



Lions Roar

Newsletter of the Wollongong Lions Juniors
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Gala day – first game – Details on the back of the newsletter

Each year the junior competition traditionally kicks off with the Gala Day at Figtree oval for all grades, which is scheduled to take place on 29th March 2008. Each team plays 2 or 3 short games, and hopefully a final. Games are only 15 - 20 mins long.

A/K session starts at 9.30

U/9's and U/10's start at 8.15am

U/11's start at 9.30am

U/13's start at 1.30pm

The day is on a very tight schedule so please be at the ground 30 mins before start time so we're ready to go on time.

Teams and Coaches

We have finalised coaches for the season,

Auskick – Mark Hurley

Under 9's – Mike Thompson

Under 10's – Stephen Keyte

Under 11's - Mike Christie

Under 13's – Steve Maciejowski

We always appreciate parents getting involved in particular at training, really 1 to 5 ratio of helpers to kids would be the ideal. So if you see the coach of your child's team appear to struggle at training, offer your help, it will not be refused. And, little or no experience necessary, the coach is in charge.

Canteen

Jennifer does a fantastic job in running the canteen, on game day though, Jenny needs helpers, please see Jenny if you can offer help. It would be great if a couple of parents from each team could do an hour or so before or after their child's game. Also we are asking parents to donate one or two non-perishable items to be used for fund raising purposes.

Lions Web Site

The Lions Juniors have a presence on the internet with our own club and information pages. It will be part of the overall Wollongong Lions website and can be accessed at <http://juniors.wlions.com.au>

Training

Training is now on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 pm at Nth Dalton Park for all age groups. Hopefully this will enable parents to make it to training that other wise wouldn't at the previous time.

We will have the BBQ running after training with sausage sangers for dinner for \$1 each and soft drinks for \$1.

Match Fixtures

An initial draft match schedule has been circulated among the clubs, as soon as it is finalised it will be attached to a newsletter and also on our website.

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Dear All

Welcome to the 2008 Illawarra Junior AFL Gala Day hosted by the Figtree Kangaroos Junior AFL Club.

Please find attached a copy of the draw and ground maps for Saturday. All games will be played at Figtree Oval **including Auskick**.

- **PARKING IS LIMITED WE RECOMMEND CAR POOLING WHERE POSSIBLE.**
- We are on a very tight time schedule please ensure you and your teams are on time. We recommend telling them to be there at least 30 minutes before the first game of their age group.
- **The emphasis of the day is on the kids having fun and enjoying a game of footy.**
- Clubs, **please emphasise** with your coaches and parents **the need to move quickly between games**. There is only 5 minutes between games finishing and the next one starting.

Age group details:

AK **STARTING at 9:35am**. Listen to the PA and look for Dave Johnson.
U9 Two Pools of 4 teams including a bye
U10 Round Robin - 4 teams
U 11 Two Pools of 4 teams including a bye
U 12 Round Robin – 6 teams
U 13 Two Pools of 4 teams including a bye
U 15 Round Robin – 4 teams

- Whilst the draw says ground 4, there is **no need for a ground 4 as ground 4 is always the bye**.
- Ground 3, this is not a full size oval, but it is the best we can do with the space we have.
- U 9, 11 & 13 teams were randomly allocated a spot in the draw so no one club advantaged / disadvantaged by being in pool A or B.
- A Canteen, BBQ and Coffee Van will be operating from 8am.
- A PA will be in action all day keeping families informed of what is happening.
- Roo's Officials will be across all grounds during the day to assist. If you have any questions just look for the people in high visibility vests.

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