

Coca Cola League – 2007 Season
Bulletin No. 1
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Dear League Member,

We are now just a few days away from the first Saturday of the season i.e. Week 1 of our 16 week programme. The league committee has worked hard to prepare venues, fixtures and referees etc to make this years league a great success. We now need your support to make sure that we deliver the best possible football experience for the 1000 plus players who will participate.

Please note that we expect some logistical and operational problems to arise in the first one or two weeks. This is normal for a competition of this size and complexity. Please bear with us and the venue coordinators and match officials should this arise.

We hope that we covered all the main-points at the 'Coaches Briefing Meeting' held on December 16th. For anybody who was unable to attend please see the league web-site for a copy of the overheads used. We will post this memo and all future league bulletins on the web-site dealing with rule changes or further information which the committee wishes to pass-on to all participants going forward. You should refer to the web-site on a regular basis.

Due to team changes and some schools notifying us of their inability to make certain matches there have been changes made to the fixture schedule handed-out during the coaches briefing meeting. The league web-site is the most up-to-date information available and you should refer to it during the week preceding each Saturday to ensure that your teams/s go to the correct venue hub at the correct time for matches.

The web-site fixture now applies and any previous schedule should be now ignored.

Please note that due to late withdrawals in the U11A and U15B divisions we have had to create Team 'X' and Team 'Y' in our programme. When these teams appear in the schedule they constitute a 'bye' week for the opposing team as no match is playable. We apologize for this but in the absence of late replacements this is all we can do. If teams come in within the first 2 weeks of the season we will endeavor to fill these slots.

Weather Conditions and Delays

We are very concerned about player safety. The Venue Coordinator is solely responsible for delaying, abandoning or postponing matches. The Venue Coordinators decision is final and must be respected.

Player Registration

As at today not all schools have registered their players. Our fixture secretary will be contacting you to ensure that you do this importance task. We will allow 2 weeks to complete this after which unregistered players will not be allowed to play in any circumstances.

Note:

1. In the event of a colour clash of shirts it is up to the nominated away team to change or find bibs to wear.
2. If a team cannot play within 10 minutes of the nominated start-time with the minimum number of players on the pitch allowed the venue coordinator may award the match 3-0 to the opposing team. Delayed starts are at the sole discretion of the venue coordinator. If you cannot make the game for an acceptable reason the league committee/fixture secretary must be notified 7 days before the fixture to attempt to rearrange a game. You may rearrange a game directly with the opposing coach subject to notifying the fixture secretary and receiving an approval of the rearranged game. League officials must attend.
3. Players without shin-pads and long socks will not be allowed to play in matches. It is the responsibility of schools/coaches to ensure all players are properly attired. Referees have been briefed not to allow any player who is improperly dressed to play.

Thank you for your support to the league. We look forward to seeing you next Saturday and in the weeks ahead.

Kind regards
Coca Cola League Committee