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Parents and Primary Carers Information Booklet

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Welcome

Dear Parents, Primary Carers and Players

North Thuringowa Rugby League Football Club (NTRLFC) Inc welcome you to the 2016 season.

Started in 1988 at Bohlevale State School, Norths celebrated **25 Years** in the Townsville District Junior Rugby League Competition in 2013. We currently have approximately 300 players making up 19 teams.

Our grounds and clubhouse are situated at Peggy Banfield Park, Mt Low Parkway/Bushland Beach which is one of the fastest growing areas in Nth Qld.

Norths are proud to be one of Townsville's continuously growing clubs and are committed to the development of all players of rugby league.

We pride ourselves on giving every child a fair chance in playing, learning and enjoying the game. **So go on, BE A DEVIL!**

To ensure that everyone involved gets the most out of their season, the following information is provided to assist everyone achieve this. So please take time to familiarise yourself with the contents of this booklet and enjoy your Rugby League with Norths in 2016.

Mission Statement

"To promote, foster, support and encourage those individuals who wish to participate in the greatest sport of all – Rugby League Football"

Committee Members 2016

Executive:

President..... Leah Simmons

Secretary..... Joanne Thomson

Treasurer..... Nicole Robbins

Committee:

Vice President Vacant

Registrar..... Leah Simmons

Coaching Co-ordinator Bob Lee

As you can see our Committee is small and we would really appreciate your help. Please consider getting involved.

For our Club to become stronger we need more links in our chain. So please, if you can assist in any way, no matter how insignificant you may think it is, it will be most welcome.

Norths Membership

What better way to contribute to your Club than to become a member!

Current members of the club must pay their membership fees by 1 March 2016 to remain financial. After this date, a new membership form will need to be submitted for consideration (in accordance with the Club's Constitution).

New members will need to complete a membership form for consideration.

Memberships are only \$6.00 up until the 31st March, (new and renewals). From 31st March memberships will be \$11.00

To become a member and receive your designated membership number etc., please see the office.

Membership runs from 1st October to 30th September.

Club Facilities

Parking

Parking is available at the front of the club grounds (side entrance will be out of bounds at periods during 2016). Please keep all field entrances clear as well as there is no parking in the two designated parking areas directly in front of the clubhouse/canteen. These are reserved for deliveries and executive committee members only.

Gate entries to the club must at all times be kept clear. This is to allow access for emergency vehicles in the case of an accident.

Do not block people in. Be considerate, parents may need to leave at any time

The carpark is a heavy traffic and children area. Please be mindful of this and slow down.

Canteen

The canteen will be open on training days and for Home Games. On training days, basic refreshment options will be available. On Home Game days, hot food will also be available.

Bar

The bar will be open on training days, closing at 6.15pm sharp. On Home Game days, bar facilities will be available, with the bar closing within one hour of the last game played.

Toilets

Separate male and female toilets are available between the Seniors Shed and the Bar. Unisex toilets are also available (as required) in the referees room, and the visitors shed.

Showers

Showers are available, however please contact the Committee regarding use.

Communication

2016 is all about effective communication between the club and teams. Team managers are responsible to report to the office at each training session to check with the office / team pigeon hole for any information. Your first point of contact should be through your team manager. There are other avenues available for people wanting to contact the club. Alternative means of communication are listed below:

Contact Details

Website:.....www.northsdevils.com.au

Facebook:....North Thuringowa Junior Rugby League Club

E-mail:secretary@northsdevils.com.au

Postal:PO Box 140

Deeragun Q 4818

Attention: NTRLFC Secretary

Norths President:..... 0423 592 420

If you are not having any luck with the above please don't hesitate to come in to the office and speak personally to one of the committee members. A lot of club conflict comes from idle gossip due to lack of communication and knowledge of club policies. If we all work together and keep the lines of communication open we can go a long way to preventing this from occurring.

Calendar of Events

06 Feb 2016	Sign on day
09 Feb 2016	Training Commences
05 March 2016.....	Trials Commence
16 April 2016.....	Season Commence Round 1
1 /2 April 2016	U14 Super 9's Charity Shield (Rockhampton)
1 /2 April 2016	U15 Croc's to Canetoads (Sarina)
2 /3 April 2016	U12 Shane Muspratt Cup (Ayr)
9 /10 April 2016	U13 Nate Myles Cup (Gordonvale)
11/12 June 2016	NQ Championships (Townsville)
26/27 June 2016	U11 Laurie Spina Shield (Townsville)
2 / 3 July 2016.....	U10 Gorden Tallis Cup (Townsville)
8 / 10 July 2016.....	U12 Jason Hetherington Cup (Gladstone)
27 August 2016.....	Semi Finals
03 Sept 2016	Preliminary Finals

10 Sept 2016	Grand Finals
TBA	U6 to U18 End of Season Presentation
Late Sept 2016	U9 Paul Bowman Challenge (Proserpine)
Late Sept 2016	U14 Tassell Trophy Challenge (Cairns)
TBA	Annual General Meeting

Sponsorship

Club

Rollingstone Beach Front Resort

A big welcome to our 2016 Gold Sponsor Rollingstone Beach Front Resort.

Tropical North Queensland's newest jewel. Just a 30 minute drive north of Townsville is Rollingstone Beach Caravan Resort. Opened in 2002, the resort boasts quality facilities and stunning views of Palm Island and the Great Barrier Reef

Amusements Plus

Thank you again to Kelli and Ben from Amusements Plus for their continued support of Norths Juniors. Your support is very much appreciated.

For amusements in Townsville, entertainment in Townsville, for all ages - Amusements Plus - and we will travel anywhere

Angliss Meats - North Shore

Angliss Meats, North Shore - Silver Sponsor in 2016- Thank you Evan and all the boys and girls at Angliss North Shore.

Proud suppliers of our weekly meat trays for raffles at Bushland Beach Tavern.

Bushland Beach Store

Thank you once again to John & Veronica Smith from The Bushland Beach Store for their continued support in 2016.

'The Big Pink Store' have been supporters of Norths Juniors for many years and we all appreciate their ongoing support. Please support them in the same way.

[Caltex at Yabulu](#)

Thank you again to Ross Donavon from Caltex Yabulu on his continued support of Norths Juniors. Your support is very much appreciated.

Caltex Yabulu - open 24 hours - 7 days a week - Fuel / Restaurant / Food / Bait / Ice / Tobacco

[Jim's Mowing North Queensland.](#)

OUR 2016 JERSEY SPONSOR. Thank you again to Shirley and Lloyd Moody from Jim's Mowing North Queensland who are on board again in 2016 supporting Norths Junior Rugby League Club.

Jim's Mowing NQ have 27 Jim's Mowing Franchisees who own and operate their own local small businesses in Townsville.

Team

Team Sponsor opportunities are available to sponsor individual teams to participate at carnivals during the season.

Teams may be offered sponsorship by businesses willing to assist their team.

It is ESSENTIAL that this is approved by the Executive Committee. Teams may inadvertently advertise companies in direct competition with club sponsors.

Coaches, Manager, Trainers and First Aid Officer (FAO)

If you are interested in coaching, managing, being a First Aid Officer or trainer for a team please contact our coaching co-ordinator, Mr Bob Lee.

We are always after volunteers especially in our U6 to U8 age groups. Training courses are provided and the coaching coordinator is available to assist you. What better way to participate in Rugby League by assisting with a child's development and love of the game.

Registration

All players are required to be registered with the Queensland Rugby League and parents are required to complete registration documentation. A copy of the player's original birth certificate is to be sighted by the Registrar and birth certificate details recorded. A player is NOT allowed to play until Registration documentation is completed and all fees paid in full. Fees can be paid in instalments after an instalment plan has been completed in agreement with the Treasurer, but MUST be paid in full before the player can participate in any club games. This is due to insurance reasons and the club will be enforcing this for the 2016 season. NO PAYMENT, NO PLAY!

Players transferring from other clubs will also require a clearance certificate signed by their old club President. The Townsville and District Junior Rugby League (TDJRL) will have the final say on whether a player is able to transfer to another club. Local transfers finish at the completion of round 3 of normal competition. No player may sign on after 30th June 2016, as per TDJRL rules.

Under Six players, must be five before they can be registered, train or play. This is due to players under five years of age not being insured.

Fees

The fees for 2016 are as follows:

1st Child \$195

Additional Child..... \$180

Under 6's..... \$125

This covers registration to both TDJRL and QRL, player insurance, club shirt, club training singlet, club shorts and club socks. Fees can be paid in cash or by EFTPOS at the office, or by direct deposit (details below).

Payment plans are to be discussed and agreed with the Treasurer.

All clothing included in fees will be supplied to all REGISTERED and FULLY PAID players before the start of the official season.

Direct deposit

Norths Direct Deposit Details are as follows:

North Thuringowa Rugby League Club

BSB: 704 640

Account No: 633636

Reference: Last Name

Also available for purchase from the office are (*please see notice in the office for prices*):

Womens Club Supporter Shirts

Club Supporter Shirts

Club Training Singlets

Club Shorts

Club Socks

Caps

Bucket Hats

Insurance

All junior clubs pay a compulsory insurance premium as set by the Queensland Rugby League. Government Legislation does not allow general insurers to cover any costs subject to a Medicare rebate. There may still be out of pocket expenses applicable due to the schedule fee gap.

All injuries are to be reported to your team Manager so the injury can be recorded at the club for future reference.

The compulsory insurance cover is marginal and the club recommends Private Insurance cover for all players but in particular, older age group players.

Capping Team Numbers

To ensure majority of players spend more time on the field than on the bench, team numbers will be capped as follows during 2016:

U6 – U8 maximum 12 players per team.

U9 – maximum 14 players per team.

U10 – U11 maximum 16 players.

U112 – U13 maximum 20 players

U14 - U15 maximum 22 Players

U16 – U18 maximum 25 Players

These numbers may vary at times depending on circumstances.

Player Team Allocation

The club is responsible for the final allocation of players to teams which must be carried out as per the TDJRL “Team Levelling Criteria”.

All Teams:

Our current policy is to maintain teams from the previous year and not split them up. In 2016 the TDJRL will continue with its policy of equality across all teams in the same division. Please be aware that when teams are decided by NTRLFC this new policy needs to be adhered too, otherwise the TDJRL will make the necessary changes to enforce team equality themselves.

U6 to U10:

As there is no competition points in these age groups the emphasis is to be on enjoyment and participation, not winning. Although players, coaches and parents enjoy seeing their team succeed our focus is on skill development and fun while learning the fundamental basics of Rugby League. Players will be allocated to teams where numbers are required to field a full team. U6-U9 will finish the season at the end of round 15, prior to the semi-finals commencing. The U10's competition will finish on grand final weekend preceded by a round robin which will incorporate the final 6 rounds of the regular season, with a final season taking place.

U11 to U18:

These age groups play for points throughout the season which culminates in a final series. The teams of the previous year will remain together where possible. New players or coaches do not select or recruit new players to their allocated team. The juniors Coaching Co-ordinator, is responsible for allocating players to teams.

At times there will be individual cases that may have a circumstance that warrants the change of a player between teams. This will be discussed with the parents, coaches' coaching co-ordinator and president to come up with an amicable solution for all parties involved. The final decision remains with the club.

Majority of kids play rugby league to be with their mates and have fun. They start to leave the game when fun takes a back step to winning and they are separated from their mates. Having fun playing rugby league with their mates is the platform from which NTRLFC will allocate players to teams.

Training

Training days will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm commencing Tuesday 9th February 2016 for all age groups, unless otherwise specified by your coach.

For your allocated team and training field, please check the noticeboard at the front of the clubhouse on the 1st day of training.

If it is raining, training may be cancelled due to the preservation of the fields. Please call your coach/manager, or check the Norths website or facebook page.

Draw and Games

The allocation of all games for all teams is under the control of the TDJRL

Games are played on a Friday night or Saturday. Trial games and round one may extend to Sundays. Friday night games may be amended when the Cowboys have a home game on a Friday night.

Teams on occasion will be required to travel away to outer town clubs. Anyone having difficulties with this should discuss it with their coach/manager.

Half time

This is the coach's time. It is important that there is no parental or guardian interference during this time. Unless you are appointed by the club to a team, please keep off the field and away from the team as it not only distracts your child but others within the team.

Code of Behaviour

Please refer to the TDJRL (Townsville and District Junior Rugby League) Rule book for an update on all penalties that can be imposed if behaviour codes are breached. There have been a large number of increased penalties this year and we encourage everyone to make themselves familiar with these.

The rule book can be found on the link below. (It can be opened from both the front page of their website and also under the forms tab).

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-2240-0-0-0

In addition to these rules, all players, parents, volunteers, team officials and Committee persons at Norths Junior Rugby League are required to sign a Code of Conduct for our Club. Without this being signed no participation is available.

Complaint Process at a Game

If you have a complaint resulting from an incident occurring within a game or immediately after, you are to lodge the complaint with your child's coach.

All official complaints are to be in writing and are to be at League Headquarters (TDJRL) within 48 hours of the incident occurring, under covering letter from the Norths Executive Committee.

The Complainant will need to provide a written statement outlining the circumstances of the complaint and hand it to their child's coach.

The team's coach is to contact a member of the Norths Executive Committee and provide them with the complaint.

The complaint is to be investigated by the Executive and if not resolved, the Executive will lodge the complaint officially with the TDJRL Executive for action, this all has to be completed within 48 hours.

Witness testimonies or other evidence must be forthcoming, if not, no action will be taken. Video evidence is to be handed to the league or referee directly after the game. If not it will be inadmissible.

Once an outcome has been reached the club will advise those involved through their team manager/coach.

Complaint Process at Norths

If you have a complaint resulting from club training, or anything concerning Norths Coaching staff, you are to lodge the complaint with our Coaching Co-ordinator or President.

Norths Coaching Co-ordinator – Bob Lee (0418 188 910)
PO Box 140 Deeragun Q 4818
E-Mail: bobandjeanielee@bigpond.com

Norths President– Leah Simmons (0423 592 420)
PO Box 140 Deeragun Q 4818
E-Mail: chairman@northsdevils.com.au

This process is aimed to ensure that parents/guardians complaints are treated justly and fairly, by providing a straight forward process:

A complaint can be made to the Coaching Co-ordinator or President.

The complaint must be in writing and will be noted by the appointed person to keep a record. This may be submitted anonymously.

The complaint will be dealt with fairly and in good faith

The complaint will be dealt with confidentially by the Coaching Co-ordinator or by the person appointed by NTRLFC.

The complaint will be dealt with as a matter of priority. The investigator will discuss the issue with the complainant as soon as is practicable after the complaint is lodged. If applicable the view of other parties to the complaint will be sought and those involved in the complaint will be advised of the outcome in a timely manner.

The investigator and NTRLFC Committee will monitor the outcome of the complaint.

Team Photos

Team photos for 2016 will be taken during the season. Specific dates will be advised closer to the time. Individual and team photo packages will be available for purchase.

Presentation

A presentation celebration will be held after the completion of round 15. A confirmed date will be advised closer to the end of the season. Our presentation party for U6's to U18's will consist of a BBQ, amusements and presentation of trophies.

All players will receive a participation trophy. Awarded category trophies will be decided on by the coach and team management.

Teams are free to have individual break up parties outside of the presentation at their own cost as well. Please be responsible when holding your own breakup parties as your behaviour reflects on the entire club.

**EVERY INSPIRATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYER
STARTED THEIR CAREER IN JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE.
SO EMBRACE THE EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE,
LEARN FROM YOUR TIME AT NORTH THURINGOWA RUGBY LEAGUE,
AND YOU COULD BE THE CLUB'S NEXT KYLE FELDT**

GO DEVILS

