



The King's Old Boys' Football Club (KOBFC)

Happy new year and welcome to the new 2011 season!

Just thought I'd take a few minutes to update you on what is happening this year at the club,

Make up Training Session this Saturday

Due to poor attendance on Wednesday, if anyone is keen for a bit of training on Saturday please let me know. If I get more than 10 people I will message those who are interested and arrange a time for late afternoon

New Team

Progress has been slow but we are slowly starting to get the numbers for the new all age and over 35's team. However we are still looking to bolster the new teams because we only have the bare minimum of numbers currently and there are a few people from last year which are unable to play with us. Numbers are yet to be finalised but once registration is complete we will look to finalise the squads. If you know anyone who might be interested in playing football this year, please bring them down to training.

Facebook

The KOBFC website will still be used for official communication to club members (rego forms, expense claims, etc) however we have started to use Facebook as an unofficial channel to communicate to the club. It will allow people to be kept up to date in regards to last minutes changes to training (especially when the preseason starts and we will have two sessions (game + training) a week), wet weather, and is an easy way for people to communicate back so we can hear your feedback. I understand that not everyone will be able to access Facebook on a regular basis, however at registration we will take a list of people who are unable to receive periodic updates and find other means to get information to you guys.

The main reason for the change was that it was difficult for many people to update the information on the website, not as costly as sending group texts and also preventing the many emails that people received during the week. Keep an eye on the facebook page for any updates that occur during the week. Search for King's Old Boy's Football Club on facebook and it should show up.

Training

Will be held at Homelands Reserve, Carlingford every Wednesday at 18:30 every week. Once the season begins we will be able to use the lights and training will start at 19:15 but we will keep you updated on that. Training will start later to accommodate those people that need to travel to get to training.

Commitment to Training

Our success last season was due to following reasons: firstly, we started training in December 2009, giving us plenty of time to get fit; secondly, we had been playing together from December to March before the season started where especially with all the new members of the club integrating with teams this year it has been quite different; finally, there was a strong turnout to training at the beginning of the season which really reflected in the level of football we were playing.

So I would ask you that you try and reorganize any studying commitments (if possible), work commitments (if possible) and social commitments leaving Wednesday night free to be at training. If you are unable to make



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training on a regular basis, just please let me know or even if you're unable to attend a one off training session, all I ask is that you inform me via facebook or mobile 0424087745 or email, that you won't be attending.

Preseason trials, New Strip and Season fees

Since last year, the churches association has increased squad fees by 20% leading to an increase in fees this year by 8.3% (\$20) not including the other costs incurred this year with the introduction of the two new teams. This is mainly due to an increase in insurance which unfortunately could not be avoided. We have tried our hardest to keep the increase to a minimum.

Rego

This will happen over two Saturdays 5/2 and 12/2 and will coincide when we start our Saturday trial games.

Photo

Attendance is important as all members will be required to get there photo retaken again for your cards

Fee Structure

We have introduced an incentive to collect fees before the money is due to the Churches Association. If you pay your fees prior to 1/3/11 you will pay \$240 and if you pay on or after 1/3/11 you will pay \$250.

When you get registered, we would like at the minimum \$60 just to cover insurance costs.

Measures to restrict the rise

Firstly, we have asked the Old Boys Union to help us and will contribute money helping us subsidise the increase in squad fees. Secondly, we have introduced a discount if you pay your fees before 1/3/10 which is when the squad fees are to be paid to the churches, \$10 is not much but will cover the cost of having to borrow money to cover those who haven't paid as per prior seasons. Thirdly, we offer a 25% discount to those who become an associate linesman for three years. To qualify for the discount you must do the following: firstly, have a ref's licence or attend a referees course which is usually 2 nights over two weeks before the season begins. Once you have received your license you will be qualified for the discount for three years; secondly, make yourself available to be a linesman at Saturday matches (which will usually be shared between other qualified linesman). Finally, we are very reasonable people and understand that it is not easy to pay in a lump sum immediately so we just ask that you communicate to Max Pegler, Stuart Smith or myself and we can organise a payment plan to make it easier for you.

New Strip/Socks/Shorts

We are looking to purchase new socks and shorts for the entire club and will be given to you at registration day. A new supplier has become available which are cheaper and of a higher quality than the current supplier. Currently the cost will be \$30 for new shorts and socks but it is not finalised as we are trying to get the best deal possible for our club members. The jersey's will be supplied by the club which we will be subsidised by the Old Boy's Union contribution to the club.

We have endeavoured to do the above to ensure that fees are kept to a minimum. We have also looked at our fee structure compared to other teams in other associations and believe we are very competitive. We don't offer a student discount however we do offer a 25% discount if you become a linesman making your season fees \$180 if you pay before 1/3/11 which is really good value for the preseason tournament, regular season, two mid week cup's, 6 a side tournament, matches versus King's XI plus a y12 team and usage of Homelands on a Wednesday night.

Current Important dates

To receive the 25% discount for three years you will need to be a certified referee or attend a referee's course. Please contact Mark Di Palma if you are interested at markdipalma@hotmail.com



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Current Important dates

- Wednesday Night training at 18:30
- Registration over two Saturday's 5/2 and 12/2
- When the preseason tournament begins, please be aware that training dates will change depending on when matches are being played
- When the season begins (or possibly earlier when we get the use of lights) training will start at 19:15
- To be able to pay \$240 for your season fees, must be paid before 1/3/2011 which is when squad fees are due to the Churches Association
- The season will begin in the start of April but this could be subject to when the draw gets released,

Involvement in the Club

Unfortunately, over the past few months I have had a few health problems and am looking for some more people to join the committee and help us out. I will be looking for people to start contributing in just small ways in order to help us out until I can get myself back to being healthy again, if you're keen please let me know,

Guys, that is it from me, if you have any questions please don't be afraid to either call or email me and we can chat about any concerns you may have,

I hope to see you soon at preseason training,

Kind Regards,

Yours Sincerely
Luke Paton (2004)
President
King's Old Boys Football Club.