



## Juniors Newsletter – Round 1 – 2007

**Welcome** to all players & parents for the 2007 season – good to see you all back & a special welcome to all those who have just joined SOAKS. Our prime endeavours at Soaks are directed towards providing an enjoyable and safe experience for all our junior players (16 teams from 7's-17's). 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 and an incredible pool of talent within the club – we welcome, and expect, your positive contribution as players and parents, and remind you that we, who coordinate these efforts for our more than 250 players, around 60 parents/friends, are all volunteers with a passion for rugby.

As a club we are committed to developing and improving the skills of all our junior players. This commitment flows through to the senior section of the club where a significant proportion of players have come through our junior ranks. Come down to the clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon during the season and see the senior grades play – all of our players could be there soon! Some of you can get to see your own coach play, as there are now a number of our senior players getting involved in coaching our juniors. As always, the new and improved Soaks website will provide you with details of club activities, as well as info you will need on the Juniors during the season – please put it on your favourites & check it each week: <http://www.associatesrugby.com.au/>. If you have other questions, please refer to the green booklet you were given at rego or please ask us. If you are new to the club or to Perth - please come down & approach us – most of us have been there too.

SOAKS commitment to development and safety is also represented by the dedication this season of our coaches to further training. By the end of May, more than 25 of our junior coaches will have taken a Foundation course with RugbyWA, with the others having already obtained this or higher levels in coaching. The Club is paying for them to take these courses to ensure that ALL SOAKS junior coaches are qualified. As well as this, a number of coaches and parents have taken the Touch Judge course enabling us to field accredited touch judges for a high proportion of our matches, a WAJRU requirement for our U13–U17's. This season all coaches/managers/committee will also be obtaining 'Working With Children Checks' if this hasn't been done in the past.

**THIS SEASONS DRAW: AVAILABLE NOW:**

<http://www.wajuniors.rugbynet.com.au/>

**Associates have taken Round 1 Set up/Knock down duty –you will be notified by your coach if your team involved.**

**GET IRONING**: With this newsletter you will find a transfer that needs to be attached to each of the Soaks players shorts (back – right leg). Home Building Society have taken over sponsorship of the West Australian Junior Rugby Union (WAJRU) competition for 2007 and will be dressing the fields at Britannia as well as Lake Joondalup Park (Wanneroo) in the north and Thomas Oval (Kwinana) in the south. Every player in the WAJRU competition in all clubs will need to get control of the ironing process!! At SOAKS we recognize the benefit in this sponsorship & the dressing of the posts as a commitment to the safety of our players so please get your irons out, cut the steam, & follow these instructions.

1. Place shorts flat on ironing board – you will be placing the transfer on the BACK – RIGHT LEG side
2. Heat iron to highest setting and turn off ALL steam
3. **ENSURE LOGO IS CORRECT SIDE AND ORIENTATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Place 5-8cm in from right seam & 5cm in from bottom seam
4. Place clean sheet of computer paper over top of transfer and shorts
5. Apply firm pressure with the iron over the paper and transfer for 20-30 seconds.
6. **WAIT FOR SHORTS TO COOL COMPLETELY** – remove transfer paper gently
7. if transfer peels off with paper repeat from step 4 again!!

Each year, as the competition grows IN SIZE, there are new obligations to be met – please make this one simple for us – you'll also be given a Home Building Society drink bottle by your manager...let us know if you miss out.

**TRAINING NIGHT BBQ** : KICKS OFF THIS WEEK WITH THE U9'S– is your son's team on soon? 4 -6 X PARENTS REQUIRED – 5-6.30PM – JUST TURN UP AT THE BAR & ASK, or contact your manager, or if in doubt, [chrissusan@ozemail.com.au](mailto:chrissusan@ozemail.com.au) .

Round 1	Thursday - 26 April	U 9
Round 2	Thursday - 3 May	U 10 Green
Round 3	Thursday - 10 May	U 10 Gold
Round 4	Thursday - 17 May	U 7
Round 5	Thursday - 24 May	U 8

**SECOND HAND SHORTS & BOOTS REQUIRED:** pass them on if you no longer need them – we have shortages in some sizes.....see the uniform area for advice.

If you have any questions regarding club activities or teams please discuss these with Dave Klink (Juniors Coordinator), Jeremy Warren (Coaches Coordinator) or any of the other committee members – their contact details are in the handbook you were given at registration. We welcome your contribution to our club. Enjoy the 2007 season at SOAKS

SOAKS JUNIORS COMMITTEE



**“TRUE COLOURS”**

**FRIDAY - MAY 25 – 7PM**

**\$15 / person – excellent food provided – prizes - drinks available from the bar**

You are invited to join what has become a great night for Soaks parents to get together.  
Wear your favourite rugby jersey – show us your True Colours!

**Tickets available from your Manager or the Rego desk from Round 2**

**Enquiries/ Offers of Assistance/ Raffle Prize Offerings:**

**Tracey Pope: [traceyapope@yahoo.com.au](mailto:traceyapope@yahoo.com.au) or see the committee at the rego desk**