



**ALBANY CREEK EXCELSIOR
FOOTBALL CLUB**

INFORMATION PACK

2019 SEASON

Website: www.acesoccer.com.au

ACE FOOTBALL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a community focused club that develops individual players to their fullest potential by providing the highest possible level of technical and tactical training and teaching them sportsmanship, teamwork and competitive team play. We are committed to developing and attracting coaches that are passionate about Football and developing young players to their full potential

Welcome to Albany Creek Excelsior Football Club! For those of you returning to our club we would like to welcome you back. Those new to the club we would like thank you for joining a great club that is ACE.

The 2019 Season will no doubt be a busy season for not only players, but Coaches, Managers, Volunteers and Committee. Everyone involved in this family Club is dedicated to ensuring that our players enjoy their season.

Any assistance you can provide will benefit the players who make this club which is entering its 56th year. If you would like to volunteer throughout the season, please get in contact with our Club Secretary, as your help is greatly appreciated!

This pack will provide you with information on the 2019 season.
Please take time to go through.

COMMUNICATION

We encourage all parents & guardians to access the official Albany Creek Excelsior website. Information on our website is updated regularly and is our main form of communication to our players and families. www.acesoccer.com.au

ACE has its own Facebook Page, we use this as another source of communication. We recommend you "like" our Albany Creek Excelsior Football Club Facebook page so you can see what is happening in the club There is also a closed Facebook Group that you can request to join and you can upload photos of your team to let us all know how you are going. If loading photos please make sure you have parental approval from your team mates.

In addition to this, ACE provides communication via Team App. Download Team App, sign up, logon and search for ACE Football Club

WET WEATHER

Cancellations of both training and games will occur throughout the season due to wet weather. For training days please check the ACE Website or the ACE Facebook Page, we endeavor to update all platforms as quickly as possible, once fields are assessed.

For both home and away games please check the Football Brisbane website www.footballbrisbane.com.au after 7am.

All other wet weather information will be relayed through each team member by the team manager.

CONTACTING THE CLUB

As a parent or Guardian the first point of contact for the club is your team manager. If you have a problem regarding the club please contact your manager first, then the Junior Vice President (for Junior players) or our Senior Vice President (for our senior players). Our club secretary is also a point of contact. We request that under no circumstances are parents to contact Football Brisbane, as you will be referred back to the club. As a club we will action any issues brought to our attention. If the issue cannot be resolved then we will contact Football Brisbane on your behalf with the aim of reaching a resolution.

Our Club Administration Coordinator is available to answer enquiries or to forward on emails to relevant committee members.

Administration Coordinator: admin@acesoccer.com.au

A full list of Executive Committee email addresses can be found on our website.

Rego Fees for 2019			
Fee Name	Sign on fee	Inclusions	Training
BPL Senior Men	-		2 nights training, training kit (replenishment only), match fees
BPL Senior Men Reserves	\$ 450.00		2 nights training, training kit (replenishment only), match fees
BPL 18	\$ 650.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
BYPL 12-16	\$ 550.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
City League 1	\$ 500.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee inc. \$100 deposit required to secure place
City League 5	\$ 500.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	1 night training, match fee inc.
U18 Divisional	\$ 500.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
U12-U16 Division 1	\$ 470.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
U12-U16 Divisions 2 or lower	\$ 370.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	1 night training, match fee excl.
U6-U7	\$ 350.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	1 night training, ACE Coach provided, match fee excl.
U8	\$ 350.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	1 night training, match fee excl.
U8 CR	\$ 450.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
U9-U11 CR and Komodo	\$ 450.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training match fee excl. \$100 deposit required to secure place
U9-U11 Goanna and Gecko	\$ 350.00	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	1 night training, match fee excl.
Capital Women	-	Incl. Playing and Club Shirt	2 nights training, match fee excl.
Kindy	\$ 250.00		
Over 35/45 Men	\$ 410.00	Incl. First Aid Officer	1 night training, match fee inc.
Over 30 Women	\$ 180.00	Incl. First Aid Officer	1 night training, match fee inc.
Training kits are mandatory for BPL, BYPL. Whole kits can be purchased for \$200 \$100 deposit to secure place is NON-REFUNDABLE			

All Player registrations include Membership Fee.
 CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED EXCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS
 The following are included in the price of Registration: Insurance, Football Federation Australia Fees, ACE Club Membership, Club Shirt, Playing Shirt, Team Photo and Trophy

PLAYERS ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE TO THE FIELD FOR TRAINING OR MATCHES IF FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID

MATCH FEES	
Weekly Match Fees will be payable from the commencement of the first fixture and are paid direct to your team manager on a WEEKLY basis. These fees contribute to the cost of referees, ground maintenance and line marking.	
Under 6 - Under 8	\$6
Under 9 -Under 10	\$6
Under 11- Under 14	\$8
Under 15- Under 16	\$10
All BYPL / BPL Teams	\$10

WHAT AGE GROUP DO I PLAY IN

The club is separated into different groups.

- Kindy - Age 3 to 5
- Junior MiniRoos Football - Under 6 to Under 11
- Junior Competition - Under 12 to Under 16
- Seniors - Under 18, Under 20, Reserves & Senior
- Over 30's — which is women over age of 30 years.
- Over 35's — which is men over age of 35 years.

Football Federation Australia has strong policies on age groups and we enforce these rulings. Your age group is determined by the year you are born. If you are turning 10 during the year (in 2019) you will be in Under 10's, if you are turning 15 during the year you will be in Under 15's and so on.

TEAM FORMATION AND SELECTION

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADING/MUSTER 2019

Muster is the word used for gathering all our Under 6 to Under 8 players into teams. The players should be able to play with their friends (of the same age). Parents and Guardians are required to bring their child to the ACE Field at Brendale and stay to assist their child with the placement into teams of their choice, where possible. Please do not leave your child unattended. It is a FFA Policy for children to stay in their own age group. Any other important information will be available on this day as well.

During the Muster process, each team must nominate a team Coach and a Manager, if you are interested, please let the group know on the day. Please do not shy away from this as without a coach and manager the team is unable to participate. See page 6 for more info.

Muster Day will be held Sunday 17th February at Brendale Fields. Please allow 30 minutes for Muster. For more information, please see the Muster Information Sheet.

Players in Under 9 to Under 16 participate in Junior grading and older players in Senior grading. Information on grading is available on our website www.acesoccer.com.au - we encourage you to keep eye on dates and times for these as they sometimes change.

GRADING GUIDELINES;

The word Grading is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in 'like skilled' groups where they are comfortable to play.
- Registering ACE teams into divisions with 'Football Brisbane' - our governing body, where they can compete at a level of enjoyment and also be competitive.

Formal grading takes place over a period of approx 2-3 weeks, followed by trial games, and the commencement of training. Players may be moved between teams up to, and including, the first 2 weeks of the season's fixtures. It is important to try and attend all grading sessions to give the player the best possible chance of making the right team. The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents/guardians and coaches to inform them of the grading policies of the Club. We hope this information will help explain the sometimes-hard task the coaches and administrators have.

1. What the player does when they have the ball
2. What the player does when their team mates have the ball
3. What the player does when the opposition have the ball
4. How the player behaves and responds to coaching instructions
5. Skill level
6. Players attitude and willingness to learn and participate.

GRADING/TEAM FORMATION INFORMATION

U6, U7, U8 Age Groups will attend Muster Day, to form the team, the player will be part of.

MUSTER DAY

17 February, 2019, Brendale Clubhouse

U6—9am

U7—9:40m

U8—10:20am

For more information, please refer to the Muster Day Information Sheet

GRADING DAYS

Players from U9 through to U18 Age Groups are required to attend Grading Days, to be placed into a team that is appropriate to the skill level of the player. It is advised for the player to attend every session during the grading period.

(Please note that this information is not applicable to players offered a position at 2018 trials for 2019 teams)

GRADING DATES AND TIMES will be available on the ACE website and also on Facebook once finalised. Please keep an eye on these platforms for the most up to date and accurate information

GRADING DECISIONS;

It is club policy, to grade players every year to ensure that all Junior Players have the opportunity to progress. The club encourages players, parents/guardians not to focus on which team a player is selected into, but rather, on the players own development during the season. It is important that parents and guardians are supportive of their children during the grading process. Grading is done by a panel of experienced coaches under the guidance of the Technical Director.

NO DISCUSSION WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY THE CLUB WITH RESPECT TO DECISIONS MADE BY THE GRADING PANEL.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

All teams will be training during the week. The training schedule is posted on the website and Facebook Group once confirmed. Please make sure you check for training times and days for your family, however these details are also passed onto Coaches and Managers to disseminate to each Member. In addition to training times and days, please also take note of the field allocation for the training session.

JUNIOR MINIROOS FOOTBALL

MiniRoos Football is a term given to modified football game designed to foster development of young players from the ages of 6 to 11 years of age. This game has been recommended by the FFA and follows the guideline of the National Junior Sport Policy written by the Australian Government. The aim of the small sided games is to teach the basic rules and to build the fundamental skills of football. In addition to this, instill a love of the game through a sense of team spirit, good sportsmanship, self-confidence and concentration skills. There is no official competition of points tallying for these age groups and we seek the cooperation of parents and supporters to encourage players through positive comments without concentrating on scores and scorers. As there is no separate girls competition until U12 (this varies each year), it is a policy of ACE not to field all girls teams in Mini Roos. Under 6 and Under 7 teams play all games at Brendale. Under 8 and upwards will have both games at home and away at other clubs.

JUNIOR COMPETITIVE TEAMS (U12—U16)

In our Junior Competitive Teams, the club aims to provide an environment where player development is the key motivator for players and coaches. Essentially this translates to providing the option for players to play and train as much as possible for football under a positive coaching and playing environment. As part of the membership and sign on fee, all players receive either one or two training sessions per week plus a weekend match. In addition the club offers other development programs that complement the weekly activities and look to utilize coaches to lead our players. These programs do incur an additional cost and further information will be available on our website.

VOLUNTEERS

The club encourages all members to get involved in the club and participate where possible. Please remember that all our committee members are volunteers who dedicate their time to make this club the best it can be for your children. Any way that you can help out will be very much appreciated. Please email swadix@outlook.com and let us know what you can do to help.

Each ACE team must provide one volunteer (not the manager) which will fulfil the role of Ground Official during a home match. This function will generally occur when your child is playing. Football Brisbane rules state that each home game must have a number of Ground Officials, therefore any team rostered for duty who doesn't comply will be forced to forfeit their match. It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure someone is available when rostered to do Ground Official.

COACHES:

The vast majority of coaches for junior teams are parents or family friends of the players. The club provides senior coaches responsible for the development and coordination of team coaches. ACE FC requires a coach for all teams and as a Club we strive to provide the tools and resources to assist with your development. If other commitments prevent you from taking on a sole coaching role for your child's team then it may be possible to coach in partnership with another parent. Coaching is a very rewarding role and if you are interested, please contact the Junior Vice President, who can provide you with more information. Coaching applications for all teams will be accepted by the Junior Vice President.

MANAGERS:

Each team must have a manager who will take the responsibility for liaising with the club administration and managing the communication with players and families of the team. A team manager is expected to attend a monthly Managers Meeting where a number of administrative matters that are critical to the successful running of the club occur. Once appointed each manager will be briefed at the initial managers meeting and will be issued with a managers folder which contains all the information to get the job done. Managers meeting dates can be found on website under Managers tab.

Team managers are critical to the overall communication of information across our club. The role is not overly demanding and can be very rewarding. The monthly managers meeting will be a maximum of 1 hour per month and other role aspects can take less than an hour per week of your time. If a manager cannot attend a managers meeting because of work or other commitments, we request that a representative is organised to attend as each team must be represented at each meeting.

REQUIRMENTS TO TRAIN AND PLAY

All players will be required to have the following.

- Shin Pads (compulsory for both training and games)
- ACE Black and Red Football Socks (compulsory for games)
- ACE Black Match Football Shorts (compulsory for games)
- Football Boots (compulsory for both training and games)
- ACE Club Shirt (to be worn to matches)
- Ball Relevant to age (required for training)
Size 3—6 to 9 years of age, Size 4—10 to 13 years of age, Size 5—14 years and over.

Jerseys will be provided for each player for game days. They are to be handed back to team manager at the end of each game and washing is generally shared between the team. Players will be able to keep their match jerseys at the end of the season.

CANCELLATION OF FEES POLICY

A player who has paid registration fees in the current season and chooses to cancel their club registration will have their fees refunded as per the following;

1. Where the cancellation request is received in writing by the Club Secretary after the official club sign on dates but before the commencement of fixtures the player shall receive a full refund less a \$50 administration fee.
2. No refunds will be given where the cancellation request is received in writing by the club secretary AFTER the first official fixture as set by Football Brisbane.

MERCHANDISE

ACE FC has its own Merchandise Store located at the Brendale Fields. It is located opposite the canteen next to the stairs. Full details on what we sell as well as prices and opening hours can be found on our website, www.acesoccer.com.au and click on the Merchandise tab. Please note that if the fields are closed due to rain the merchandise store will not be open. If you visit our website and see that fields are closed, then you will know that the merchandise store (if scheduled to open on that day) will not be opening. For Merchandise info email Kathy Gribble on kathgribb76@gmail.com

FUND RAISING:

Our Club is a not for profit organisation. We rely heavily on fundraising to help cover the cost of running the club and paying general bills like field lighting etc.

We encourage all our members to take part in our fund raising events for the benefit of all our players. Keep an eye on our website for details on what is coming up. Your manager will also have information on fund raising events.

If you have any Fundraising ideas or wish to donate a prize for a raffle etc please do not hesitate to contact us.

DATES FOR 2019 SEASON

Kindy Community Day: February 23
Kindy Season Start: March 9
Miniroos Season Start: March 16
BYPL Season Start: February 15
U12 BYPL Season Start: March 9
Rest of Jnr Comp Season Start: March 15
Snr BPL/CAP Season Start: February 22
Other Snr Comp Season Start: March 15
Sign On: January 20 (10am-3pm), January 23 (5-8pm), January 24 (5-8pm), January 30 (5-8pm), February 2 and 3 (10am-3pm)
Football Brisbane U12 Grading Comp: 16 and 23 Feb
Overs Carnival: 8, 9, 10 February. Times TBC
Muster: February 17, U6: 9am, U7: 9:40am, U8: 10:20am
U12 Grading: 24/1, 31/1 and 7/2.

Grading for other age groups will start 4/2:

Monday U10s
Tuesday- U9s and U14s
Wednesday- U13s and U15s
Thursday- U12s (as above) and U16s
Friday- U11s

Junior Carnivals:

March 10: U8, U11
May 26: U6, U9
August 11: U7, U10

Junior Presentation Day: October 5

Senior Presentation Evening: October 26

Holiday Clinics

April 8-10
U6-U7: 9am-11am
U8-Higher: 9am-12pm
July 1-3
U6-U7: 9am-11am
U8-Higher: 9am-12pm
September 23-25
January 20-22 2019
U6-U7: 9am-11am
U8-Higher: 9am-12pm

ACE SOCIAL EVENTS 2019

At ACE, a number of social events are held throughout the season, which allows an opportunity for interaction with other members and a bit of fun. Please keep an eye out on the website, social platforms if you'd like to join any or all of the below events

May 25: Outdoor Movies
June 8: Craft Beer Tasting
August 10: Trivia Night

WHAT WE OFFER AT ACE

ACE Football Club is dedicated to offering our players opportunities to develop and practise their skills. We not only offer programs during the season but during the off season and school holidays. Some of our programs are open to players from outside clubs and are very popular. Keep an eye on our website www.acesoccer.com.au for the latest information on what is coming up.

KINDY—Our Kindy Program was developed in 2006 and has become the largest throughout Brisbane Football Clubs. Our mission is to introduce 3 to 5 year olds to sport and fitness through a proven, fun filled and exciting program, run by qualified, passionate coaches who enjoy developing young children. This year the Kindy Program will begin on 9th March. All details and registrations can be found on our website www.acesoccer.com.au and click on Kindy Soccer.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS—ACE in conjunction with Moreton Bay United run School Holiday Clinics in the Easter, June/July, September and December/January School Holidays. Clinics focus on specific skills over a period of normally 3 days with a view of developing that player's skill. Dates, Times and Bookings for our School Holiday clinics are available on our website. Please visit www.acesoccer.com.au to get up to date information and to book your spot. Many of these clinics are open to outside players and are very popular.

CARNIVALS—We encourage our junior teams (U6 to U11) to participate in our ACE Carnivals which occur during the season. Carnivals are a great team development day as games are played in a round robin competition on a full day. It is a great way for the players and their families to participate in fun atmosphere during the day. Details on carnivals for the 2019 season will be issued to all our coaches. Dates will also be loaded onto our website as they are finalised. We also encourage you to participate in surrounding clubs carnivals to represent ACE. Carnivals and dates are available from the football Brisbane website.

FOOTBALL SCHOOL—ACE Football Club began the Football School to complement our existing development program and competition schedule. The Football School was designed to provide players the opportunity to further develop their football skills under the guidance of experience coaches. Details on our Football School will be advised on our website as have been finalised. www.acesoccer.com.au and click on Football School.

5 A SIDE— ACE proudly holds an annual, off-season Five-A-Side outdoor competition. It is available to players aged: 6-16, open seniors and over 35 men and women. Running since 2007 and open to anyone, this competition is now one of the largest in Brisbane. The competition is open to players from all clubs and schools, however all Junior Players must be a registered Football Brisbane Player. If you are not a registered FB player in 2019, we can arrange registration for you for a small fee to cover the cost of Football Brisbane registration and insurance. Sign on for the 5 a side competition will be held towards the end of the current season. Details on the 5 a side off season competition can be found on our website.

**REMEMBER ALL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
EXTRA PROGRAMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

www.acesoccer.com.au

SPONSORSHIP

Funds raised by sponsorship of the club are integral for the ongoing improvement and growth of the club. Eighty Percent of our existing sponsors are parents of children of the club just like many of you. The management of the club understands that successful sponsor relationships are built on value and return on investment, as such ACE provides sponsors substantial opportunities to introduce their business to more than 3000 members of our club.

Without sponsorship, the club cannot operate and we encourage all members to get involved in sponsoring the club or encouraging friends and family members to participate.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the club please contact Andrew Latham at strategicpartnerships@acesoccer.com.au

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WHEN YOU VISIT OUR LOCAL SUPPORTING BUSINESSES.**

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