

## **Important Information to Know    AIA Vitality MiniRoos**

### Get Started Vouchers

The Qld Government's Get Started Initiative gives successful, eligible applicants \$150.00 per junior player towards the cost of registration. Click on the icon on our website ([www.southsunited.org.au](http://www.southsunited.org.au)). Funds are limited.

### Team Leader/Coach Information

Team Leaders run each training session for the various teams as per the following training schedule (**subject to change when final registration numbers are known**):

Under 6 & 7	Fridays	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Under 8	Tuesdays	5.45pm – 6.45pm
Under 9	Mondays	5.45pm – 6.45pm
Under 10	Thursdays	5.45pm – 6.45pm
Under 11	Thursdays	5.45pm – 6.45pm

Assistance and support is offered to the Under 6 & Under 7 Team Leaders from Mick Wild, our Managing Football Director.

All AIA Vitality MiniRoos (MiniRoos) Team Leaders (Under 6 – Under 11) are required to attend a Pre-Season Team Leader Information Session on the following dates and times:

<b>Under 6 – Under 7</b>	<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Under 8 – Under 11</b>	<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>11.30am</b>

Mick Wild, Managing Football Director will be outlining the 'Souths way to play Football'. Team Kit Bags (balls, cones and bibs) will be available for collection.

A FREE Grassroots Course will be held at Souths, date and time to be advised (refer website February/March 2016). This is **COMPULSORY** for all new Team Leaders and advised for those returning Team Leaders that have not completed this course or attained higher qualifications. Please refer to the Grassroots Course flyer for more details including how to register.

All Team Leaders will need to register online at no cost to the Team Leader. Refer to the My Football Club – How to Register as a Team Leader. This must be done by **Friday 27 February 2016. This includes upload of photo.**

The Club also prefers Team Leaders to hold a Positive Notice Blue Card from Blue Card Services. Application forms are available at [www.bluecard.qld.gov.au](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au)

Please note: parents of players registered to play at Souths are not legally required to hold a Blue Card however it is still the Club's preference to do so. Also, teachers and police officers can apply for an exemption. It is also an offence for a disqualified person to apply for a Blue Card. The Commission's Act states that a person is disqualified if they:

- have been convicted of a disqualifying offence. This may include a child-related sex or pornography offence or the murder of a child (irrespective of the penalty and regardless of when and where it occurred), or
- are the subject of:
- reporting obligations under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*, or
- an offender prohibition order under the *Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008*, or
- a disqualification order issued by a court prohibiting them from applying for or holding a blue card, or
- a sexual offender order under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003*.

For a full list, refer to

[http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/pdf/infosheets/Information\\_Sheet-Disqualifying\\_offences.pdf](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/pdf/infosheets/Information_Sheet-Disqualifying_offences.pdf)

Should you already possess a Blue Card for another organisation (Club or Church), please complete the Authorisation to Confirm a Valid Blue Card/Application form.

All Blue Card Application Forms and related forms are to be given to the Club Secretary, Angela Lock, for submission to Blue Card Services.

#### Team Manager Information

Managers are involved in collecting match fees on Saturdays, completing paperwork, disseminating information from Age Co-Ordinators/Vice-President etc. FULL training is provided.

All AIA Vitality MiniRoos (MiniRoos) Team Managers (Under 6 – Under 11) are required to attend a Pre-Season Manager Information Session on **Wednesday 2 March 2016** commencing at **6.00pm** and concluding at approx 8.30pm. It is vitaly important that every team is represented. Full training is provided at the session and team jerseys will be available for collection.

All Team Managers will need to register online at no cost to the Team Manager. Refer to the My Football Club – How to Register as a Team Manager. This must be done by **Friday 27 February 2016**. This includes upload of photo.

The Club also prefers Team Managers to hold a Positive Notice Blue Card from Blue Card Services. Application forms are available at [www.bluecard.qld.gov.au](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au) Please note: parents of players registered to play at Souths are not legally required to hold a Blue Card however it is still the Club's preference to do so. Also, teachers and police officers can apply for an exemption. It is also an offence for a disqualified person to apply for a Blue Card. The Commission's Act states that a person is disqualified if they:

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### Fixture Details

Fixtures for all inter-club competitions (Under 9 – Under 11) are available, when released, on Football Brisbane's Washing Line website ([www.thewashingline.com.au](http://www.thewashingline.com.au)). Fixtures are also advised to team managers. Please note: any late changes to fixtures will ONLY be advised to the Club Secretary who will then inform the team manager. The Washing Line may therefore not accurately reflect any late changes.

Fixtures for all intra-club competitions (Under 6 – Under 8) are available, when released on our website under the MiniRoos tab.

### First Training Nights

Under 6	Friday 26 February	5.00pm – 6.00pm	meet on verandah at 4.45pm
Under 7	Friday 19 February	5.00pm – 6.00pm	meet on verandah at 4.45pm
Under 8	Tuesday 23 February	5.45pm – 6.45pm	meet on verandah at 5.30pm
Under 9	Monday 22 February	5.45pm – 6.45pm	meet on verandah at 5.30pm
Under 10	Thursday 25 February	5.45pm – 6.45pm	meet on verandah at 5.30pm
Under 11	Thursday 25 February	5.45pm – 6.45pm	meet on verandah at 5.30pm

Teams will be allocated a training space. All future sessions will be at the above times at the training space allocated on the first training night. Players may proceed directly to their allocated training space without the need to come to the Clubhouse.

**Please note: changes to times and days for trainings may change when final registration numbers are known.**

### Communications to Players from Souths

**Website** The website is our main tool for disseminating information to players. It is generally updated by 4pm Mon – Fri regarding wet weather training cancellations and alternate arrangements.

[www.southsunityed.org.au](http://www.southsunityed.org.au)

**Facebook and Twitter** The Club will also communicate via Facebook and Twitter.

**Email** The Club may communicate to players via email.

**Manager** The Club relies on the Manager to disseminate information for the team's pigeonhole to the players in a timely manner.

## Payments by Debit and Credit Cards

Unfortunately, the Club cannot continue to absorb the merchant fees on debit and credit card transactions. The Committee has therefore decided that from 2012, a small surcharge will be applied to all debit and credit card transactions. Currently, 2.0%.

## No Refund Policy

Souths United FC has a 'No Refund' Policy except under exceptional circumstances which requires approval from the Management Committee of Souths United FC.

## Apprentice Referee Program

Souths United conducts an Apprentice Referee Program. The aims of the Program are:

- to develop an interest amongst 12 – 15 year olds in the challenges and rewards of refereeing
- to provide our Under 8 – Under 11 home games and associated Souths United carnivals with referees that are not parents or team officials.

We hope that at least some of these young people will develop a love for refereeing and will continue their development by undertaking the official referees' course through Football Brisbane.

These young people have undergone a 2 hour introductory course run by our own referees. The Apprentices are encouraged to use proper hand signals and to look for jewellery and ensure shin pads are worn by players. We're encouraging teams to line up at the half way line and run on when the Apprentice blows the whistle before the game.

Note: For U10 & U11 Games, where possible, Assistant Apprentice Referees will be provided to run the lines.

The referees (who conducted the course) will also, along with members of the Management Committee and other interested persons, act as mentors for our young Apprentices. They will be on hand at most games and are also available during the week to not only encourage and support the young Apprentices but also to give guidance on game situation issues.

We recognise that these young people are learning a new 'craft' and as such, will not become experts overnight. They are learning and they will make mistakes however, with support and encouragement, they will continue to develop and bolster the numbers of official referees in the future.

Should you have a concern with an Apprentice Referee, the concern must be raised with the mentor or Vice-President – MiniRoos and NOT directly with the Apprentice Referee.

We ask your assistance in encouraging these young people.