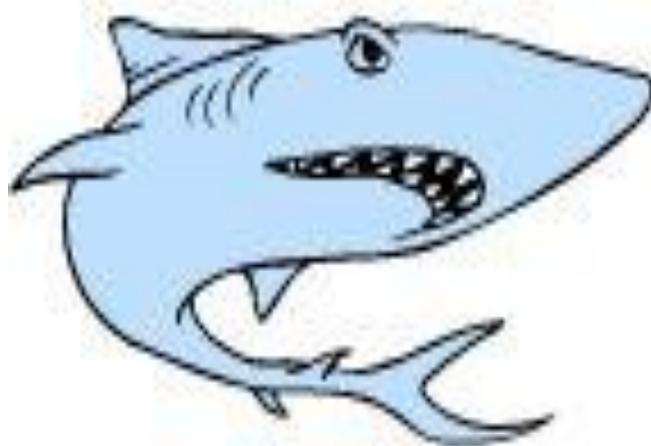




**PORT NOARLUNGA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

***White Pointers Soccer
JUNIOR HANDBOOK
2013***



Welcome to PNPS White Pointers Soccer Club. We appreciate your interest in our club and our commitment to you is to make your experience with the club a fun and rewarding one.

“To develop the whole player skills through an enjoyable, safe and friendly coaching environment, allowing all participants the opportunity to reach their desired level of achievement.”

Important Information

To fulfil our commitment, we have established policies and conditions of participation for players and parents for the 2013 season. If you require clarification on any issue or you are unsure in your ability to comply with, or accept these policies, please inform the soccer co-ordinator.

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Soccer Program

One of the aims of soccer at Port Noarlunga is to ensure that each child that plays is offered the right environment to progress to their desired level of achievement.

As your child has chosen to play for Port Noarlunga Primary School White Pointers ('White Pointers') there are some very important aspects of player and parent responsibilities that you and your child must be aware of and adhere to.

The White Pointers participate are in the Noarlunga and District Junior Soccer Association ('NDJSA'). The NDJSA is a not-for-profit organisation that develops and promotes that game of soccer within Noarlunga and districts at school level. Our season involves between 15-20 games, plus cup games for Under 12 and Senior Primary. The games take place every Saturday in Terms 2 and Term 3. Training will commence in Term 1. Fixture list will be available late in Term 1.

The White Pointers and NDJSA participate in small-sided football which places the emphasis on enjoyment and freedom of expression. It recognises the development stages required for a child to be ready to play the 11-side game on a full size pitch.

Some points for you to consider:

1. Your commitment and availability as a parent and player is for the entire season.
2. You and your child must be dedicated to meeting your team's commitments. It is vital that any potential conflicts be advised to the team coach/manager as soon as possible to allow them to plan around the absence.
3. Parents of players must be prepared to support the standards and guidelines set down by the Club.

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4. Players must arrive and be fully prepared for training and matches. If training begins at 3:30 pm, players are expected to begin training at 3:30 pm sharp.
5. A parent or guardian must be present during training sessions or arrangements must be made with your child's coach prior to commencement of training. All children should be picked up by 4:30 pm.
6. On match days, players should be at the nominated ground 15 minutes prior to kick off to allow plenty of time for warm ups, positions and team tactics etc.
7. All players will approach the game in a sportsman-like manner. Players are to be well behaved, attentive display a positive attitude and act within the guidelines of the relevant code of conduct.
8. The Club expects a high level of conduct from players, coaches, parents and officials. Everyone is expected to abide by the FFSA and Port Noarlunga White Pointers Code of Conduct (page 6). We expect everyone to act in a responsible manner at all times towards your child's team mates, opposition, Referees and Coaches. Parents who cannot abide by this will be given one warning only before being asked to leave.

Parental Team and Club Support

To function properly each team requires parental help during the season with the following activities; Coach, Assistant Coach/Manager, Referees, Linesperson, Ground/Pitch Set-up and Canteen. If parents cannot fill most of these roles the PNPS White Pointers Soccer Club cannot deliver soccer to your children in the most effective manner.

Please consider how you may be able to contribute to your child's development by contributing in this way; any help is greatly appreciated.

Training Sessions

Training sessions are held once weekly; regardless of game fixture or weather conditions, on a date of your coaches choosing.

If hot weather or flooded practice pitches cause training to be unsafe training will be modified. During extreme weather conditions common sense will prevail.

All players are expected to attend all training sessions and wear appropriate clothing. Boots, Shin Pads and drink bottles are mandatory.

If you cannot make a training session you must contact the coach. Coaches are volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of the players and they deserve the full support and commitment of players and parents. Failure to meet the stated commitments is disrespectful to team mates and the coach.

Registration Fees

All fees must be fully paid by the first game of the season of the player will not be eligible to play until paid. If you play for another non-school Club you are eligible for a Levy exemption.

Fees are made of:

- FFA/FFSA Levy
- NDJSA Levy
- Ground Maintenance
- Canteen Facilities
- Playing Equipment
- Kit Replacement
- Taxes
- Refereeing

WHITE POINTERS CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS & CARERS

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants at all times
2. Never ridicule, criticise or unduly scold a child for making a mistake. They do not play intending to make mistakes.
3. Encourage your child to participate for their own interest and enjoyment not yours.
4. Focus on developing skills, playing the game and doing their best is what they should be trying to achieve. Take the emphasis away from winning.
5. Encourage your child to always play by the rules
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
7. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Show your appreciation and recognise the importance and value of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.

It needs to be understood that everyone has responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct and sanctions including the following may be imposed if not.

1. Be required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.
2. Be required to attend a meeting with club officials
3. Be counselled, suspended or expelled from the club
4. Appear at a disciplinary hearing and receive sanctions imposed by the local association.

WHITE POINTERS CODE OF CONDUCT: JUNIOR PLAYERS

1. Respect all participants at all times
2. Respect and follow the directions of your team officials and referees.
3. Play to the best of your ability in a fair manner.
4. Never yell at, ridicule or criticise other participants. They are all trying their best.
5. Be respectful whether you win or lose. Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
6. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
7. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at your club speak to someone you trust.

It needs to be understood that everyone must follow this Code of Conduct otherwise the following sanctions may be imposed.

1. Required to apologise to the person or people I have offended.
2. Spoken to by the coach or club.
3. Prevented from playing.
4. Suspended from all club activities.
5. Asked to leave the club.
6. Required to attend a disciplinary hearing and may have sanctions imposed on me by the local association and/or Football Federation SA.

Grievance Process

If you have any concerns or grievances about anything within the club, please follow the procedures below, moving down if the first person does not handle the issue appropriately

1. Your child's team coach/manager
2. The school club co-ordinator, see details at start of handbook
3. NDJSA committee. See www.ndjsa.net.au for contact details.

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