business logo will be advertised through our weekly newsletter to all parents.
- 3 Our special club website: the business logo will be prominently displayed on the club website as one of our club sponsors.
- 4 The name of the business organization or parent will be engraved on the trophies for that team.

We desperately need more funds to keep the club financial in 2005 as we still owe money to the builder for the Clubrooms. Please help by sponsoring your son or daughter's team. Contact Ian Patterson on 3272 3709 or 0408327237.

### **Umpiring and Rule Changes**

I would like to draw to your attention to instructions that have been given to Auskick Rules umpires undertaking the Basic Umpires Course. It relates to the tackling for both U10 in Brisbane and U11 on the Gold Coast.

- Once the tackle has been made and it is legal (U10 hand tackle and U11 wrap around tackle) the player must dispose of the ball by

way of handball or kick. The umpire will give the player 3 seconds and must communicate this count. The umpire will pay a free kick if this does not happen. If the tackle causes the ball to fall free the umpire will call play on.

- Umpires will err on the side of the player with the ball, i.e. benefit of doubt will go to that player.
- There is to be only one player allowed to affect a tackle. If more than one player is involved in the tackle a free kick will be awarded to the player with the ball. We do not want gang tackling in Auskick Rules
- Prior opportunity does not exist in Auskick Rules. All players that are legally tackled will receive the 3 second count from the umpire.

All umpires will wear a standard Auskick Rules Uniform this year. It will consist of green shirt, black shorts and green socks. We would like to see all coaches and parents support and encourage all Auskick Rules umpires as they begin a "new" career in footy. Just like players they also need positive feedback. They will make mistakes as well. We all collectively need to make sure they enjoy the experience and want to continue.

All Auskick Umpires have undertaken a Basic Umpire's Course and have covered such topics as The Philosophy of Auskick Rules, The Role of the umpire in Auskick Rules, Expectations of Auskick Rules Umpires, Communicating with young players and Auskick Rules laws.

### **Team Draws**

Brisbane Juniors have advised that the first two weeks of the draw for all grades will be published after March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **First Aid Volunteers**

We are still in need of parents to volunteer as first aiders for each team anyone interested please contact Shane Hackles or the manager of your team. We will provide full training for anyone who requires First Aid qualifications whether first time or requal. These will be conducted as soon as I can get numbers of parents requiring training. You can also contact me at treasurer@leopards.com.au or by mobile 0413 380061 for more information.

## **Coming Events**

**Keep an eye on this space for all coming events throughout the season.**

Saturday 2nd April Season Starts - Round One Under 8 - Under 16

### **2005 SPONSORS**

**WATERTIGHT AUSTRALIA**

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