New Player Information Sheet Seaford Junior Football Club

Hi there and thank you for choosing the Seaford Junior Football Club.

Welcome to (what we feel) is a great place for your child to play organised sport, improve those co-ordination skills, AND develop a sense of being part of a *Team!*

**Our Mission is:**

To provide the youth of Seaford and surrounding areas with the opportunity to participate in

Structured formal activities to help develop their self-esteem, football, and social skills in a

Supporting environment.

Point 1 **– Make sure you get have a look at our Handbook**. It is our bible!!

(This will be available on Registration Day, online and your Coach / Team Manager can email you a copy shortly before the season starts.)

**What you need to know!**

As the club generally fields 2 teams in each age group, players will be allocated to either Yellow or Black teams and must stay with that team until they complete their junior football at Seaford. (Club & League rule) As a club, we need to ensure an even split of numbers in our teams.

Team selection is based on schools. Your child will be placed with children from the same school unless a request is made to place them with family members or friends etc.

All efforts are made to accommodate your request; however, team numbers can play a part in determining which team your child goes into.

Children wanting to play up an age group must request in writing to the club executive and fill out the “playing up form” located on the website. Again, team numbers may play a part in determining which age group and or team your child plays in.

Players already playing up an age group MAY be moved back into their correct age if numbers of either age groups become an issue.

These decisions are solely at the discretion of the club executive.

The club supplies:

a) A **Jumper** – for you to maintain and RETURN at the end of the season.

b) Team & Individual **Photos** (taken mid-year) and available on Presentation Day.

c) Participation **Trophy** (all players). Awarded on Presentation Day

d) B&F, Runner-Up, Coaches, and ‘recognition’ trophies (at presentation day)

e) A **guarantee** – that each player is entitled to equal game time.

(Exceptions may apply in extreme ‘team discipline’ situations.)

f) Weekly awards (each player should receive one through season).

Examples are Macca’s, Q-Cutters, Gravity Zone.

g) **Tiger Rag** – Weekly emailed newsletter to all families, with match reports, sponsor details and up-coming events which is posted to the club website each week.

h) **Facebook** – The club has its own Face Book page and most teams generally do too. Ask your Team Manager for info.

i) We also have our own **website** [www.seafordjfc.com.au](http://www.seafordjfc.com.au), where all the club’s info is available.

**You need to supply – MOUTHGUARD, shorts, boots, socks**,

We do have some footy boots that get donated to the club where players have grown out of them, you may get lucky with the right size etc. These cost a gold coin donation.

**AMBULANCE COVER** is ***hugely*** recommended. We hope never to need it ……. but a *visit* from the ambulance can cost you $900 (without even getting a ride).

The F&DJFL (**our League)** operates from U8’s to U18’s, which includes 6 divisions for girls – U8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s 16’s & 18’s.

Full list of clubs (and locations) is in your handbook. Game times are also in your handbook

The season is 14 rounds long, with U11 to U18 then having finals.

This season (2024) is scheduled to start on **Sunday 21st April**.

Games are not played on the middle Sunday of school holidays nor on Queen’s Birthday weekend.

The ‘draw’ is generally not available until 1 or 2 weeks before the season starts.

U8’s, U9’s, U10’s and Junior girls have modified rules.

**Training nights and times** are in the handbook, and we would ask that you arrive promptly.

You will be contacted by the coach when training is set to start.

Our **Home Games** and training are held at both Belvedere Reserve (between Seaford Park Primary & St Kilda Football Club) and at times Norm Cathie Oval (Brunel Rd).

The club was awarded Football Victoria – **Club of the Year** for 2006.

We were also the First “GOLD” accredited Quality club in the State, allowing us to declare that we are **THE** Number One Football Club in Victoria.

There are now only 6 gold clubs. SJFC – 2006, then another 5 between 2008 & 2010.

We like to think that we remain ‘ahead of the pack’.

**Presentation Day** will be held on the weekend following the grand finals, this year will be Sat 16th September (subject to confirmation), at the clubrooms. ALL Teams are presented individually, with the Coach giving a ‘season wrap’ and trophy presentation.

This is from approx. 1pm, including an ‘all day sausage sizzle’ and drinks available for all players. Separate team presentations and distribution of photos, club annual report and participation trophies, will be held under cover following the team’s ‘Club’ based presentation.

The **Clubrooms** are open **Every Sunday Evening** through the season (5.00 till 8.30) to pop down for a social gathering. Each coach will give a ‘game wrap’ for the day (from 5.30pm) and there is usually a free sausage sizzle and kid’s raffle!! (An adult raffle is also available, and the premises are licensed.)

AND – Keep an eye on the website for Special Sundays through the season.

**All coaches** are AFL accredited and have access to all relevant training material. Our coaches also conduct a review and information session amongst their group, each month.

Each team has a **Team Manager**, who is a vital communication and administration cog for each team. This person should have all the information you need, or if not, they know where to get it.

We also comply with the Victorian “**Working with Children**” (WWC) legislation.

**Volunteers** are an essential part of junior football.

Each team requires all the help it can get, especially on game-day. Marshall - Goal Ump

Runner – Trainer(s) – Timekeeper – Interchange steward - Field Ump (8.9&10).

The more the merrier. Please DO put your hand up. It’s only an hour & ½ a week and you still get to see the whole game!

We also need a Social Rep. to co-ordinate information between YOUR team and Club social team.

Our big night out – **The BALL**

While we have a great social group, doing all sorts of work to raise funds, their crowning glory is the SJFC Ball. A great night for all parents and supporters. Wonderful entertainment, some auctions, and a chance to mingle with others. See our calendar of events for this night in late June or early July.

The club is run by a **Committee of Management**, comprising an Executive group and General Committee members. This group meet monthly and more often when needed.

We hope all players and parents enjoy their time with the Seaford Junior Football Club and look forward to you playing or volunteering to assist.

If you have any questions or concerns, **PLEASE** do not hesitate to contact the Team Manager, Coach or Executive Committee. We are all here to help!

Again, welcome to **Tigerland** – enjoy your stay!

**Seaford Junior Football Club – Where Young Tigers Learn to ROAR!!**