

**PARK ORCHARDS NORTH
RINGWOOD PARISH
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**



**WELCOME BOOKLET
2022**

CLUB SONG

At the end of each game, we will sing the Park Orchards Sharks club song (which is sung to the Richmond Football Club song tune).

Here are the words if your Auskicker wants to practise at home.

Oh we're the Mighty Sharks

A fighting fury

We're the Mighty Sharks

In any weather you will see us with a grin

Risking head and skin

If we're behind

We'll never mind

We'll fight and fight and win

Oh we're the Mighty Sharks

We'll never weaken 'til the final siren's gone

We're the Mighty Sharks

The red, white, and black

Oh we're the M-I-G-H-T-Y

RED WHITE and BLACK

Oh we're the Mighty Sharks

Dear Parents

On behalf of Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club, I would like to warmly welcome you and your family to our wonderful football club community.

We are always excited to welcome new families into our amazing community.

For more than five decades, we have had a dedicated community that has helped make our football club the heartbeat of the community. We provide a safe football and family environment for hundreds of children in and around Park Orchards and North Ringwood areas and look forward to hundreds more.

We pride ourselves with being more than just a football club. We are a family focussed club that gives our community the opportunity to feel connected and supported both on and off the field.

There are so many benefits to being part of a football club, including:

- Social interaction (for kids and adults)
- It's good for physical health and overall well-being
- It's fun and inclusive

Thanks to our solid community support, our proud history and promising future will continue, and we look forward to having you along for the ride.

I really hope that you thoroughly enjoy your football experience.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family over season 2022.

I hope you find this information pack useful. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our amazing committee.

Go Sharks!

Thanks a million

Kate

President

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WHAT IS JUNIOR FOOTBALL?

Junior Football is the next step for kids who are ready to move on from NAB AFL Auskick or other introductory programs. It's the perfect environment for kids to have fun learning through play, make new friends and create memories that last a lifetime. Rules of matches are modified so children can continue to develop their skills in an enjoyable, safe atmosphere.

Kids are gradually introduced to competitive football in stages as they gain skills and confidence throughout their years of Junior Football participation.

U8 and U9 competitions play on modified fields. Parents/club volunteers will use cones to measure out the space which includes dividing the area into 3 zones. Players must stay in their zone for the duration of the quarter. 1 coach per team is permitted on the ground to help players development from a closer proximity. Parents/volunteers are still required as goal umpires and trainers

HOW DOES THE CLUB USUALLY COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS?

Communication from team coaches and team managers and from club committee to members is done via an app called Teamapp or, on occasion, email.

Within Teamapp, members are assigned to their relevant child/ren(s) team. This means they only receive information from their coach/TM for that team. PLUS they will receive all in club information which is posted by committee.

This is the preferred method of communication as it's a closed app and parents need to given access from the club's teamapp administrator. As opposed to whatsapp, Instagram etc where monitoring language and messages is difficult.

WHEN DOES THE FOOTBALL SEASON COMMENCE?

Park Orchards North Ringwood Junior Football Club is part of the Yarra Ranges Junior Football League (YJFL).

The YJFL set the dates for each season based on feedback from all member clubs.

The proposed season dates for season 2022 are:

Round	Date
1	3-April
2	10-April
BYE	17-April

3	24-April
4	1-May
5	8-May
6	15-May
7	22-May
8	29-May
9	5-June
BYE	12-June
10	19-June
11	26-June
BYE	3-July
BYE	10-July
12	17-July
13	24-July
14	31-July
15	7-August
16	14-August
Semi Finals	21-August
Preliminary Finals	28-August
Grand Finals	4-September

WHEN ARE GAMES USUALLY PLAYED?

During the season, games are played on a Sunday morning. The Under 8s and 9s are generally the first games to be played so games can start anytime from 8.30am-10am.

Coaches usually ask players to be at the ground at least 30 minutes before the game.

The Sharks play in the Yarra Junior Football League against teams from Warrandyte to Bundoora, and Richmond to Camberwell.

WHEN DOES TRAINING START? WHEN AND WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

Training for Under 8s and 9s will usually start from the end of February/beginning March depending on each individual coach.

Training will usually be for ONE hour per week. The main focus of these training sessions are to encourage social interaction amongst the playing group, as well as help teach basic football skills and rules.

Training will take place at Domeney Reserve or Stintons Reserve one afternoon. The exact day and time are dependent on ground and the coach's availability.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON?

U8 and U9 teams will play a one-day round robin competition which is usually held at Bulleen Oval.

This will still occur on a Sunday and will be for a few hours in the morning.

It's a fun day for the kids. Parents in the team usually divide up tasks to bring a marquee, sausage sizzle, drinks and other items for the kids to be able to bond.

WHAT DO THE KIDS WEAR FOR TRAINING? AND WHAT DO THEY WEAR FOR GAMES DAYS?

During the season football boots are to be worn for training and games.

Players are to wear Sharks socks and Sharks shorts which can be purchased via the merchandise store online or from the pop-up stalls we set up during pre-season.

A playing jersey is given out by the coach/Team Manager at the beginning of the season and is to be returned washed at the end of the season.

All other items of merchandise are optional but most kids like a hoodie, sports bag and a hat.

New players joining the Sharks for the first time in Season 2022 receive a FREE Club Jacket.

DOES MY CHILD NEED TO WEAR A MOUTHGUARD?

All children are required to wear a mouthguard during a game. A child will not be able to play if they do not have a mouthguard on game day.

During Feb 2022, the Club will hold two Mouthguard Fitting Nights by a qualified dentist. Please keep your eye on the website and TeamApp for confirmation of dates and times if you wish to attend. Claim on private health insurance is available.

Alternatively mouldable mouthguards can be purchased from Rebel.

Alternatively, you may want to visit your own dentist for a mouthguard.

CAN MY CHILD PLAY WITH THEIR FRIENDS?

We make every effort to try to group our U8s and U9s teams together in friendship groups. If you are registering an U8s or U9s player, please complete an U8s and U9s Friendship Group section when registering

AS A PARENT, WILL I BE EXPECTED TO HELP OUT?

As a community club we rely heavily on the support from parents in various roles throughout the season. We appreciate the lives are busy and that is why we try to roster helpers on each week so that the load is shared across the season.

Roles for each team could include:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Trainer
- Goal Umpire
- Timekeeper

Helping out is also a great way to get to know your team families better and form lifelong friendships.

EVENTS

Throughout the season, the Sharks will hold events which will give you an opportunity to get to know other families in the club, as well as introduce your family members to our amazing community.

We encourage you and your family to come along and be part of these when you can. It is your club now after all!

Events include a season launch, Family Fun Nights and other ad hoc events throughout the year. Details of all events will be communicated through the weekly newsletter and TeamApp.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD?

The registration, medical, and consent process is now online and is a simple one step procedure.

Please email our Registrar (registrar@sharksjfc.org.au) if you have any issues.

We accept Visa and MasterCard payments.

Registrations can only be completed online. We no longer accept paper registration forms

PROOF OF AGE

All players registering for the first time must have their Birth Certificate (or extract) or Passport sighted by the Registrar. Please send this by email to our Registrar.

Players wishing to register for U8s or U9s must have turned 8 years old (for U8s), or 9 years old (for U9s) by 31 December 2022 in order to be eligible.

AFL Victoria have decided to give a dispensation to this by-law for U8s in Season 2022, provided that the child turns 7 years old between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

If also registered in Auskick, the Sharks Club Fee will be waived.

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FEES

Fees to be paid in 2022 are tabled below.

It is with much excitement that the club announces we have reduced club fees by \$30 based on the monies returned from the YJFL.

Incorporated in the Registration Fees are:

- YJFL FEE covers Player Insurance, Trained Medics at Every Game in the YJFL & umpires fees
- Sharks JFC fee, which has been tiered to keep costs family-friendly

New Member				
Age	Year of Birth	YJFL	Sharks	Total
U8	2014/2015	\$177.45	\$25.00	\$202.45
U9	2013	\$177.45	\$25.00	\$202.45
U10	2012	\$177.45	\$25.00	\$202.45

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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