



CLUB INFORMATION 2024

Welcome to the Mansfield Eagles Football Club 2024 Season!

A special welcome to parents and players who are new to our club. The following information will hopefully answer the many questions you might have about the club and your role as a parent or player. Please take the time to read this through.

ABOUT THE CLUB

We believe our primary objective is to provide weekend football for the broader community in our catchment area (Carindale, Mackenzie, Wishart, Mansfield, Rochdale, Carina & Mount Gravatt, always promoting and fostering all aspects of our vision.

OUR VISION

*Training young people to become men and women
who are determined to excel through personal discipline,
teamwork and sportsmanship in an environment promoting
family values and ethics.*

CLUB OFFICIALS

Please refer to our website www.mansfieleagles.org.au for the list of Club Officials.

COMPETITION - QCSA

Our club is registered and plays in the Queensland Christian Football Association competition (QCSA). All games are played on Friday nights or Saturdays. As this is a Christian Community Association, there are certain rules that pertain specifically to this. The use of foul language by players, coaches, managers and spectators is prohibited. Player's use of foul language results with being issued a Red Card in the



game. Coaches and Managers can also be placed on report, and spectators can be asked to leave the field.

Alcohol is prohibited at all QCSA games. Government smoking regulations are also adhered to at QCSA games (By Law 25.2.1). The By Laws of the QCSA can be found by going to the following link. ALL members should read these and familiarise themselves with the By Laws, especially as they pertain to your age group and role within the club, whether your role is a parent, player, coach, manager or club official.

<https://qcsa.org.au/rules-and-by-laws/>

THE DRAW AND BEGINNING OF THE SEASON

The season begins on **TBA** for Over 30 Men and Over 40 Men and **TBA** Senior Men. The Juniors begin on **TBA**. The draw won't be available until at least one to two weeks prior to the beginning of the season. When it is finalised, you will be notified as to how to access the draw for each age group.

WEB SITE – WWW.MANSFIELDEAGLES.ORG.AU

The website is the main avenue of information for club members. If you have any suggestions for the website as a parent or player of the club, we would like to hear them. Please email them to secretary@mesc.org.au so we can discuss the ideas at our Football Committee Meetings held monthly.

EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM REQUIRED

Players are required to have the following:

WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS:

- Training Clothing (can wear Club Polo)
- Football Socks
- Shin pads (NO shin pads NO training)
- Soft spiked football boots
- Drink
- Ball

GAME DAY:

- Club polo shirt worn to and from the game
- One pair of plain white shorts
- Mansfield Eagles Club Socks
- Shin pads (NO shin pads, NO game)
- Soft spiked football boots
- Drink
- Match Jerseys - Supplied by the club on the day.

Club Polo Shirt, caps, white shorts, Mansfield Eagles Apparel can be purchased through the club by completing an order form on sign on day, or by contacting our Purchasing Officer by email, purchasing@mesc.org.au. If you have any second hand soft spiked football boots or other second-hand club gear you would like to donate to the club, please contact our Purchasing Officer. You can also bring any second-hand items to Sign-On Day.

For returning players, we would like to emphasize the need to purchase new socks if your old pair have faded.



FACILITIES

We are grateful to have the continuing support of Citipointe Christian Church and Citipointe Christian College. Generally, Junior teams home field will be the Citipointe Christian College field, 322 Wecker Rd, Carindale, and Senior teams home field will be the field at The Eagle Sport Complete in Weedon St West (corner of the Gateway Motorway on ramp heading north & Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road). This will depend on the draw and the availability of fields at certain times. There may be days when Junior teams play at Weedon St and Senior teams may play at the College. The Weedon St field is also where some teams train under lights during the week. For teams training straight after school, they will train at Citipointe Christian College. We use the Football Field, Rugby Field and if required, the Athletic Field for training purposes.

CANTEEN

The club runs a canteen at the College field every match day where we sell hot and cold drinks, hot food and confectionary. Please support this vital fund raiser for the club. Club gear, information on games, ice packs and lost property can also be obtained from the canteen.

This season, each team from Under 7 to U17/18 will be rostered on to serve in the canteen when they have a home game at the College. Managers of each team will let you know when it is your turn to serve in the canteen.

ROSTER

The Managers of each team draw up rosters for parents for the season. Mandatory rostered duties for parents of U7 to U17/18 teams are Canteen Duty (as mentioned above), washing team jerseys, set up/pack up of field and providing the Vested Official (for some teams). These duties are very important for the smooth running of teams and their games. Senior teams will have rosters that pertain to the running of their team, which will be drawn up by coach and/or manager. Teams playing at The Eagle Sport Complex, will also be responsible for the setting up and packing up, including nets, of the field each Saturday.

TRAVEL TO GAMES

The QCSA has Clubs from all over Brisbane, Ipswich, Brisbane Valley area, Beaudesert and Boonah. There are times when you will have to travel to games, up to 90 minutes, from as young as U8. As much as is possible, the QCSA try to organise age groups where long distances are at a minimum, but it comes down to which clubs submit teams in each age group. Please be aware you may have to travel long distances to games this season. Carpooling can be a great option for long distance games, or planning a family day out. Some teams have also planned a team BBQ on days where there is travelling involved.

SOUTH EAST ZONE

Mansfield Eagles is part of the South East Zone. The clubs in the QCSA are placed in zones, and on the long weekend in May, there is a zone competition. Teams are made up of players from the clubs within



South East Zone. Players from U10 to Senior are eligible to try out. The venue for the Zone Competition to be advised. Information on the Zone Titles will be sent to you throughout the season with regards to trials to play in a Zone team, dates, etc.

VOLUNTEERS

Mansfield Eagles Football Club is run by a few volunteers who have very busy lives outside of football. To reduce the workload of these people, we are always looking to welcome new volunteers. The help that is needed ranges from President through to coaching, manager, general help and everything in between. For more information regarding supporting the club, please contact the Club President. president@mesc.org.au

TEAMS

Immediately after sign on, the committee begins the process of organising all players into teams, and the allocation of coaches and managers to those teams. We always do our best to place every player who has registered into a team. Unfortunately, there are times when this may not be possible, due to lack of numbers or too many players in an age group. In this case, your fees will be refunded, and clothing can be returned and refunded if not worn. We can also refer you onto another local club at your request. You will be contacted in March notifying you of your team, coach, manager, training day, training time and training ground via email. Training won't commence for teams until Coaches have been appointed. If you want to make a special request after registering, please contact Club Registrar. registrar@mesc.org.au

COACHES AND MANAGERS

Every team requires a Coach and a Manager. The Coach is responsible for training the team in football skills during the week and overseeing the game on Saturdays. The Manager is responsible for the administrative side including the match cards, having the Registered Player List available at the game, drawing up the rosters, appointing the Vested Official and general communication. Both the Coach and the Manager work together to ensure training and games go smoothly each week. We need parents of Junior teams to volunteer to coach and manage the teams. Usually these roles are carried out by family members on a volunteer basis. Please consider these two roles seriously. If we don't have these roles filled, then we cannot put the team into the competition, and there is a real possibility players will be unable to play. An Information Night is held in March for those who become Coaches and Managers.

For Senior teams, both a Coach and Manager are required. These roles can be filled by players, but it is usually preferable if they are not players. These roles are not easy to fill. We as a club have limited resources at our disposal. So we also ask teams to seek out people to take on the roles of Coach and Manager. If you have any contacts who would be interested in taking on the role of coaching or managing a Senior team or Junior team, please let the Club Registrar know via email. registrar@mesc.org.au

The QCSA Director of Coaching also holds Junior, Youth and Senior Coaching License Courses which are FFA Accredited. See the below link for details. The club will subsidise the cost of the course. Places fill up quickly, so if you are interested in attending one, click on below link for further information and how



to register. Also, please let Club Secretary know you will be attending one of the courses to arrange subsidy.

<https://gcsa.org.au/coaching-resources/>

QCSRA REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSES

We are looking for expression of interest from parents and players (turning 14 years this coming season) wanting to learn how to become an Assistant Referee (linesman). The QCSRA (Referee Association) will hold courses per Zone if there is enough interest. Please email the Club Secretary, secretary@mesc.org.au to register your expression of interest. We will let the QCSRA know of your expression of interest. We will then be in touch if a course is organized in the South East Zone.

The QCSRA will be running two Official Referee Courses this year, details at the below link. The cost of the course will be \$77.00. You need to be turning 14 years old this year to be eligible to complete this course.

Click on this link for further information:

<https://gcsa.org.au/become-a-referee/>

AGM

The AGM is held at the end of each season before the conclusion of the calendar year. The committee has a meeting once a month for the majority of the year. If you would like to become involved in the committee fulfilling one of the vacant positions, please contact the Club Secretary. secretary@mesc.org.au

