

TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

President's letter

Greetings! We normally print every 2 weeks during the season, not weekly. We ran out of space for last week's newsletter so here we are again.

Firstly, thanks to all of you who registered either in person or online. As you read this we are now up to the nomination of teams to GHFA and the grading process. Some teams have already had grading sessions and our thanks to all concerned with that process.

I am aware that some who tried to join online had some problems and some other clubs reported that they also struck difficulties. At the same time, others have hailed it a great success. If you had any difficulties registering online we would like to hear the specifics of your issues so that we can rectify it next season. Online is not new but it is the way of the future within your club. You can email Scott at shopshape@bigpond.com to put forward your concerns. Thank you.

We are accepting late registration online. Team nominations close Friday February 24th, with the exception of minis. We still have time to nominate teams in U6/7/8's and if you have any friends who would like to play in those age groups tell them to get online, eppingeastwoodtigers.com.au

We would love to have them join. Any problems online, call Scott in the evenings until 8:45pm on 9876 1672 and he will talk you through it.

In our last issue we drew your attention to the 20 Year Tiger Club. I think we have our listings complete – however, we ask those recipients to confirm. It would be a shame not to be recognaised in the 60 Year History booklet that will be published this year. Our email address is: eewtiger@tpg.com

At a recent meeting of GHFA it was announced that the costs for electricity on grounds will be increased. Hornsby grounds by a hefty 15% and in Ryde by 6% this year and that is not taking into account the additional costs to be applied after the national increase in July. Don't you wish your income would increase at these rates?

Can I draw your attention to the "Accident Support Program" that appears on various websites. If you would like a hard copy your team manager will have some copies in the kit that they will receive at the coaches and managers meeting to be held shortly. Part of your fees, U18 to A/A \$60 and Juniors \$10, goes towards the benefits this scheme offers. These costs are mandatory and you should be aware of the scheme and how it is applied.

Night training has commenced on Fred Spurway. Boots can be worn. Training under lights on Epping and Roselea Ovals will commence on March 1st – NO Boots. Please adhere to this no boots rule. Shin pads must be worn at all times.

This year we will have Epping Oval at the allocated times for our club and North Epping Rangers (NER) will use the Athletics track which will give us more space. In all cases we should not be training in the goal area – we need to protect these areas for game days and not use them to warm up. We have space on the sides

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116 Glendenning Road, Glendenning 2761 ph: (02) 8805 2300 Web: www.periaus.com.au to do that. Boronia is tight and we should use the lower levels at both ends.

Last item of housekeeping. Club shorts and socks are mandatory. We don't want to see odd coloured items being used. The special package deal will continue till week one of the competition. Club officials will be policing this club policy – fines will apply. That's it till next we meet, Go You Tiger's Go!

lan Kendal

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EPPING BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL

This is the first season that we will use this venue for trials and training and it is vital that we observe some protocols whilst we are using the ground. The last thing we want to happen is to receive complaints that we have left the ground in a dirty condition, for that matter that we have left any ground or changerooms in poor condition. As far as EBHS is concerned, we and visiting clubs are required to take our rubbish with us. We want it looking like we have never been on it. The school has given us a privilege and the last thing we want is to lose this opportunity. Enjoy – take your waste with you.

FOR THE LADIES

This is for the girls and mums. To mark the 60th Birthday of our Club we have commissioned a new polo shirt. It is one with a difference, tailored to fit the ladies. We have a number of shirts for sizing purposes which you can try. The shirts are made from a breathable material and are designed to be worn not only at the football but would be ideal at family BBQs.

We will order your size and expect delivery 3 weeks from receipt of the order. Cost is \$24:00 per shirt.



PICK A NUMBER

Yes, you can pick a number from I to 100 when you purchase a 2012 Epping Eastwood key ring. These are all metal construction key rings featuring the Club logo on a black background and are a part of an extensive range of merchandise marking the Club's 60th Year birthday celebrations. To order now, you can select your preferred number and an alternative one, and email your order to eewtigers@tpg.com.au at a cost of \$6:50 each. First come, first served. We will but it aside and you can collect it once Boronia is open. We will acknowledge your order by return email.

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NEW TIMES

Gladesville Hornsby, in collaboration with the Clubs, have announced new starting times for games that will affect all players, and as a result benefits will flow to all in this years competition.

- To begin with, all Saturday games will commence at 8am.
- Afternoon games will commence at 1:00pm and 3:00pm.
- U17's will play on Saturdays at 11:00am.
- U15's and U16's will play on Saturdays at 11:30am.
- The remainder of the age groups will remain the same as in previous years.
- In a major change, Sunday games will now commence at 11:00am

These changes are designed to use the grounds available more productively and give some teams a chance to play on home grounds. The changes on Sundays will give players U18/19/21 and All Age more time to recover from Saturdays activities and give a more positive timetable.

This plan will be reviewed at the end of the season and should be regarded as a trial. The initial review was far more comprehensive. The clubs and GHFA have decided to consider more changes during Season 2012. We should embrace this change. U17's will have to adjust to this reform. It's implementation will/could be be governed by the number of grounds available for the number of teams and as such adjustments may be necessary.

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