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Season 2008 Sign On

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Dear Parents and Player/s,

Sign on days for 2008 are **Sun 27th & Mon 28th Jan from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** These dates are **strictly** for existing members and their siblings only or by invitation.

Due to continually growing numbers of players and limited field space, we will have to limit the number of teams. Due to these limitations, a "first in best dressed" basis will apply with numbers.

If you are unable to attend on these dates, please contact our Junior Registrar (Vicki Sciacca – **0405 746 515**) and get your name on the list for your age group for 2008. Please ensure that you give the correct age group, as an error can lead to a lot of heartache. Club policy requires that **all** junior players play in their correct age group. Please note that this policy will be strictly applied in 2008 and there will be **no** relaxation of this policy.

Open Sign On days for new members are **Sat 2nd Feb from 9:00am to 1:00pm** and **Sun 3rd Feb from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** All **new players** will have to provide **proof** of their date of birth.

In 2008, the Club is running in-house Under 6, 7 and 8 competitions. All teams will play at Mt Gravatt therefore eliminating the need to travel to other clubs.

A number of changes are being phased in by Football Federation Australia (FFA), most notably the changes to Rooball which will be revamped with the introduction of small sided games (SSG) and which will be phased in over the next 3 years. The Club will be required to implement this new format which will result in smaller teams playing on smaller fields with modified rules. The revised format has not yet been finalised, but the changes in 2008 will impact Under 6, 7 and 8 competitions. The other significant change for 2008 is that there will be an Under 16 competition which will replace the Under 17 competition. Youth (Seniors) will now be an Under 18 competition.

The Club's Development Program is based on a qualified semi-professional coach being appointed to each age group and being responsible for all players and coaches in that age group. These coaches will also coach the highest graded team in the U11 to U16 age groups. A Junior Development Program Levy of \$60 will apply to all players (U11 Dev, U11-U16) who are graded in the highest division (BJL or Div 1) in each age group. Additional levies will apply for any preseason camps or activities organised by coaches.

The Club will further implement its Junior Development Program (JDP) in 2008 with the expansion of the Advanced Skills Program that will be based on the free player development clinic that was trialled at the end of the 2007 season.

The Club is continuing its plan for replacing current playing strips which is being achieved through sponsorships. Team sponsorships are available from \$900/year. If you are interested in sponsoring a team, please contact the Club.

It is Club Policy that all players in Divisional (Under 11-16) teams be graded. This ensures that players are playing at a level appropriate to their skill level, which should ensure that they get maximum enjoyment from their football. Grading is determined by nominated officials and includes the coach for the highest graded team in that age group.

We look forward to seeing you for another season.

Mary Walsh
Secretary,
Mt Gravatt Hawks Soccer Club Inc.