



ASSOCIATES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
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Welcome to all players and parents for the 2006 season and a special welcome to all new parents and players.

Soaks has experienced a huge growth in players over the last few seasons, in particular, within our Junior Club and this brings new challenges. Our Committee are all volunteers - a reminder to all - If you are able to make a contribution then please do so. There is an incredible pool of talent within our parents and we would welcome your assistance. Please feel free to approach any of our Committee Members and volunteer your services.

Our prime endeavours as a Club are directed towards providing an enjoyable and safe experience for all our junior players. Please support the efforts of your Committee, Coaches and Managers in developing positive sporting attitudes and positive behaviour for all our juniors. As parents, we all have a significant contribution to make to achieve these endeavours.

If you are able to offer suggestions to improve the way we do things then please discuss with a Committee Member - we are genuinely committed to improving the Club and its activities and in particular, our Coaches are committed to developing and improving the skills of our junior players. Soaks as a club has a commitment to our juniors and this is well recognised by our senior players where Soaks enjoy a significant proportion of players who have come through our junior ranks. Come down to the club on a Saturday afternoon, see the action, parents can enjoy a drink at the bar, kids can enjoy the sausage sizzle whilst they all watch Soaks Senior Grades play. The Senior Grades fixtures can be found on the Soaks website:- <http://www.associatesrugby.com.au>.

As parents, please recognise that we have a wide range of skills within our junior players and respective age groups. This may cause some issues. If there are any concerns please have patience - we are all committed to getting a fair and reasonable outcome for all our players. We do have guidelines for the selection of teams within respective age groups. The guidelines have been developed over a number of seasons and cover a wide range of issues - the two prime considerations are based on Safety and Enjoyment for our players. In addition, we have a clear policy for those teams that are involved in finals.

In addition, the WAJRU has guidelines for teams - this includes the split of various teams within age categories into two groups. Last season this split was done after the first round had been completed, however, this season due to the increased numbers this split may commence from the start of the season.

Soaks Juniors are fielding 16 teams this season from U7's through to U17's with many age groups having at least two or with the 11's, three teams. This is all achieved through a fantastic voluntary commitment from many in both coaching and managing positions. Our thanks, and best wishes for the season ahead, go to all those involved in these areas.

Please note - if you have any questions regarding club activities then please discuss these with Dave Klink [Juniors Coordinator], Jeremy Warren [Coaches Coordinator] or any of the Committee Members for whom contact details can be found in our new Soaks Handbook which was given out at registration. If you have not received a copy please come into the Club room and ask for one.

Again, please remember we are all volunteers with a passion for rugby. We are committed to improving SOAKS and we welcome all constructive input and comments!!!

Enjoy your 2006 season at SOAKS

Soaks Juniors Committee

WANTED: Some fun-loving people to take on organising the "True Colours" night - a parents social night to be held the night before the Australia/Ireland Test (Friday June 24). Please see Susan Glenn, Secretary ASAP : Ph 9389 5249

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DETAILS FOR THIS WEEKS GAME & OTHER NEWS!

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