



# CANTERBURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## 2016 Registration & Club Information

Welcome to Season 2016. Registrations are now open. The following information aims to assist you through the Canterbury Cobras Registration Process.

### Key registration dates for 2016:

January 10<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup> – All players registering in this period will receive an Early Bird Discount whereby registration fees are charged at 2015 prices. This registration period is open for all Players to register via the online facility on the Club website ([www.canterburyjfc.com.au](http://www.canterburyjfc.com.au)). Please note that from February 8<sup>th</sup> onwards fees are charged at 2016 prices.

Girls are welcome and eligible to play in all age levels up to Under 12's, and are encouraged to register.

March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> – This registration period is open to all players via the online facility but will be subject to the Club requirement to ensure teams are appropriately balanced. The Club cannot guarantee places in specific teams from here on; therefore, placement is strictly dependant on available team capacity.

All returning players should register using the same email address and password from previous years. If your email address has changed since last year, then please contact Bronwyn Phillips (Registrar) by email [phillips.tim@bigpond.com](mailto:phillips.tim@bigpond.com) for resetting.

First time registering players will be sent a password from Sporting Pulse. Please change this password to your preferred password.

### Age Groups for the 2016 season:

Year of Birth	Age Group for 2016 Season
1 Jan 2008 to 30 April 2009	Under 8
2007	Under 9
2006	Under 10
2005	Under 11
2004	Under 12
2003	Under 13
2002	Under 14

The YJFL do not permit Players to play down in any age level. (eg: If a Player is in the U10 age group by birth, then he /she cannot play down in the U/9's.)

Any player seeking to play up in any age group should refer to the Club Policy on the web site.

## **Team Allocation**

Players will be allocated to teams from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Any registration received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> March will be strictly subject to available capacity in existing teams. Team Managers will contact Players in mid-March to advise team allocation.

## **Younger Age Group Changes**

The YJFL made some important changes in 2015 to the Younger Age Groups comprising Under 8 / 9 / 10 teams. These continue to remain for 2016.

The previously known "Tackers" competition has been replaced by the U8's and U9's.

There will be reduced numbers on the ground for U8's (12 players on the field) and U9's (15 players on the field). Oval sizes will be smaller. There is no official scoring, ladder or finals for U8, U9 or U10 age groups. There is no tackling in U8's.

For U9s and U10s the following "modified tackle" will apply. Modified Tackle – a player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the area below the top of the shoulders and on /above the knees. The tackle may be from either side or from behind, providing the tackle from behind does not thrust forward player with the ball (ie. Push the player in the back). Bumping is not allowed.

For U11 and up full tackling, oval size and normal rules are permitted.

If you would like more information regarding these changes please refer to the Cobras website.

## **Season starts**

Round 1 will be played on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> (last weekend of public school holidays).

A practice match is planned for April 10<sup>th</sup> against Park Orchards. Details to be advised.

## **Training**

Training will begin around mid-March and most teams will train once per week. Training venues will be allocated by the Football Operations Dept. and will either be at the Canterbury Sports Ground or Gordon Barnard Reserve. Team Managers will contact Players once teams have been allocated to advise the details.

## **Match timing**

The competition is played on Sundays with matches commencing between 8.45am and 3.00pm. The younger age groups play earlier in the day, older ages later. U8s might expect the majority of their games to commence at 8.45am with some starting mid-morning.

## Registration Fees

	Early Bird (before Feb 7)	2016 Prices (from Feb 8)
1 <sup>st</sup> Player	\$225	\$240
2 <sup>nd</sup> Player in family	\$160	\$180
3 <sup>rd</sup> Player or more in family	\$100	\$120

All new players to the Club will receive a free Cobras hoodie and bag.

Insurance is included in the registration fees.

## Club Uniform and Mouthguards

Mouth guards are compulsory for training and games. The Club policy is clear that “no mouthguard, no play”. There will be a special mouthguard fitting at the Club on 28<sup>th</sup> February at our Cobras Family Morning.

Shorts – X2 required (Home and Away)	\$24 each
Socks	\$10 each
Jumper	Issued by the Club at Season Launch night on 15 <sup>th</sup> April and to be returned at the end of the season

Please place orders for uniform via the Club website order form.

## Cobras Family Morning

Come down to the Canterbury Sports Ground on **Sunday 28th February** between 8.00am and 11.00am for our Cobras Family Morning. Custom moulded mouthguards provided by our Club sponsor ‘Sportsafe Australia’ can be fitted and will be available to be collected prior to the practice matches. Uniforms can also be ordered and sample shorts and hoodies will be available to try on. Get your Footy jumper out, have a kick on the oval and get ready for a new season!

**GO COBRAS**

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