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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS

NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB

JUNIORS

SEASON 2024 BEGINS THIS MONTH WITH "MAKE IT RED" ROUND - 26, 27, 28 APRIL

Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of those affected by heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest?

Join us in partnership with Heart Beat of Football for Heart Health Round and turn our club RED for heart research.

Heart Health Round is about promoting positive heart health, healthy choices, and raising money to fund heart research. With your support Heart Beat of Football can achieve their goal of zero heart-related deaths on sporting grounds.

TEAM GEAR AND UNIFORM COLLECTION - SAT 6 APRIL

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HAVE A VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - GET YOURS NOW!

OUR VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

New Lambton FC Juniors has adopted a set of Values to guide Club behaviour:

1. Wellbeing: We develop and promote a safe and supportive environment
2. Excellence: We strive for quality and improvement in everything we do
3. Integrity: We know and do what is right
4. Respect: We respect diverse views and opinions and act with integrity, and treat others as we expect to be treated

Our **WEIR Values** (Wellbeing, Excellence, Integrity and Respect) underpin everything we do as a Club, as well as how we expect all our players, volunteers and others to engage with one another and the community. Our Values help set our Club's Vision and Mission Statement.

Vision

For New Lambton FC Juniors to be the leading and most respected local community football club and to support and promote football to ensure it is the largest and most popular sport for males and females.

Mission

1. To provide for all our members a Club run to the highest standard, without limitation as to age, race, religion or gender.
2. To improve the publicity of, and public perception of, amateur football at the Club level, so as to foster the continued prosperity of the sport.
3. To encourage and assist new and current players wishing to participate in organised amateur football.
4. To provide high-quality facilities for the benefit of all our members and the wider community.
5. To provide a progression pathway for all our members, from grass-roots through to the highest level of football available.
6. To do all these things whilst having regard for the amateur nature of our membership, and therefore keeping Club / Player costs at the lowest possible level.

New Lambton FC Juniors understands the value of diversity, equity and inclusion and expects its members to treat each other and members of the community with dignity and respect. We are committed to creating an inclusive Club culture where everyone feels respected, valued and safe to contribute their opinions and talents to the success of the organisation so that we can drive positive community outcomes. We value diverse styles, experiences, and perspectives. People from diverse backgrounds (including but not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, people with diverse gender identities and sexualities, people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, people with disability, and veterans) are welcome.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SKILLS TRAINING CERTIFICATE COURSE

Northern NSW Football is holding a Skills Training Certificate course at Novocastrian Park (details as below). This is a great opportunity to attend some coach development in our local community. NLFCJ will refund the cost of any coach successfully completing the course and registering to coach a team in 2024.

Course: Skill Training Certificate (for players 9-17)
Date: Sunday 14th April
Time: 9am-1pm
Location: Novocastrian Park, Orchardtown Rd, New Lambton
Registration Link: **2024 SKILL TRAINING CERTIFICATE COURSE**

CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE

With the Second Club Referees Course date set and registrations are coming in Newcastle Football have also made an Assistant Referee Course across the Combined Interdistrict & Zone Football League competitions of Community Football, this will take place:

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2024
Time: 6pm through to approx. 8pm
Address: Northern NSW Football, Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, 13 Park Road, Speers Point

The course will be delivered by Brad Carlin (NNSWF Head of Referees).

This course is for club personnel (**minimum age 13yrs**) who need to be an Assistant Referee (Linesperson) for competition matches in the Inter-District Joint Competition and the Zone Football League Competition in the absence of an official referee.

Link to Register: **CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE**

GOALKEEPER TRAINING

This training is already underway, although if you are a Team Coach or Manager and haven't yet registered your up-and-coming goalkeepers, there is still time.

The training is being held by Hunter Goalkeeping Academy at Novocastrian Park each Wednesday across 3 sessions. Email Greg: greg@huntergoalkeepingacademy.com.au to let him know you are coming along, and he will allocate you to a group time.

NOTE: A maximum of 2 participants per team can attend from New Lambton FC Juniors teams, from U8's teams upward.

"Hi Greg! Thanks for offering such a well-structured and professional goalie training to our kids. I am sure it will be really helpful in developing their goalie skills. It was a pleasure to watch the training yesterday."

LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS

This season we have as many things happening off field as we do on the field and we have some fantastic partners who want to give back to our local community:

The Great Northern Hotel We would like to thank The Great Northern Hotel who proudly provide the Junior Development Encouragement Awards. Each team receives a set of Juniors Development Encouragement Awards to recognise a player's outstanding performance and includes a $10 discount voucher. Awards can be presented individual or collectively (at the discretion of the team coach / manager). The Great Northern is an iconic family hotel in Newcastle's East End and they welcome everyone to enjoy their tasty starters, juicy steaks, mouth watering seafood, salads, pastas, burgers, gourmet pizzas and all the classics.

Melt Gelato Our heartfelt thanks goes to Melt Gelato for the Melting Moments Awards, which are awarded weekly to an individual in each team for being a good sport and demonstrating Club values. Each award includes a free scoop of gelato in a cone or a cup. Melting the hearts of New Lambton, Melt Gelato has a huge range of fresh gelato in 18 delicious flavours, yummy milkshakes, spiders and other sweet treats on offer to our great local community.

Village Grocer Blackbutt We welcome The Village Grocer Blackbutt and in 2024 they are offering each registered New Lambton FC player a 5% discount key ring - show your key ring in-store for a 5% discount. They take pride in their commitment to the community, offering high-quality groceries and valuable work experience opportunities for individuals living with disabilities.

My Foot Dr. A big thanks to My Foot Doctor Podiatry Charlestown who this year shall be offering a free boot fitting / assessment to all NLFC players during the 2024 season. They will also come down to the grounds and host workshops on blister prevention, strapping and / or injury management, etc. They have the skills and experience to assess and treat almost any foot or lower limb condition. How you move, how you feel and how you live comes down to your feet - healthy feet can lead to a better quality of life.

GOOD SPORTS
INSPIRING A HEALTHIER SPORTING NATION

WE ARE A GOLD MEDAL ACCREDITED CLUB.

ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS NEED A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. It involves a National Police Check (criminal history record check) and a review of reportable workplace misconduct.

To complete the check you will need:

- personal details, including date and place of birth
- 4 proof of identity (POI) documents including:
  - one commencement of identity document
  - one primary use in the community document
  - 2 secondary use in the community documents.

At least one of your documents must contain your signature and photo and all documents must be current and original.

The website is: **Working With Children Check - Apply**

TEAM GEAR AND UNIFORM COLLECTION

Our allocation of gear is ready to hand out for the upcoming season.

- **When:** Saturday 6 April, 2024
- **Where:** Novocastrian Park
- **Time:** 8.00am to 11.30am
- **Who:** One representative from each team, preferably a coach or manager

What to Collect

U6's - U7's: team uniforms (socks, shorts, playing shirt and training shirt), a ball and shin pads for each player. Bibs, cones and a Duty Officer vest.

U8's - U11's: team uniforms (socks, shorts, playing shirt and training shirt) for each player. Training balls, bibs, cones and a Duty Officer vest.

U12's - U18's, Senior Comp. Teams: team uniforms (socks, shorts, playing shirt and training shirt) for each player. Training balls, game balls, bibs, cones and a Duty Officer vest. Team official cards will be distributed as needed.

Each team will be given a set of uniforms containing a range of sizes - we ask that every effort be made to fit your team from this range. If there is anyone who can't be accommodated, then details will be given on how to swap.

DUTY OFFICER - DUTIES AND TRAINING

Each team **MUST** supply **ONE DUTY OFFICER** at every home game. The role of the Duty Officer at club venues includes being visible, being vigilant and supporting behaviour that is appropriate to a community sporting event.

If a Duty Officer is not available, the game officials will likely not allow the game to proceed.

Each Duty Officer has a 2-way handheld radio that is used to contact other Club personnel, be it in the event of an emergency or simply to ask a question.

What does a Duty Officer do at NLFC?

- Be present during the whole of each fixture to which they are appointed.
- Actively monitor ground order - spectators behind the “courtesy” line around the inside of field (or at least 3m from field), team officials have appropriate ID and remain in the technical area, etc.
- Adjust the score on the electronic scoreboard for the match to which they are appointed (remote controlled).
- Answer any relevant questions and / or provide directions.
- Ensure a match offical is appointed in the event no match official is present.
- Ensure that any incident is reported.
- Ensure that emergency services are called if required for serious injury or assault to players or officials and direct the emergency vehicle on arrival.
- Keep spectators off the field between games and at half time, and away from behind goals during games.

TRIAL GAMES - IMPORTANT UPDATE

This year our pre-season trial games were to be played with our good friends at Maitland Junior Football Club.

We have looked at our run into the season commencement, and we will be unfortunately be unable to proceed with the trial game full weekend we have been discussing with Maitland Junior Football Club.

Between the timing of the Easter long weekend, the time required to sort all of the participant uniforms into teams, the compilation of all the training gear and other factors, we simply just can't fit it all in.

We are very disappointed and we are sorry for the inconvenience.

In saying that, we are happy to support inter-Club trial games - please contact us if you have a team that you wish to trial against and we will do our best to make sure there wis an opportunity for players, coaches, team managers and officials to have a test-run before the season.

TRAINING PROTOCOLS

With the 2024 season underway and training commencing, it is important that all our players, team officials and parents are aware of the Club's training protocols.

To ensure that all our players are able to enjoy their training and game-day experiences, we endeavour to place similarly-skilled players together, have adequate player numbers in each team and supply sufficient training and playing equipment.

Each of our teams shall be allocated one training session per week, and wherever possible requests for specific days and time shall be accommodated. To avoid confusion, teams should ensure to strictly adhere to their allocated time and allocated training field / area, especially with the very limited space that has been allocated to the Club by Council.

Additional training sessions can be requested by a team's coach or manager, and shall be reviewed by the Committee in line with such things as ground availability and ground condition. Requests shall be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

All training sessions must be completed, fields vacated and field lights turned off by no later than 9:30pm. The last team to finish of an evening **MUST** ensure to turn all field lights off and make sure the light boxes are locked.

It is important to remain mindful that all teams training in an official capacity represent the Club, and as such we expect all members of the Club to behave in a manner consistent with our Code of Conduct and our Values.

"MAKE IT RED" ROUND - 26, 27, 28 APRIL

Heart Health Round is back for its second year with Clubs and Associations encouraged to 'Make it Red!' from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April 2024.

An initiative of the Heartbeat of Football Foundation, the national awareness campaign aims to turn sporting grounds across Australia RED for heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest.

Funds raised from the weekend supports life-saving research and helps strive towards achieving zero heart-related deaths on the sporting ground.

As further incentive to get involved and raise valuable funds, prizes are on offer to the top fundraising clubs with first prize being a Staying Alive Health AED package valued at $4990.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - PARENTS

The Club is committed to fair play for all involved with the sport of football. The elimination of negative aspects of football sporting events, including behaviours that can be collectively ascribed to 'sports rage', can only be of benefit to all participants. The Club promotes the positive behaviours which only improve the levels of enjoyment and fulfilment of on-field and off-field persons.

- Remember that young people participate in football for their pleasure and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage young persons to participate, do not force them.
- Focus of the young person's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage young persons to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility, verbal abuse or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young person for making a mistake of losing a competitive event.
- Remember that young persons learn best by positive example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from football sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach young players to do likewise.
- Show control, respect and appreciation to all involved with football – this includes players, opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, other parents and spectators – and encourage players to do the same. Remember that without many of these volunteer persons, your child would not be able to participate in football sporting activity.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person participating in the sport of football, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Play your important role in the prevention of sport rage; although sport rage is often the result of many factors, parents can reduce its incidence by being good role models and helping to create a positive sporting environment. Consider and deal with each of the following six important actions by parents:
  - understand what young persons want from football sport – discuss this with your child – focus on what he/she likes most about the game;
  - encourage fair play – young persons learn the principles of fair play of respect, integrity and fairness through their involvement with football – be a good role model;
  - keep your emotions in check – unruly adult emotion at young persons' sport is sport rage at its worst – never use bad language, harass others or get involved with verbal abuse of anyone;
  - respect the coach – interact with courtesy through the team manager and leave the coaching to the coach, regardless of whether you agree or disagree;
  - respect the referee and officials – these persons are there to make the game fair and more enjoyable for everyone – they are human and may occasionally make mistakes – you must understand this and explain it to your child – your behaviour towards these persons will affect the player's attitude;
  - uphold the parental code of conduct – you must understand, accept, support and uphold the parental code of conduct, including the requirement not to drink alcohol at junior matches or arrive at the field intoxicated, which can be enforced at football sporting events.

APRIL 2024

HUNTER INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX

With the current Newcastle Basketball development project being in the media, it is pertinent for us to have a voice on the matter.

Regular exercise is undeniably crucial for maintaining good physical and mental health. It fosters strength, endurance, and overall well-being. Encouraging individuals to engage in physical activities, whether through sports, gym workouts, or outdoor recreational activities, should be a priority in any community. However, whilst promoting exercise is commendable, the construction of a new Hunter Indoor Sports (basketball) Complex in this location does not align with the broader local community needs or priorities, and comes at too higher price to the local community.

New Lambton Football Club Incorporated oppose the proposed construction of Newcastle Basketball complex on Wallarah and Blackley Ovals.

What we understand is the following:

1. The project has been ongoing since 2019, and has been considered for such sites as at Cardiff and Glendale, and now Wallarah and Blackley Ovals at New Lambton has been earmarked
2. The reported needs (as detailed by Newcastle Basketball) are:
    a. Replace an aging stadium that no longer meets standards and is no longer fit for purpose
    b. Address the short-fall in indoor court provision across the lower-Hunter
    c. As an enabler and supporting project for the Hunter Park Precinct and Broadmeadow Place Strategy
3. The proposed space to be used by this development is approximately 33,000m2
4. The development being undertaken would result in a number of sports that currently play and train on this area (including cricket, football, rugby league and community recreation) permanently losing access to this space
5. Wallarah and Blackley Ovals are hugely important to the community, and the importance of their preservation as free, open green space cannot be overstated
6. We acknowledge the need for a new and modern complex for the expanding sporting code of basketball, but not at the expense of this valuable green space





WHAT HAPPENS ON GAME DAY?

Playing Schedule and Game Locations

- Depending on the age group and gender, games are typically played Friday afternoon / evenings, Saturday and Sunday, and occasionally mid-week
- Our main home ground is Novocastrian Park, 24 Orchardtown Rd New Lambton and our secondary home ground is Regent Park, Regent St New Lambton
- Game schedules are available from your Team Manager, or via Squadi.
- Check the schedule frequently, especially in the early part of the season as game schedules often change

General Guidelines

- Be on time, and notify your team if you're running late or are unable to play. Make sure you have your coaches / managers mobile number so you can let them know if you are late or can't make the game
- Place all litter in the bins provided - whether you are at home or away
- Don't enter the Officials area unless you are a player, coach or manager (all coaches and managers must have an officials tag)
- Spectators must remain behind the spectators' line along the sidelines
- Follow all reasonable instructions from Duty Officers and NLFCJ Officials

Home Game Duties - Field Set Up

The first home team playing needs to set their playing field up. This includes:

- Corner and mid-field flags
- Goal posts and nets
- No Entry signage at each end of the Officials area
- Promotional signage (flags, etc) along the entrance path and in front of the Canteen
- Emergency signage and cones on the roadside at Novocastrian Park (Orchardtown Road side, top of footpath)
- Seating and shade shelters in the Game Officials technical area
- General tidy-up of the fields, change sheds, toilets, referees room, etc

It is recommended to arrive at the grounds 1 hour prior to the start of the game for the field set up. All gear is located in the Game Day storage shed. A Club official shall be there to provide access, guidance and advice. Home teams must also provide a Duty Officer.

Home Game Duties - Field Pack Up

The last home team playing will need to pack their playing field up. This includes:

- Corner and mid-field flags
- Goal posts and nets
- No Entry signage at each end of the Officials area
- Promotional signage (flags, etc) along the entrance path and in front of the Canteen
- Emergency signage and cones on the roadside at Novocastrian Park (Orchardtown Road side, top of footpath)
- Seating and shade shelters in the Game Officials technical area
- General tidy-up of the fields, home and away sheds, toilets, referees room, etc

All gear is to be placed in the Game Day storage shed. A Club Official shall be there to provide access, guidance and advice.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO THE FACILITIES

Recently there's been an increase in malicious damage to the facilities and grounds.

From simple littering of bags of dog waste and other items to illegal dumping of larger items like lounge chairs and other household items to people filling up the bins with many bags of household and small-business waste. There are public place bins on both sides of the park.

Graffiti on the change sheds and public toilets at Novocastrian Park and the change / toilet sheds at Regent Park and on the outside of the Club storage facility at Novocastrian Park - it seems to be never-ending.

Cars doing "doughnuts" on fields (Regent Park) and driving across fields leaving ruts and damage (recently at Novocastrian Park). Vehicles accessing fields and driving across utilities covers, creating hazards for the community (recently at Novocastrian Park).

Last but not least, we have had 2 sets of our larger portable goals stolen - one set from Regent Park and another from Novocastrian Park. Whoever has stolen them has used a vehicle, likely a tilt tray or flat top truck, to move them, or a team of persons has "walked" them off the parks. Both sets were locked with chains and padlocks.

Please, if you notice any anti-social behaviour, dumping of waste, vandalism, take photos, videos, make note of number plate numbers or any other distinctive features and do not hesitate to report it to Council and the Police. We do not expect you to approach anyone to try and stop them as you could be putting yourself in danger, but yell out, take note and report the act - please. Be mindful that all of this costs time, money and also reputation - for the Club and the local community.

















OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

Being a community, family-focussed Club, we feel that supporting charities is a meaningful way for the Club to contribute to positive societal changes, express empathy, and address pressing issues. Charitable support and contributions play a vital role in creating a more compassionate and equitable world.

Our Club's chosen charities are **Got Your Back Sista** and **Black Dog Institute**.

NEW MEETING VENUE - CLUB KOTARA

For a little while now we have been trying to find a suitable longer-term local venue where we can hold Club meetings and other activities.

Club Kotara shares many similar values to our football Club - they are community-focussed, and their ethos of Community, Respect and Wellbeing aligns nicely with our club WEIR values of Wellbeing, Excellence, Integrity and Respect.

Club Kotara is proud of their history and is excited about the future. Located in the centre of Kotara at 2 Howell Street, they are a hub for events and activities the entire community can enjoy. Club Kotara loves to welcome everyone from retirees, families, friendship groups, community groups, schools and everyone in between.

They have a family friendly bistro (The Barefoot Bistro open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday), a separate function room which can cater for any function and regular entertainment functions including karaoke, trivia, bingo and raffles.

Their opening hours are: MON 10am – 6pm, TUE – WED 11:30am – 9pm, THUR 10am – 10:30pm, FRI 11:30 – 10PM and SAT – SUN 11:30AM – 9PM

Now more than ever Club Kotara needs the community to support them, and we are happy to do so - locals supporting locals.

Commencing Wednesday 24 April, we shall be trialling holding our monthly Team Manager and Committee meetings in the Club Kotara meeting room, commencing at 7:00pm (there is a meat raffle from 6:00pm, so if you want to turn early and have a bite to eat and a ticket in the raffle prior to the meeting, you will be more than welcome).

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Promotion, Relegation & League Structure - NPL

Northern NSW Football has announced the return of promotion and relegation to its senior men's premier competitions from the 2024 season as well as the connection between NNSWF's premier competitions and the Zone Football League for the first time.

New Lambton Football Club has no NPL teams and a number of Zone League teams - New Lambton Eagles has NPL teams.

The new structure for NNSWF's senior men's football has been designed to:

- enhance player development
- increase overall club development
- improve fan engagement
- provide more competitive matches

NNSWF will continue to fully administer the NPL Men's NNSW and HIT 106.9 Northern League competitions while the Interdistrict member zones, Newcastle Football, Macquarie Football and Hunter Valley Football, will remain responsible for the Zone Football League.

With the connection of the Zone Football League to NNSWF's premier competitions there will be a fully functioning football pyramid in northern NSW for the first time, allowing aspirational clubs to move up to higher levels based on sporting performance.

Promotion and Relegation **IS NOT OPTIONAL!** By competing in NPL Men's, Northern League One and Zone Football League, all clubs will be bound by the appropriate regulations which will outline the promotion and relegation requirements of each league.

How it will work:

The 12 clubs competing in the 2023 NPL Men's NNSW will remain in the competition for 2024, while HIT 106.9 Northern League One will remain a nine-team competition at this stage.

The Zone Premier League, Zone League One and Zone League Two will remain 12, 10 and 10-team competitions respectively, but will be renamed Zone League One, Zone League Two and Zone League Three.

At the end of the 2024 season, the team that comes 12th in NPL Men's NNSW will be relegated to HIT 106.9 Northern League One, while the team that finishes first in HIT 106.9 Northern League One will be promoted to NPL Men's NNSW.

Promotion Play-off

The team that finishes 11th in NPL Men's NNSW will join the teams that finish second, third and fourth in HIT106.9 Northern League One in a promotion / relegation play-off series to determine the 12th team in NPL Men's NNSW in 2025.

This will involve the 11th team from NPL Men's playing the fourth team from HIT 106.9 Northern League One, and the second and third teams from HIT 106.9 Northern League One, playing each other in two-legged home and away matches. The two winners will then meet in one match to decide who will play in the NPL Men's NNSW competition.

What an exciting time for the sport!!

UNDERSTANDING COMPETITION U12 - U17

AN APPROVED FOOTBALL

The Home Team in a Competition Fixture shall provide two (2) suitable Match Balls. The Referee shall select the Ball to be used in the Fixture with the other being held as spare. Any breach of this Regulation shall result in a fine, as determined annually.

Football sizes are as follows:

- 12,13 Age Grades use a Size 4 Ball.
- 14,15,16,17,18 Age Grades & All Age and other Seniors use a size 5 Ball.

PLAYING TIMES

The following shall be the Playing Times:

- All Age Mens & Women's Division A 45 minutes each half
- All Age, O/35,O/45 & Women's other Divisions 40 minutes each half
- 19 - 17 Age Grades 40 minutes each half
- 16 - 15 Age Grades 35 minutes each half
- 14 - 13 Age Grades 30 minutes each half
- 12 Age Grade 25 minutes each half

Minimum of five (5) minutes will be taken at the end of the half.

OFFICIALS AT FIXTURES

The Home Team Club shall be solely responsible for the following:
To provide adequate security and welfare for the Officiating Referee and Assistant Referee(s) from the time each arrives at the ground until the time each departs from the ground and to provide adequate security for the protection of participating Players and Team Officials.
A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) nominated and readily identifiable GROUND OFFICIAL (DUTY OFFICER) MUST be available for the duration of each and every Fixture on each and every Club ground on which a Fixture(s) has been set; and for an additional period of 30 minutes prior to the Fixture and for an additional period of 30 minutes after the Fixture has concluded. If no Ground Official (Duty Officer) is present during a Match, the Referee must report this fact using the appropriate part of the Team Match Sheet.
This Ground Official (Duty Officer) shall be responsible for the good order and conduct of the Fixtures being played on the day. The Ground Official shall wear and be identified by the designated Fluorescent Coloured Duty Officer Vest provided.

PLAYING AREA REQUIREMENTS

During any Fixture, an Official, a Player or a Supporter shall not be permitted to stand closer than three (3) metres to the playing field marked lines. Coaching from the boundary line is strictly prohibited.

All persons eligible to be on the Bench must remain seated on the Bench except:

- Reserve Players must remain seated except when warming up in preparation to enter play.
- Team Officials must remain seated except that a MAXIMUM of two (2) such persons may stand at the Bench or within the Technical Area if this is required.
- Only the Team Coach, Team Manager, Team Official (if relevant) and Reserve Players (all of whom have been named on the Official Team Sheet) are to be in the Technical Area / Bench Area. **NO OTHER PERSONS ARE PERMITTED TO BE IN THIS AREA.**

OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

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GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL The Great Northern is an iconic family hotel in Newcastle's East End. The Great Northern welcomes everyone to enjoy their hospitality and reward yourselves with sharing what they have to offer as part of our great community. We appreciate your support. Contact us on 4077 3910.

VILLAGE GROCER BLACKBUTT The Village Grocer Blackbutt takes pride in their commitment to the community, offering high-quality groceries and valuable work experience opportunities for individuals living with disabilities.Visit and support your local grocer at 74 Orchardtown Rd New Lambton.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

WESTS NEW LAMBTON The Wests Group is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit membership-based organisation. We proudly commit to meaningful social investments that help sustain positive, thriving communities throughout our region. Support the club that supports your community. Visit us at 88 Hobart Rd New Lambton, or contact us on 4935 1200.

SPORTS CLIQUE Sports Clique have provided athletes, organisations, members and supporters with outstanding kits, apparel and accessories and have done so since 2014. Contact us on sales@sportsclique.com.au

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BAKERS DELIGHT KOTARA What we do is nice and simple, it's freshly baked bread! We are committed to delighting our customers and being pillars of our communities. We've been baking the same way for many years to give you our signature delightful experience. Because you don't just deserve butter, you deserve the best. Contact us on 4956 2142.

ADAMS FAMILY MEATS Adam's Family Meats is an award winning, modern day butcher shop located in New Lambton, serving customers in and around the Newcastle area for over 10 years. Contact us on 4952 1622.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

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MELT GELATO Melt Gelato has a huge range of gelato in 18 flavours, spiders, milkshakes and other sweet treats on offer to our great local community. Come and visit us at 89 Regent Street New Lambton.

MY FOOTDR. My Foot Doctor Podiatry Charlestown have the skills and experience to assess and treat almost any foot or lower limb condition. How you move, how you feel and how you live comes down to your feet - we believe that healthy feet can lead to a better quality of life. My Foot Doctor - healthy feet, better lives. Contact us on 4966 0799.

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LOOKING FOR CLUB PARTNERS

Running a community football Club is not easy, and we generally have only two things that stop our Club from being the best we can be - volunteers and funding.

We have some fantastic Club sponsors, supporters and partners, although we are always looking for more funding partners to allow the Club to thrive and to ensure that the equipment we have is fit-for-purpose, safe and ready to go.

For example - to provide everyone a practice ball at training, we need around 1,000 balls (plus another 100 or so for game balls). For everyone to have a training bib, we need around 1,000 bibs, plus nearly 200 volunteer bibs. To have enough training cones for all the teams, we need around 1,600 cones. For each team to have portable mini-goals for training we need around 80 sets of goals. This is just a small insight into some of the things we need to make your Club be as good as it can be.

We need people to help with general teams management, gear and equipment distribution, general administrative tasks, helping with game days and assisting at our Bunnings BBQ's - to name just a few. If you think you can help by volunteering some of your time or if you know someone who may be interested, please reach out to us for more information on **info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**

If you are considering a Club sponsorship or if you know someone who may be in a position to do so, please contact us on **supporter@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**

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THE FINAL WHISTLE

Football, often referred to as the beautiful game, has the unique ability to unite communities and foster a sense of belonging among its enthusiasts. Two distinct tiers within the football landscape are community football clubs and National Premier Leagues (NPL) football clubs. While both share a passion for the sport, they differ significantly in their structure, objectives, and impact on their respective communities.

Community Football Clubs: Are the grassroots of the sport, deeply embedded in the neighbourhoods they serve. These clubs are driven by a sense of community spirit, emphasising inclusivity and accessibility for players of all ages and skill levels. Typically run by volunteers and supported by local businesses, these clubs create a supportive environment where the love for the game takes precedence over competitive outcomes.

Key Features:

- **Inclusivity:** Community clubs open their doors to everyone, encouraging participation from diverse age groups and skill levels. The focus is on providing a platform for recreational enjoyment rather than high-level competition.
- **Volunteer-driven:** These clubs heavily rely on the dedication of volunteers, from coaches to administrators, fostering a sense of communal responsibility and teamwork.
- **Local Engagement:** Community clubs often engage with local schools, businesses, and residents to strengthen community bonds and promote the sport at the grassroots level.

NPL Football Clubs: National Premier Leagues (NPL) football clubs operate at a higher level, participating in structured competitive leagues that span regional and national levels. These clubs are more professional in their approach, aiming to develop talented players and compete at the highest echelons of the sport. NPL clubs often serve as a stepping stone for players aspiring to reach professional soccer leagues. Most players and roles are paid.

Key Features:

- **Competitive Structure:** NPL clubs participate in organized leagues with a clear focus on competition and player development. The environment is more structured, with a higher level of training and coaching expertise.
- **Player Development:** These clubs invest in player development programs, aiming to groom young talents for potential careers in professional soccer. NPL clubs often have partnerships with professional teams, facilitating player pathways to higher levels of competition.
- **Professional Infrastructure:** Unlike community clubs, NPL clubs may have access to more advanced facilities, coaching staff, and resources, contributing to a more professional and structured approach to the game.

Both community football clubs and NPL football clubs play pivotal roles in the football ecosystem, catering to different aspects of the sport. While community clubs foster inclusivity, recreation, and community engagement, NPL clubs focus on competition, talent development, and providing a pathway to professional football.

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