

Eltham Eagles Soccer Club

(Department of Yarra Plenty Church Inc.)
ABN 179 508 907 88



Registration Pack 2010

Dear Parents, Senior Mens, Womens & Junior Players,

Happy New Year and welcome to Season 2010. Eltham Eagles Soccer Club (EESC) is primed for another exciting year of competition, how about you? The club looks forward to your participation in a year with a number of firsts.

About Eltham Eagles

The primary focus of the club is fair and equal participation for all players. Irrespective of skill level, children are encouraged to compete to their highest personal ability, building confidence and character. In this way we build a sense of club and community.

Eltham Eagles Soccer Club is part of the Victorian Churches Soccer Association. Games are played on Saturdays leaving Sundays free for rest and relaxation.

As part of the Victorian Church Soccer Association the Clubs are required to have a strong affiliation with local churches. Eltham Eagles Soccer Club is operated under the auspice of Yarra Plenty Church Inc., Lower Plenty www.ypc.org.au. Yarra Plenty Church offers a range of support services to the club including chaplaincy, administration, professional counselling and facility access. YPC warmly welcomes members of Eltham Eagles and extend an invitation to attend its Church services or other activities. Invitations to special events will arrive from time to time through the soccer season. In addition to YPC several local churches are represented within the club.

Registration Day

Saturday February 13th at home training ground (ENR) > 9:30am-12:00pm. Families are encouraged to come down and meet each other and share in a BBQ. Casual games may operate subject to players, ground availability and/or cricket finals.

Location: Eltham North Adventure Playground Park, Wattle Tree Road, Eltham North (Mel. Ref. 22 A1, *opp. Eltham North primary school*).

Registration & Indemnity Forms: Must be completed **in full** and accompanied by payment to secure team position (while team positions remain available). One form per player is required. Please read the club's confidentiality agreement, requiring your consent to have your name, phone number etc. listed for club, team contact and management purposes. We would like this to include occasional photos used on facebook and in Club presentations and communications.

Payments can be made with cheque, money order, Mastercard, & Visa (note: c/card statements will read "Yarra Plenty Church" to avoid unnecessary duplication of c/card transaction costs on the club). Payments may be made at any time before February 13th. In doing so earlier registrations are more likely to secure team positions. People are encouraged to attend on registration day to get the latest details, enjoy the BBQ, meet and greet other club members and buy a team jacket. In addition any outstanding pre-registrations should be completed and paid for in full.

Registration forms with payments should be mailed to:

	EESC Junior Registrar	or	EESC Senior Registrar
	Eltham Eagles Soccer Club		Eltham Eagles Soccer Club
	8 Colric Place		67 Leane Drive,
	Eltham, VIC 3095		Eltham, VIC 3095
e-mails	eesc.inr.registrar@ypc.org.au		eesc.snr.registrar@ypc.org.au

Fees:	Goal Kick (5-7 yr old)	\$ 95.00
	Juniors (U8 – U17)	\$ 185.00
	Seniors = Students	\$ 185.00
	Seniors & Women	\$ 310.00

Fees include:

- Goal Kick junior program
- Association Fees
- Equipment & storage
- Uniforms (shirts)
- Oval hire
- Insurance
- Power & Lighting
- Communications
- Compliance costs
- Training
- Pavillion repairs
- Office administration

Payment is required with registration to secure places. Insurance cost provides for a most basic cover. Parents should check their insurance for any special cover requirements.

Discounts:

15% to families with ≥ 3 or more players

10% to existing club members who pre-registered in 2009.

Seniors fee equivalent to junior fee for students or unemployed – only with a legal statutory declaration of no income or student ID card.

Coaches \$50 for their first child.

Registrations received after February 13th are treated as 'registrations of interest' and accepted by the club, subject to availability of places.

Registration Inquiries:

Juniors: Alan Western – 9439 4902 (hm) *before 9pm please*

Seniors: Steve Horn – 9431 5301 (hm) *before 9pm please*

Teams: There are teams for each age/year. If teams for a chosen age group are full you may be invited to play in a higher age grade with your consent. Registrations are generally accepted on a 'first-come' basis with preference to existing club members while positions remain vacant.

EESC make efforts to place 'friends' together in teams, but this may not always be possible. Many team 'groups' will also move forward from 2009. Some evaluation of ability may take place subject to trial game availability with regard to assignment of players where two or more teams occur in one grade. Expect teams to be finalised towards 3rd week of March and notification sent out then and when coaches are ready to begin proceedings.

Grounds 2010

Subject to council approval the **majority of junior and senior games will be played at Cartledge Res.** (CaR Ref. Mel 31 D5). Alternative facilities are still under investigation as at time of writing considering current and possible extended ground closures to pre-season training. Most **junior training will occur** at Eltham North (ENR). The shortage of facilities in Nillumbik remains particularly acute. Please note that continuation of severe water restrictions also remain a factor for ongoing ground availability, though the Club can't possibly predict outcomes on this front. It is expected that again in 2010 restricted access to the grounds will again remain until only weeks before competition. On this basis teams will be encouraged to consider a suite of alternate preseason training regimes and locations. The Club will make every effort to communicate the latest changes.

The CaR facility is shared with the Heidelberg Stars FFV Club who play Seniors on Saturday pm and juniors on Sundays. Use of the Pavillion should respect that that Club is the first tenant. This includes a collective Club responsibility of maintaining such a facility in good condition and occasional assignment of duties to teams.

The exciting news for 2010 and beyond is Eltham Eagles is hopeful for a part share in access to the new Synthetic oval located at the Northern end of the ENR precinct. Stay tuned for the latest updates.

General Club Details

Club Home Training Ground : Eltham North Adventure Playground Park (**ENR**), Wattle Tree Road, Eltham North (Mel. Ref. 22 A1). This will be the mainstay for junior training. Training will also be available at **CaR**. (subject to team/coach approval). This may become necessary due to the available alternatives.



Saturday Competition: Competitions are on Saturdays (Juniors ~ mornings; Seniors & womens ~ afternoons) and are run under the auspices of the VCSA (Victorian Churches Soccer Assoc. – www.vcsa.org.au)

Competition Territory: Majority of games are within the South & Eastern suburbs. Some variations and occasional further travel occur according to grade. Refer VCSA website.

Boys / Girls: Junior teams are a composite of boys and girls according to registrations.

Women: EESC will again have a women's team for 2010. Please spread the word early. The team is very inclusive of a wide range of skills and ages and a genuine option for girls U13 and above and will compete in the second division. For more information please contact EESC Womens Co-Ordinator, Paul Cogger – 0402 120 038).

Seniors: Seniors teams are formed on the basis of registrations, history and an estimate of ability. Ground conditions may limit pre-season trials. Some scope exists to vary players between teams subject to ability and game rules. In 2010 EESC will field a Div 4 side. It is possible a second squad in Div 6 may also be entered if numbers prevail. Squads should be large enough to allow respite for players required to travel for business and/or in need of injury recovery. Players should however demonstrate a team commitment most notably demonstrated by regular training attendance (unless specific conditions prohibit this). For more information please contact EESC Seniors Co-Ordinator / Seniors Registrar Steve Horn).

Small Sided Games / Goal Kick: A SSG program will be offered for children aged 6 – 8. This program is designed to help the young and inexperienced develop their skills before competition. Usually run Saturday mid morning at ENR. All welcome. For more Information please contact EESC Goal Kick Co-Ordinator: Simon Ereaut: ph 0430 591 125 (*before 9pm please*).

Age Groups:

SSG/GK '02 – '04	U11 born '99	U15 born '95
U8 born '02	U12 born '98	U16 born '94
U9 born '01	U13 born '97	U17 born '93
U10 born '00	U14 born '96	Seniors & Womens

Season: The season will consist of 14 to 16 matches (depending on each grade team numbers). Seniors & Womens competition will early April (the VCSA calendar is unavailable as at time of writing). Junior competition will within a week or two of this date. A calendar of scheduled games will be forwarded as it comes to hand. VCSA games are not scheduled during most school holidays or public holidays. All these dates are subject to ground availability and drought effects.

Uniform / Gear: Players should supply their own boots, black shorts, yellow/black socks (Richmond AFL colours) and shin guards. Shirts are supplied in the Club's team bag. All gear within the team bag must be returned at season's end. Parents are encouraged to donate unwanted clean boots to a **registration day used gear sale**. If suitable boots are available to suit your child, they can be purchased for a very small fee. It may be wise to consider the boot stud type (eg low profile moulded) for 2010 if pitches remain very firm. No metal studs are permitted.

Coach / Manager: Each team must have a coach and manger. All players will be notified of their respective coach/manager close to start of the season. Training will not commence until the relevant coach/manager is present. Some teams will be called upon to provide (by nomination) a coach and manager where one is not already identified. The Club does not have the resource to necessarily provide a coach for every team as this is fulfilled on a voluntary basis by parents and/or seniors. Appropriate training will be provided for those volunteering their time to fulfil this duty.

It is also a requirement for the Club to fulfil its legal obligation to complete Child safe Police checks for all child direct volunteers via Victoria's Working With Children program. This is part of an established policy of the Club and its parent Yarra Plenty Church and is now a legal State requirement – no exceptions. Please contact a club official for further information.

Help needed! :EESC welcomes expressions of interest from parents for coaching and managing and frankly require this help to make it all happen. Please consider this in preparing your child's registrations. Other duties need to be filled too so please inquire on registration day. Some duties attract a registration discount. Such duties include (but not limited to):

- Refereeing (paid per game)
- Line marking
- Linesman / ref assistant
- Canteen management
- Facility management
- First Aid

Team Managers: Team mangers should provide a roster for supply of team oranges and for team laundry duties, first aid etc. They generally should relieve the coach from general administrative duties.

Training: Training times will be advised as teams are announced (not confirmed at registration). Parents are responsible for delivering and collecting children in a timely manner, and should be certain training is on before leaving their child at the ground. Most training will be held at the EESC home ground ie. Eltham North Adventure Playground Park , Wattle Tree Rd, Eltham North (ENR). This is the Club's 'home ground'.

Wet Weather: If weather is particularly adverse 'common sense' should prevail in determining if training sessions will be held. If unsure as to whether a match will proceed, the player should phone his/her coach/manager.

Rebel Sports Discount: Rebel Sports Store (Greensborough) provides a 5% discount to families/players of EESC and a rebate to the Club for all our purchases. It helps when the Club in turn makes purchases. For those who require a club discount card collect one at registration or contact the club. These 'paper' versions should be exchanged for a new plastic MVP card at store or on request quoting Club Number MVP00224

Social Events & Fundraising: The club welcomes support for such events. Watch the club newsletter for details. Fundraising activities may occur during the year. The year concludes with our traditional family BBQ Day. Further details provided at a later date.

EESC Web Site & Club communication: The web site is an active source of key information so please avail yourself of it at:

Web - no "www" eltham.vcsa.org.au

(Note: 2010 updates around 1st/2nd week February)

In addition the VCSA web site will be a source of league information.

Also EESC has hit **facebook**. Check us out at Eltham Eagles Soccer Club and post your comments. It will be also used for more regular Club updates.

For the purposes of speed and effectiveness expect any key communications by email via coaches / managers who will in turn forward this info.

To that end please clearly print your email on the rego form and be sure to check your inbox throughout the season.

Newsletters will also be distributed from the home ground shed periodically or via managers and via e-mail. A February newsletter is attached to this introduction.

Finally for general enquiries about club matters (not individual teams) please use email:
eesc.enquiries@ypc.org.au

All registration enquiries should be forwarded to EESC registrar as noted above.

Thank-you for your support of Eltham Eagles. I look forward to seeing you at the park.

*Elliott Lauder (President) & EESC Committee,
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