



THE PITCH

September / October
2009

The Macquarie Saints approach to the game

Over the years our club has gained a reputation of being one of the friendlier and social clubs in the league.

This is due to the fact that we have always maintained the attitude that our first priority is to ensure that our players and their families enjoy their baseball, rather than a win at any cost mentality.

This is not to say that we don't want our teams to be competitive but simply that we consider good sportsmanship, team spirit & having fun playing to be of greater value than a single minded approach of playing to win.

We believe this approach is largely responsible for the club's continued success in the local competition.

There are, from time to time, situations where we may not agree with decisions during a match. The Club's view is that any type of distasteful, abusive or arrogant behaviour is not acceptable to the Club.

The Club's view is also that coaches, especially junior coaches (and parents), have responsibilities as role models for their team.

Please remember, both

as parents and coaches, that from time to time umpires make mistakes or make decisions we may not agree with. However, it is important to remember that the game officials give of their time so that we and our children can play.

Above all, we are dealing with people just like us, and nobody needs to have their day ruined by a fellow baseball supporter. Umpires deserve courtesy and respect.

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Appointment of Club Coach



The role of Club Coach is an important one for the Club. Not only does the Club Coach have a key role in the

selection of teams, but they are a resource for other coaches to draw upon as they coach and develop their teams.

We are fortunate that Bernie Nicoll has accepted the role of Club Coach, in addition to coaching the 12A team.

Club Trivia Night — 21 November



Get a table together! Try a team table.!

Saints is holding a fun filled trivia night on Saturday **November 21** at **Brush Farm Bowl-**

ing Club (Marsden Road) from 7.00 for a 7.30 start.

Drinks and Thai food are available at the club.

The cost is \$10 per person and you can book online at the Saints website.

See you on the night.

Parents T-Ball Gala Day — 29 November



It's on again !

The annual parents T-Ball gala day will be held on **Sunday 29th November** at Pioneer. Park from 9.30am.

Put a team together and show your kids how it's

done.

We are hoping to have at least 6 teams this year. Each team must be of at least 9 people of which 3 females must be on the field in any innings.

The cost is \$10 per team member (which can be shared between 2 people (eg husband and wife) but only 1 can be on the field or bat in any innings).

Book online at the Saints website.

Children's Xmas Party — 29 November

Santa is coming

The club children's Xmas party will be held in the afternoon of **Sunday 29th November** at Pioneer.

There will be a range of other activities including a jumping castle. There will be sausage sandwiches and drinks plus a gift from Santa for every child registered.

The cost is \$15 per child.

Book online at the Saints website.

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their obligations in this regard. Coaches are reminded of the duty they have for themselves and players. This is particularly important in

respect of the safety rules.

The Ryde Hornsby and Pacific Coast associations are always looking for additional um-

pires. If you think you can give an Umpire advice on judgment calls, please contact the Association, get accredited and umpire a game.



Saints Junior Umpires

One of our Club goals is to develop our juniors and encourage further participation within the club, improve understanding of the game and learn & demonstrate leadership skills. With this in mind we have a program to develop junior umpires within the club.

Our junior umpires have had initial training and

will be assisting those teams that either do not have parent umpires, or where parents do not wish to umpire giving them an option to perform other roles in the team. In order to support our junior umpires, any team who calls upon their services has a responsibility to provide a supervising adult to ensure each game maintains a sup-

portive & co-operative environment. This adult may also act as field umpire to assist the game if that's possible.

Our junior umpires will be assisting the junior Tee Ball, Zooka and live ball games up to U12B's.

Please support, respect and encourage our junior umpires.



Saints Canteen

All families will receive emails from the canteen coordinators rostering their teams for canteen duty.

It's expected that all families participate in the fundraising activity

for the club.

In addition to our normal Saturday canteen duty, we occasionally host representative games on Sundays and provide a canteen service for those attend-

ing. From time to time we will be requesting families to volunteer *an hour* of their time to assist.

Please be prepared to do your bit for your club.





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Under 10B



12 September
Macquarie Saints (10)
vs. Tigers (10)

There were smiles, smiles and more smiles for our first game of the new season. Our tiny team of seven just kept on batting. The first big hit came from Matthew who ran to third base and brought two runners home. Justin managed to hit a ball out field on his left, than in the next innings put bat on ball on his right. Laura and Allen put the ball over the heads into the out field, and Hugh, Riley and Joshua all managed to get to 1st base.



But our fielding was just as impressive, with Laura and Allen catching balls on the full,

Hugh showing great throws from the out field and a double play from Laura. Catching the ball on the full, then running to third base for another out.

The final score was 10/10 which was a great ending for an absolutely thrilling game.

A huge thank you to Kevin McCrohan for umpiring the whole game on this very hot spring day.

19 September 2009
Macquarie Saints (3)
vs. Tigers (5)

The boys and girls were ready and warmed up to play zooka, 9:00 am at Pioneer Park.

Tigers defeated Mac-

quarie Saints 5-3, our team tried their hardest and gave it their best.

The special moments of the game were - Matthew's hit to out field which resulted in two players over home plate and Matthew making it to 2nd base. Hugh's terrific catch as pitcher. Great fielding skills from Justin, Joshua and Allen. Laura showed her versatility once again, in being catcher and the highlight of the game seeing the smile of our newest player - Riley - run over home plate.

Big thank you's to Kevin, Sean and Sean's mate Lachie for helping out in umpiring and coaching.

Key Junior summer season dates

- 11/12 December
- 29/30 January
- 19/20 March

- Last game before Christmas
- Season resumes
- Grand finals



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Under 9

19 September

Macquarie (6) v Greenway (5)

What a fantastic start of the season. All kids were excited and ready to play. Strong batting

from all players. Mitch hit the ball all the way out in the field allowing kids running two bases followed by good batting from Marcus, Ethan, Gabriel and Lachlan.

Out in fielding great effort by Adrian in 1st base and Ethan as pitcher. Georgia and Nicholas were super catchers.



Under 12A

12 September

Macquarie (15) v Greenway (14)

This was a night of firsts — the first game of the season, the team's first night game, Trent's first game as catcher, Zac's first game pitching with the team, Joe's first game pitching and Nick's first grand slam.

The team got off to a good start, but Greenway came back at us.

As we came in to bat at the bottom of the last, there was a feeling that the game had got away. Then with loaded bases, 2 out and 2 strikes against him, Nick hit a walk-off grand slam to give us a one run win.

A great start to the season.

19 September

Macquarie (16) v Greenway (10)

Another good game

from the team.

Zac had a great hit and ran to 3rd base, eventually got home in four. Lachie had everyone holding their breath as he evaded a run down in a great running play between 1st and 2nd. James had a nice hit along the ground.

Zac and Jack pitched well throughout the game. A highlight was home runs by Zac and by Nick.



Key Senior summer season dates

24 / 25 October

Season resumes

19 / 20 December

Last game before Christmas

16 / 17 January

Season resumes

6 / 7 March

Last game of season

13 / 14 March

Semi-finals

20 / 21 March

Grand finals





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Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club - provider of venues for Saints Club meetings



Saints participates in the Rebel Sport Member Value Program (MVP). Saints members can obtain a personal membership card. These cards entitle you to a 5% discount on any full priced purchase made at Rebel Sport during the membership period. A rebate of 5% is also available to Saints in the form of credits available to be redeemed by the Club.

Coaches and Managers can send game reports (approx 200 words typed) to david.lawrence@optusnet.com.au or delawrence@optusnet.com.au

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