

MARLIN COAST RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

CLUB HANDBOOK



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Pennell Field, Nautilus St, Trinity Beach QLD



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1.0 Introduction

Welcome to Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club.

This handbook is one part of the clubs Governance Framework and is to be read in conjunction with Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club incorporated constitution. In all instances, where there is variance between the handbook and the constitution, the constitution takes precedence. This handbook sets out what you can expect from the club when you register your child or yourself to play at Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club (MCRFC), and what the club expects from you in return. Together we can provide a safe, inclusive, and fulfilling football experience that is free from discrimination, harassment and bullying.

Our game has many benefits that go beyond being fit and healthy. We encourage our players to learn and develop new skills in a supportive environment that values good sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit. Regular and active participation in training sessions is the key for players to get the most out of the game.

MCRFC is a non profit club (Association) which relies on our members and volunteers to help provide all the benefits of a small club, such as a great facilities, strong sense of community and an approachable committee so if you need help or have any questions, please see your child's Coach, Team Manager, Club Coaching Coordinator or a member of the Management Committee.

1.1 Vision, Mission, Values and Goals

As this handbook is written, a strategic plan is being produced which will play an integral role in managing and leading the club into the future. It is envisaged that the strategic plan will be reviewed each year to ensure the clubs priorities and direction meet the expectations of our members and the broader football community.

- Vision
 - Recognition by the local community as a football club which is ambitious and gives back to its community.



- **Mission**
 - Provide a family atmosphere with all coaches, players, parents and administrators working together for the integrity and future of our club.
 - Give all players equal opportunity to participate in a family friendly, fun and safe environment whilst facilitating the pursuit of excellence at every level.
 - Attract new volunteers, supporters, and players ensuring growth, continued success and viability of our club.
 - Engage with the community in Trinity Beach and surrounding areas.

- **Values**
 - **Support** – Those who support the club, in particular, our sponsors and members, attracting the support and respect of the local community.
 - **Excellence** – Strive to support the greatest level of achievement for members, players and volunteers.
 - **Fair Play** - Follow the principles of fair play both on and off the field.
 - **Integrity** - Conduct business in an honest, ethical and trustworthy manner.
 - **Engagement** - Listening and informing with external and internal communications.

- **Goals**
 - **Operations** – To build our facility and support the participation of our members to achieve the best possible outcome in our competition.
 - **Marketing** – To increase support from and strengthen our place in the Trinity Beach community including improving connections with our supporters.
 - **Football Operations** – To help our players fulfil their potential at whatever level that may be.
 - **Finance/Administration** – To provide stability and growth for our club through effective governance and transparent decision-making.

1.2 Rules and Regulations

The rules of football are determined by the sport's world governing body – Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Football Federation Australia (FFA) sets the broad rules for the way football is played in Australia, within the laws of the game. These philosophies cascade down through Football Queensland to FNQ Football, which sets local rules of competition for both small-sided and competition football.

Check out the laws of the game at: <https://laws.myfootballclub.com.au/>



2.0 CLUB STRUCTURE

2.1 Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club (MCRFC)

MCRFC has been in existence for over 75 years in the Far North Queensland Football League.

The club prides itself on providing the best playing surfaces and amenities of any football club in Cairns. Our players train on, and play on, manicured pitches which support their skills and development as players.

Three of the four full sized fields are lit and irrigated, and our main field is acknowledged as the best playing surface in the Far North. Over the last 75 years, the club has won many trophies and awards including fair play awards. The club has grown from a very small number of teams to having a membership base exceeding 300 across senior men's, senior women's, juniors, Mini-roo's and a "kick off" program.

More information about the club and its sponsors can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Website: www.marlincoastrangersfc.com.au

Facebook: [MarlinCoastRangersFc](https://www.facebook.com/MarlinCoastRangersFc)

Instagram: [MarlinCoastRangersFc Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/MarlinCoastRangersFc)

2.2. Management Committee

The general business of our club is administered by the Management Committee which meets monthly. This committee sets the broad direction for the club. It coordinates grant applications, ground maintenance, the running of the canteen and clubhouse, grounds and facilities improvements, the operations, administration and the overall rules by which the club is run.

Members of the Management Committee are elected at an annual general meeting (AGM) held in November each year. The conduct of the committee is governed by the club's Rules of Association.

Committee Details

Position	Email
President	presidentmcrfc@gmail.com
Secretary	secretarymcrfc@gmail.com
Treasurer	treasurermcrfc@gmail.com
Senior Register	snregistrarmcrfc@gmail.com



U9 to U12 Registrar	U9toU11registrarmcrfc@gmail.com
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3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Coaches

- a) Positions for coaches will be advertised as required via the club's communication channels (website, Facebook and email) by the end of September each year.
- b) Generally, a parent of a child within the team usually nominates or is recruited as a team coach within the non-premiership teams U5-U12.
- c) Each applicant that meets the minimum required criteria may be subject to an interview with a selection panel. The panel will require evidence of qualifications and experience.
- d) All coaches must register as a coach with the Club via Squadi's online registration system.
- e) It is mandatory that coaches have a Working with Children card known as a **Blue Card** or a valid exemption card which can be applied for online. Please go to [Blue Card Application](#) to apply. Once you have your card, please send a copy to the club secretary secretarymcrfc@gmail.com for filing to meet government auditing requirements.
- f) There is an expectation that appointed coaches make themselves available for an introductory coaching course, or courses which are made available through the club. The club would also like to see coaches attend regular coaching updates presented by the club coaching coordinator or have their team manager do so.
- g) Coaches are encouraged to attend additional FFA Licensed Coach Education Courses. Subject to approval, MCRFC may look at reimbursing some of the costs once accreditation has been achieved and conditions are met. Please speak with the coaching coordinator to assess whether partial reimbursement is achievable before undertaking any courses.
- j) All coaches will be appointed for a term of one year.

3.2 Managers

- a) Manager positions will be advertised, if required, via the club's communication channels (Website, Facebook and email).
- b) Applicants will be subject to approval by the Coach and committee if required.



- c) All managers will be appointed for a term of one year and must try to make themselves available for all training sessions, games and carnivals.
- d) Appointed managers must register as a volunteer with the Club via FFA's online registration system.
- e) It is mandatory that managers have a Working with Children card known as a **Blue Card** or a valid exemption card which can be applied for online. Please go to [Blue Card Application](#) to apply. Once you have your card please send a copy to the club secretary secretarymcrfc@gmail.com for filing to meet government auditing requirements.

3.3 Players

There may be a time where MCRFC has the numbers for more than one team in an age group. Should this occur the following grading process will occur so that every individual has an equal opportunity to play in a 1st Division team:

- Children in Non- Competitive teams (U5-U12) will not be graded.
- Children aged 13 and up may be graded where there are enough players to form more than one team in the specific age groups. The most skilled players would then form a team to play in the FQPL U13's, FQPL U14's and FQPL U16's, U18's and the remaining players would form a team to play in the FNG Division 1 competition.
- Grading will be carried out by a team of coaches appointed by the club with at least one independent assessor with the emphasis on consensus on the best players.
- Grading decisions would apply for one season; there would be no ongoing automatic qualification for the next season.
- The club management committee would be the arbiter on the final formation of teams.
- For junior and senior competition, the same process would be followed with the most skilled team playing in the higher division.

Decision Making

The following guidelines will be used to place players into teams:

- What a player does when they have the ball.
- What a player does when their team mates have the ball.
- What a player does when the opposition has the ball.
- How a player behaves and responds to coaching instructions.
- What the players skill level is.
- What the players attitude is and their willingness to learn and participate.



Parental coaching from the sideline is strongly discouraged and is not acceptable during grading sessions.

The grading panel decision is final, and no discussion will be entered into by MCRFC.

4.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Coaches

All Coaches are under the supervision of the Club Coaching Coordinator. They have responsibilities across four areas:

- **Players**
 - Delivering player coaching programs on allocated training days that ensure training sessions meet with the concept of Maximum Participation – Maximum Fun.
 - The development of players ensures they have a clear understanding of their role and position in the game.
 - Assessing the physical condition of players to ensure they are not carrying any injuries or require treatment before, during and post-game.
 - Ensuring the behaviour of players meets the code of conduct (when present).
 - Ensuring players are properly prepared for games (adequate warm-up/preparation routines) and that they meet the appropriate participation guidelines.
 - Ensuring that every player under their control is eligible for participation in trials, pre-season and competition games and are not under suspension for any reason or are unregistered.
 - Ensuring that players remain in their company until someone arrives to collect them (the club has a 'duty of care' to ensure the safety and security of players both on and off the field).
 - Ensuring the safety, protection and welfare of players (when present) occurs above other considerations.
 - Share refereeing duties on game day for U5-U12 Mini-roo teams
- **Equipment**
 - Overseeing all club equipment issued to the team by equipment manager.
- **Administration**
 - Registering as a coach with the Club on Football Queensland's registration system free of charge.



- Familiarising themselves with all information contained within the club handbook, and their responsibilities.
 - Possess or make an application for a Working with Children Card/Blue card.
 - Maintaining accurate records of player participation (competitive U13-U16)
 - Ensuring the privacy of personal information that they receive.
- Self-Management
 - Acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any other club or competition documents and rules.
 - Attending all training sessions, prepared and on time. Where unavailable arranging for another coach/manager to take the team training session.
 - Attending coach education opportunities as required.
 - Attending club meetings as required.

4.2 Managers

All Managers are under the direct supervision of the relevant Coach. They have responsibilities across four areas:

- Players
 - Being the main point of communication between the club and the team.
 - Contacting players (or parents) with times and venues for games and in situations of inclement weather when the fields may be closed, and training or games are cancelled.
 - Abiding by the decision of the team coach at all times in matters relating to the team.
 - Ensuring that if any player leaves the team or club, the Head Coach is advised as soon as possible.
 - Ensuring the behaviour of players meets the code of conduct (when present).
 - Ensuring that players remain in their company until someone arrives to collect them (the club has a 'duty of care' to ensure the safety and security of players both on and off the field).
 - Ensuring the safety, protection and welfare of players (when present) occurs above other considerations.
- Equipment
 - Ensuring the players bring adequate water for rehydrating and ice/ice packs in case of potential injuries
- Administration
 - Registering as a manager/volunteer with the Club on Football Queensland's system free of charge.



- Familiarising themselves with all information contained within the club handbook, and their responsibilities.
 - Obtaining a list containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all players in the team from the club registrars
 - Being familiar with Endeavour Park and locations of fields for their age group.
 - Possess or make an application for a Working with Children Card/Blue card.
 - Ensuring that the team sheet is completed and lodged as required – with the referee prior to kick off (Competitive age group U13- U16).
 - Maintaining accurate records of player participation and ensuring players registration.
 - Ensuring the privacy of personal information that they receive.
- Self-Management
 - Acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any other club or competition documents and rules.
 - Attending club meetings as required.

4.3 Parents/Guardians

Parents and/or Guardians have responsibilities across two areas:

- Players
 - Ensuring that their player is registered.
 - Ensuring that their player is properly attired in the approved club outfit on training and game day.
 - Notifying the coach or manager within reasonable time frames if their player cannot attend training or the game.
 - Ensuring that their player arrives at the ground in good time for training and games (times are at the direction of the team coach).
 - Not expecting the coach or manager to transport your player anywhere.
 - Instilling in your player the need for respect for coach, manager, team-mates, opposing players, other officials and visitors.
 - Meeting the cost of any fines your player receives.
- Self-Management
 - Acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any other club or competition documents and rules.
 - Supporting the team and not just individual players.
 - Promoting good sportsmanship and treating the game as enjoyment for your player.
 - Volunteering to assist when required throughout the year at club events (carnivals, presentations days etc)



- Bringing sunscreen, hats, umbrellas and shade tents when watching games and training sessions.

4.4 Senior Players

Players have responsibilities across two areas:

- Administration
 - Ensuring that you are correctly registered.
 - Ensuring that you are properly attired in the approved club outfit on training and game day.
 - Notifying the coach or manager within reasonable time frames if you cannot attend training or the game.
 - Ensuring that you arrive at the ground in good time for training and games (times are at the direction of the team coach).
 - Not expecting the coach or manager to transport you anywhere.
 - Showing respect for coach, manager, team-mates, and opposing players, other officials and visitors.
 - Meeting the cost of any fines you receive whilst playing.
- Self-Management
 - Acting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any other club or competition documents and rules.
 - Supporting the team and not just individual players.
 - Promoting good sportsmanship and treating the game with respect.
 - Volunteering to assist when required throughout the year at club events (carnivals, game days etc)

5.0 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Did you know that football is the most popular team sport in Australia, with almost two million participants and outnumbering the other football codes combined? At the national level our sport is unique for the atmosphere that is created and the sense of pride that fans display.

The popularity of the game is a tribute to the passion and commitment of players, parents and spectators. As part of demonstrating our commitment, it is important to understand the standards of behaviour we can all expect when we are involved in this great sport.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at games, training sessions, carnivals, and club social events, which is why Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club operates consistently with the national and local framework that describes how we are to conduct ourselves:



Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics

FFA-spectator-code-of-behaviour

All codes can be viewed via the links above or on the club's website - www.marlincoastrangersfc.com.au

6.0 CODE OF PRACTICE

6.1 Club Communication

● **General Club Communication**

- Communication from any of the management committee will be via email or the clubs Facebook page Marlin Coast Rangers directly to members.
- Any specific football related information for individuals will be via email from the Registrars.
- Marlin Coast Rangers adheres to the National Privacy Legislation and Associations Act 1981, with respect to Club Members information and data protection. All participant data is collected in the Football Queensland Squadi App.

● **Coach/team Communication**

- Marlin Coast Rangers are moving across to the Team App platform by the end of 2019
- All team/club communication will need to go through this app by the end of 2019.
- Until the club has fully set up the club side of the app we would still hope that coaches and managers will try the app out by installing the app and creating their teams and encouraging their parents to use.
- Coaches/managers of junior competitive teams can also have the players join the Team App but only if parents give permission.

● **Social Media Communication**

- All social media is governed by Marlin Coast Rangers social media policy located on the club website; www.marlincoastrangersfc.com.au

6.2 General Information



At Marlin Coast Rangers the expectation is that while you or your child are representing the club, correct club uniform must be worn at all times.

At MCRFC, we have a uniform shop which will be open on Information Days and throughout the soccer season. Shop opening hours will be advertised on our **Facebook page** and website as well as the club noticeboard.

The shop has all uniform needs for training and game days as well as a selection of supporter's gear for all members.

6.3 Junior Game Day Uniform

Please visit - <https://spsportswear.com.au/collections/marlin-rangers-fc>

- Players are expected to wear the MCR club/training shirt to and from games **and not the playing jersey.**
- The Playing Uniform consists of:
 - Jersey – the Coach or Manager provides players with game shirts. All game shirts remain the property of the club.
 - White Shorts for Minirosos and Navy shorts for Junior competitive and Seniors
 - Club Socks
 - Shin Pads
 - Football boots



NAVY SHORTS & WHITE SOCK BUNDLE

The club also recommends a bucket hat be worn for sun protection, no peak caps will be allowed on field due to safety reasons.

Failure to wear club shirt and approved shorts and socks may result in the player not being allowed to take the field and the club could be fined in competitive age groups.

6.4 Training

Players are required to wear correct uniform during training sessions:

- Club training shirt
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Socks

Training is a valuable activity that helps players to achieve their goals and the team goals, including:

- Improving their technique
- Playing together as a team



- Adopting a disciplined approach
- Enhancing their focus on the field
- Building team spirit
- Learning about a healthy approach to their sport

Training times and locations are determined to ensure all teams have access to training fields and equipment. If you cannot make a scheduled training session, please advise your coach or your team manager.

6.5 Player Safety

The Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for all players, coaches, managers, officials and visitors.

Player safety is a shared responsibility that is built on good preparation, correct techniques, appropriate equipment, safety gear, modified rules and a well-maintained environment.

All players are required to have appropriate and properly fitted protective equipment, clothing and footwear including wearing shin pads, club socks and football boots during training and games, without exception. Any player (up to the age of 17) not wearing these will not be allowed to participate. Players over the age of 18 are able to make their own safety decisions, however as the coach has a duty of care for player safety; they may implement their own individual team policy regarding the use of protective equipment.

If a player wears glasses/spectacle they are to have plastic lenses, soft frames and have suitable restraint of a sports band or adjustable strap so that they cannot be dislodged during training or games.

Players are also not permitted to play in a peaked cap. Bucket hats are able to be worn as sun protection. Additionally, a player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player, this includes any kind of jewellery.

If unsure, please check with your team Coach.

6.6 Player Injury

Parent/guardian consent is required before minor injuries are treated, including the application of Band-Aids.

In the case of a serious injury, an ambulance is called. Match officials will take control of the player's care while waiting for the ambulance, however if officials are youngsters, parents may be asked to step in. Under no circumstances is a seriously injured player to be moved, even if it means holding up play for an extended period. The Marlin Coast Rangers Football



Club defines a serious injury as one that prevents a player from participating in or completing training and/or games. Serious injuries are to be recorded using an Injury Report Form located on the club website or from the management committee.

Coaches of injured players will make themselves aware of the recovery of the player during their treatment. The Coach will require a medical clearance for the player before they can participate in training or games.

6.7 Team Dug Out / Change Rooms

Only players, coaches, managers and officials are permitted in the team's dugout and change rooms unless otherwise authorised. This allows players to focus on their preparation and the game.

6.8 Instructions to Players

Parents are not permitted to give instructions to any player while in the care of the coach or manager. It is not acceptable for a parent to provide coaching instructions to their children before, during or after games or training; this is the coach's job. It is important to ensure that our players are not given conflicting information.

Please discuss any ideas you have with the coach in the first instance. Our Club Coaching Coordinator is also available to hear your suggestions. Parents are encouraged to provide positive vocal support from the sidelines to the team.

6.9 Information and Enquiries

If further information is required, refer the matter to the Management committee.

FNQ Football should only be contacted where you are dissatisfied with an outcome from the Management Committee. Refer to section 8 of this booklet for our complaints process.

7.0 PLAYER PARTICIPATION

7.1 Eligibility

For players in all **competitive** age groups to be considered for the starting line-up of a competition match they must attend all training sessions in the week and be injury free prior to the match. The only exception to this is when a player has prior advice and arrangement between the parent/guardian and the coach/manager.



Players will not play where:

- The player has an injury.
- The player cannot perform due to health restrictions.
- There are disciplinary reasons or a current suspension.
- Players who are unavailable for training or a match for personal reasons must contact the coach/manager in a timely manner to ensure minimal disruption to the team.
- A player may request to be taken from the field or left out of a particular match by advising the coach/manager.

7.2 Match Time

All players contribute to a team's performance and development; however, a coach needs to have enough flexibility to choose teams best able to compete with the opposition and to make tactical changes during games.

- Small Sided Football – Miniroos Kick-off (3 to 5-year-old) and Miniroos (5 to 12-year old)
The Coach will aim to give all players equal time on the field in all games considering player health and any injuries. All players will be equally rotated through every position on the field to enable each child to learn the different facets of the game.
- Juniors (13 to 15-year old's)
At this level, teams are competing in the FQ-FNG Competition. Each player should receive a fair amount of playing time. Coaches are encouraged to make every effort to include the entire squad even during finals.
- Seniors
Coaches of senior playing squads are in a competitive playing environment and as such are expected to field teams that are perceived as the strongest competitive squad.

The coach is responsible for the harmonious atmosphere within his/her side and will establish expectations that align with the team's philosophy. Additional to this is the necessity for providing development pathways for younger players and the management of the process to ensure that enthusiasm is maintained.

7.3 Record Keeping

All records are kept in accordance with competition rules and other regulations. Coaches and managers maintain all game and training records including a record of player participation time.



7.4 Grading

There may be a time where the club has the numbers for more than one team in an age group. Should this occur the following grading process would occur:

- Grading would be carried out by a team of coaches appointed by the club management committee with at least one independent assessor with the emphasis on consensus of opinion on the best players.
- Grading decisions would apply for one season, there would be no ongoing automatic qualification, encouraging players to work hard at developing their skills.
- Grading would be finalised as early as possible ahead of the season.
- The club management committee would be the arbiter on the final formation of teams.
- Children aged 12 and under will not be graded.
- Children aged 13 and up may be graded where there are enough players to form more than one team. The most skilled players would then form a team to play in the FNQ Football premier competition and the remaining players would form a team to play in the FNQ Football 1st Division competition. These competitions are determined by the FNQ Football zone and are based on the team's overall ability.

For the senior competition, the same process would be followed with the most skilled team playing in the higher division.

Please refer to **3.3 Player Selection** for more information.

7.5 Fines

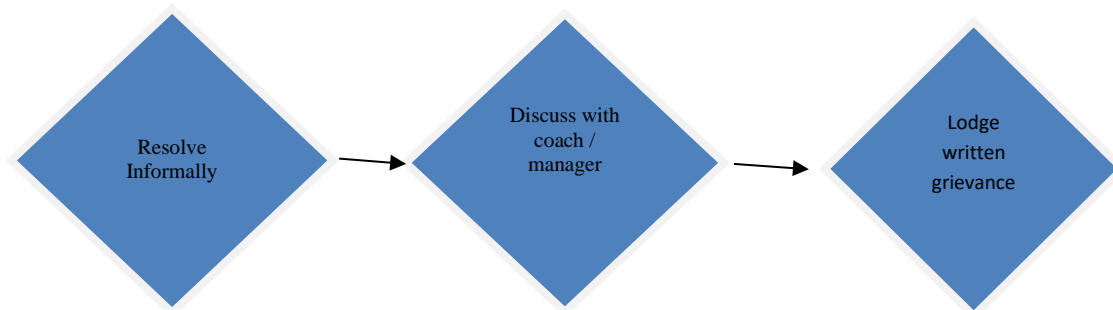
- Players in the senior competition will meet the cost of fines for player discipline, including yellow and red cards.
- The club reserves the right to recover fines from players in the junior competition where a deliberate breach of the rules has occurred.



8.0 GRIEVANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

There may be occasions when a player or parent/guardian may want to raise an issue or grievance.

The Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club expects that all reasonable attempts to resolve the matter informally occur as a first step. Informal resolution would include discussing the issue between the parties involved. Where this does not result in a satisfactory resolution, a more formal process can be pursued where you would raise concerns with your coach or manager, then the Club Coaching Coordinator and finally where it is required, lodging a written complaint in accordance with the club's complaints handling policy, available on our website.



A written grievance may be lodged with the club secretary via email: secretarymcrfc@gmail.com. The Secretary will acknowledge the receipt of the grievance and ensure the concerned party is kept informed as the process is undertaken.

Under no circumstances should a minor be involved in any dispute discussion unless their parent/guardian is present.

FNQ Football should only be contacted where you are dissatisfied with an outcome from the Management Committee. Any complaints submitted directly to FNQ Football will be redirected back to the Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club to address as a first step.

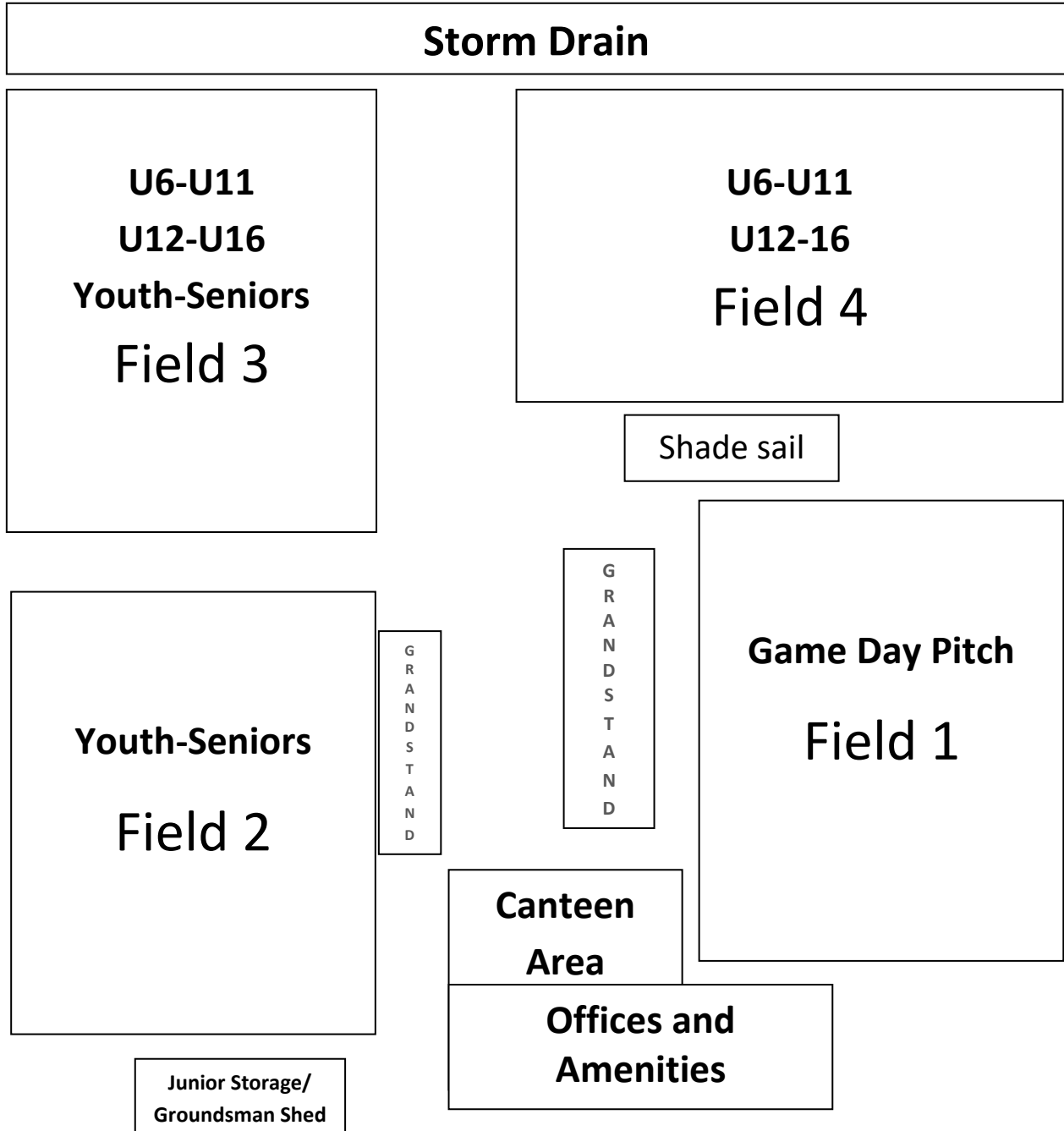
Any questions or concerns by any club member about this process should be directed to the Secretary secretarymcrfc@gmail.com.



9.0 HOME GROUNDS

9.1 Facility Map

Training Areas Please Respect each coaches space



The home ground is located at Nautilus St Trinity Beach, access is off Trinity Beach Road. The layout above depicts the designated training areas for each age group. Please consider your fellow coaches when setting out a training area.



9.2 Dogs at Fields

Dogs are not allowed on the premises.

9.3 Smoking

Queensland has some of the nation's toughest non-smoking laws.

From 1 September 2016, it is an offence to smoke at children's sporting events. Smoking is prohibited in all areas except the public car park and the roadway.

Further, to the above restrictions Marlin Coast Rangers has made the decision to bring the same rule in for all sporting events held at our grounds, this includes all training sessions and club activities. This is not just for the safety and benefit of children, but we hope this will encourage more families to attend senior games.

Ground Officials will ask smokers to move to the car park or the edge of the roadway.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

10.1 Team Photos

- Each year the club organises team photo's to be taken at Endeavour Park around August.
- Photos cost from \$20.
- Dates and times will be sent to coaches and managers as well as being advertised on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#).

10.2 Equipment

Each coach is supplied with a training kit and a game day kit.

Training Kit:

- Training balls
- Cones
- Bibs
- Bag

Game Day Kit:

- Match ball
- Playing strip
- Pump
- Clip board
- Bag



These kits are the responsibility of the coach and are to be returned at the end of the season.

Any equipment needing repair or replacement please contact the Registrar for your age group.

Coaches will also be issued a key for the junior storage area and the away toilet and change room. The storage area should be locked when you have collected your equipment and again when returning the equipment after each session. The toilet needs to be locked up at the end of each training session.

10.3 Wet Weather

- **MCRFC ground closures:**

Your coach and/or manager will let you know if games or training sessions are affected by Wet Weather they will be notified by the registrar by 3pm on training days. The club will also advertise field closures on the [Facebook](#) page.

- **Endeavour Park closures:**

MCRFC has no say in Endeavour Park closures, as soon as the club is notified, coaches and managers will be made aware by the Registrar and the notification will be put on our Facebook page.

Games may not be cancelled until early Saturday morning just before games commence, please make sure you are aware of our [Facebook](#) page and [FQ Far North & Gulf | Facebook](#).

10.4 Insurance

The club, its players and officials are covered by a [compulsory insurance policy](#) which is administered by Football Queensland. The Insurance premium is included in the registration fee. For information relating to the insurance policy please refer to ["What is Covered"](#)

It is important to note that spectators are not "insured persons" for the purposes of this policy and the club strongly encourages our senior players to also take out some form of income protection insurance.



10.5 Start of Season Information

Start of season information is available at the club on our sign-on/information weekend or on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

10.6 Volunteers

Our volunteers are an important part of the success of our club and they do everything from coaching and team management to field set up to food preparation and administration.

It is understood that there are many things that impact on the modern family. For many people, finding time to help out at the local club is just not possible.

Teams will be asked to make available volunteers for game days and events like the below mentioned. Requests will come from the club management committee to the team's coach and manager. During the year it is envisaged that each parent will supply at least 2 hours of their time to support the club in its endeavour to provide a great place for their child to grow.

Teams will be required to support our club throughout the season by:

- Home Game Days
- Assisting in fundraising and at our events, such as sign-on days, carnivals and presentation day, movie nights.
- Participating on our sub-committees.
- Or just generally helping-out. After-all, there is always something that we need help with.

10.7 Fundraising and Sponsorship

The club operates on a tight budget, with registration and other fees covering only the basics. We actively seek external funding to support club improvements, like facility upgrades or development programs.

The club will be engaging in fundraising activities at home carnivals and across the community, any individuals wishing to assist would be very welcome. Please contact secretarymcrfc@gmail.com if you are willing to assist.

We do actively seek sponsors. Any businesses or individuals who wish to sponsor the club should contact the sponsorship manager on: clubsponsorshipmcrfc@gmail.com.



10.8 End of Season Function

The Club holds a junior presentation day at the end of each season (late August/early September). Junior fees cover the cost of the day and are free for players, parents and other relatives to attend. Details will be advertised on the [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

The end of the season senior presentation is a ticketed event and is not covered by registration fees. Individuals will need to purchase tickets to attend. Juniors playing in Senior competition teams will qualify for a ticket price reduction equivalent to the amount included in their junior registration fee. Details will be advertised on the [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

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