

Brothers Juniors Ipswich

Season 2019 Handbook



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WELCOME

Welcome to Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club Ipswich for season 2019. On behalf of our Committee of we would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, coaches, managers, parents/guardians and supporters who participated in 2018 under the Brothers banner and welcome you all back for season 2019.

Welcome also to all the new players, parents/guardians and supporters starting with us for the first time, we hope that you find your years at Brothers Juniors Ipswich long and rewarding.

We ask that all parents/guardians read this booklet thoroughly and understand what is contained in these pages.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask any of the committee members.

CONTACT DETAILS

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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CLUB CAPTAINS

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MISSION STATEMENT

Brothers Juniors Ipswich will fulfil its charter to foster rugby league by never refusing a child who wants to play rugby league for our club. We will treat all players equally regardless of their religions and or cultures. Our efforts will be combined to develop player skills and to ensure enjoyment of the game.

REGISTRATION

New players and those re-registering with Brothers Juniors Ipswich from 2018 can register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/brothers2019>.

Players wanting to transfer from other clubs, should email us at brothersregistrar@hotmail.com (make sure to include the player's full name, date of birth and former club name).

New and transferring players will need to submit ID as proof of age for the player before their registration can be approved and finalised. This can be in the form of a birth certificate, valid passport or driver's license (learner's permit). These can be presented at the canteen during training or games for a photocopy to be made.

REGISTRATION FEES

- Season 2018 Registration Fees:
 - Under 6 to Under 9: \$175 per player
 - Under 10 to Under 12: \$185 per player
 - Under 13 to Under 18: \$195 per player
- Discounts apply for members of Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich, and for multiple children registration.
- Fees cover registration, insurance, home game entry, team photo, trophy (U6s to U16s only), Under 18 dinner (U18s only) and break up carnival.
- Fees can be paid online during registration, at the canteen during training and via BPay (using the details provided to the right).
- **Fees a due fully payable by 30 April 2019.**



UNIFORM (PLAYING KIT)

- Each team will be supplied with a set of jerseys for the players to wear on game days. These remaining the property of the Club.
- Players also require a set of playing shorts and socks (\$35 per set). These can be purchased from the canteen during training (\$35 a set).

TEAM SONG

They say there's a league team in old Ipswich town
Brothers they call by name
Proud of the Jersey's they wear on their backs
Proud of the Rugby League Game that they play
For there's many a player who's not made the grade
There's some who's played the test
So get in condition and fight for position
The Blue and White boys are the best
Bless 'em all Bless 'em all
The Fullbacks and Centres and all
Bless all the Wingers and Hookers that strike
Bless all the Half Backs and 5/8's alike
For they chain pass the ball round the ground
They back up and never go down
You'll all see the colours of Blue White for Brothers
So cheer up my lads BLESS 'EM ALL...

TRAINING DAYS, TIMES and LOCATIONS

Age Group	Day/s	Time	Field/s
Little Leprechauns	Monday	5pm to 6pm	1
Under 06	Thursday	5pm to 6pm	Mini Field
Under 07	Wednesday	5pm to 6pm	Mini Field
Under 08	Tuesday	5pm to 6pm	Mini Field
Under 09	Wednesday	5pm to 6pm	1
Under 10	Tuesday & Thursday	5pm to 6pm	1
Under 11	Tuesday & Thursday	5pm to 6pm	2
Under 12	Tuesday & Thursday	5pm to 6pm	3 + 4
Under 13	Monday & Wednesday	5pm to 6pm	3
Under 14	Monday & Wednesday	5pm to 6pm	4
Under 15	Monday & Wednesday	5pm to 6pm	2
Under 16	Monday & Wednesday	6pm to 7pm	3 & 4
Under 18	Monday & Wednesday	6pm to 7pm	2



WET WEATHER

Rain can lead to the cancellation of training sessions and games. In the event of cancellations, notification will be posted on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/brothersjnr.ipswich

This will be the quickest way for you to find out if games or training are still on. Please check here before contacting committee members, coaches and/or team managers.

SEASON CALENDAR

Friday	Saturday	Details
22/03/2019	23/03/2019	Junior Grading Round 1 (U13-U18) Junior Preseason Round 1 (U10-U12)
29/03/2019	30/03/2019	Junior Grading Round 2 (U13-U18) Junior Preseason Round 2 (U10-U12)
05/04/2019	06/04/2019	Junior Grading Round 3 (U13-U18)
12/04/2019	13/04/2019	<i>School Holidays</i>
19/04/2019	20/04/2019	<i>Easter Weekend</i>
26/04/2019	27/04/2019	Round 1
03/05/2019	04/05/2019	Round 2
10/05/2019	11/05/2019	Round 3
17/05/2019	18/05/2019	Round 4
24/05/2019	25/05/2019	Round 5
30/05/2019	01/06/2019	Round 6
07/06/2019	08/06/2019	Round 7
14/06/2019	15/06/2019	Round 8
21/06/2019	22/06/2019	Round 9
28/06/2019	29/06/2019	<i>School Holidays</i>
05/07/2019	06/07/2019	<i>School Holidays</i>
12/07/2019	13/07/2019	<i>School Holidays</i>
19/07/2019	20/07/2019	Round 10
26/07/2019	27/07/2019	Round 11
02/08/2019	03/08/2019	Round 12
09/08/2019	10/08/2019	Round 13
16/08/2019	17/08/2019	Round 14

FINALS FORMAT

<i>Development Final Series - Teams 1, 2, 3 and 4 participate</i>		
Final	Date	Venue
Semi Finals	Wednesday 21 August 2019	TBC
Grand Final	Sunday 25 August 2019	North Ipswich Reserve

<i>Premier Grade Final Series - Teams 1, 2, 3 and 4 participate</i>		
Final	Date/s	Venue
Semi Finals	Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September 2019	North Ipswich Reserve
Preliminary Finals	Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September 2019	North Ipswich Reserve
Grand Final	Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2019	North Ipswich Reserve

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS LEAGUE

Little Leprechauns is our program for introducing 3-5 year olds to rugby league through skill-based, non-contact activities and training drills. The program runs over 5 x one hour sessions, usually in term 2.

Little Leprechauns is based on the philosophy of learning through play. As well as assisting with developing hand-eye coordination and motor skills, the program promotes physical activity in a fun and interactive environment. Children of all skills and abilities are welcome.

More information about our 2019 Little Leprechauns program will be released after the season launches.

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORMS

Team Managers will distribute a medical information form for each player. Please fill this form out and return it to your team manager. The information contained on the form is vital in the case of injury or accident sustained during training or at a game.

These forms will be held by the manager so that they can be handed to first aid officers, paramedics or medical staff in the case of an emergency. Please notify your team officials if there are any changes to the player's medical information ASAP.

Please note that all information contained in the form will be kept in confidence and will be destroyed at the end of the season.

NOTE: If your child is on ASTHMA medication, please advise the First Aid Officer at each venue, who can assist your child if necessary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians are reminded that Team Officials require this information to keep records updated. Please inform them as soon as possible of any changes to player details (e.g. address, phone numbers, etc.). Team Officials are required to advise the Registrar of any changes so that the QRL can update its records.

ADMISSION CHARGES

All fields in the Rugby League Ipswich area charge an admission fee (for adults) of \$2.00.

Admission charges to home games (at Brothers Leagues Club) are included as part of your registration. If you are entering our grounds with your player (in playing uniform) you will not be charged the admission fee.

When playing games at away venues, please be prepared to pay the \$2.00 admission fee per adult.

BLUE CARDS

It is QRL/NRL policy that all coaches, managers and trainers hold a "Blue card" that is issued by the Queensland Government. If you are required to hold a card, application forms can be obtained at the canteen or by contacting the Secretary. Just fill in the portions of the form you are required to fill out and return to the Secretary who will sign and send to the commission.

CANTEEN

Brothers Juniors Ipswich is a non-profit organisation. As such, a large proportion of the club's funds are raised during the season through the canteen. Over the years the canteen has been run by a very small group of parents and players both past and present, both women and men. We encourage all parents/guardians to become involved in the running of your club, to help maintain our goal of providing the best for our players of the future. It's also a good way of meeting other parents/guardians and finding out how your club works.

To make it fair to all, each team will be allocated a time to do "CANTEEN ROSTER" on home games. It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that parents/guardians turn up for their "CANTEEN ROSTER". It's only half an hour and it makes life easier for those who run the canteen.

The Juniors run the canteen on all Junior home games as well as Senior home games (usually on Saturday evenings and Sundays). If any parent/guardians wishes to assist in the canteen during these games, it would be greatly appreciated.

FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, WE ASK THAT CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE CANTEEN. PEOPLE ASSISTING IN THE CANTEEN WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR CLOSED IN SHOES.

PLAYING GEAR and PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protective equipment plays an important part in a players approach to rugby league. Some footballers choose not to wear protection during games. There is protective apparel for specific areas of the body.

Shoulder Pads and Headgear are designed to lessen impact damage to those parts of the body and recommended for players who lack confidence in the defensive aspect of the game.

Mouthguards assist in preventing tooth damage, but also gum and jaw damage.

Strapping: Some players may wish to have certain limbs and joints strapped for games. Brothers Juniors Ipswich do not supply strapping or strappers for games except for finals. Strapping tape can be purchased in the Canteen. Most Brothers First Aiders are happy to apply the tape if supplied.

Sunscreen: The application of sunscreen is recommended for all players, officials and parents/guardians.

Playing Gear:	
Boots (U6-U11)	Moulded sole boots only.
Boots (U12-U18)	Either moulded sole or screw in with nylon or metal tags; Blade style boots are also acceptable.
Shorts & Socks	Mandatory playing kit available for purchase at our canteen.
Jersey	Supplied by the club. Team manager will roster washing.
Mouthguards	Fitted versions available from your dentists; Semi-fitted versions available at sporting goods retailers.
Shoulder Pads	Available at sporting goods retailers.
Head Gear	Available at sporting goods retailers.

NEWSLETTERS

We will endeavour to issue a weekly newsletter and draw, which we hope will keep you informed of any up and coming events and changes that may occur. If you have anything that you would like to see published, please contact the Secretary.

CARNIVALS / GALA DAYS

Carnivals and/or gala days are held at during the season for the U6 to U9 age groups. Dates and venues for these are still to be advised.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM LEVIES

If your child is selected to play on a representative team (e.g. Maitland, Met West or Ipswich), it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to pay all fees and levies prior to the team departing for the tour or playing a game.

If the fees and levies are not paid prior to touring or playing, the player will not tour or play. Brothers Juniors Ipswich takes no responsibility for payment of any fees or levies on behalf of any player selected as a representative. All monies will be invoiced and collected either by Rugby League Ipswich or the QRL. We will only collect and pass Fees and Levies onto the appropriate body.

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Team and Individual photos will be taken on a date to be advised - normally around June/July each year. Please ensure that you are on time for your photos. If you are not there at the time allotted, we will not be able to wait.

Each player will receive 1 x team photo and 1 x individual photos. Parents/guardians wanting additional team or individual photos or special photos (e.g. parent and child, sibling) will incur a small charge per photo. Cost to be advised.

Dress and timings for individual teams will be advised closer to the day.

SMOKING

No smoking is permitted within the fenced area of our grounds during any game day, training session or club events.

Smokers are also required to not smoke within 10 metres of the gated entryways to the fields.

BROTHERS LEAGUES CLUB IPSWICH

Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich, is not only the building that sits beside our playing field. They are our biggest supporter. Their contribution is not only financial, they also supply coaching development staff, grounds staff, equipment and in-kind business operations.

While joining the Leagues Club is not compulsory for your child to play with us, we do encourage you to support the Club by becoming a member and taking advantage of the dining and entertainment on offer throughout the year.

REMEMBER: no hats, caps or football boots are to be worn inside the Leagues Club.

PARKING

Please ensure that when you attend training and games that you do not park in spaces reserved for Leagues Club staff. This is strictly prohibited.

SKATEBOARDS AND BIKES

These items are not permitted within the Football Club Grounds and we ask all players to abide by these rules and that the Parents/Guardians enforce these rules accordingly.

INJURIES

All games held in the Rugby League Ipswich area must have a qualified Sports Trainer in attendance. Brothers Coaches have been instructed not to take to the field if there is not a First Aid Official in attendance.

We would like to remind Parents/Guardians that if their child sustains an injury during play, they will be attended to by the Sports Trainers only. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to go onto the field unless instructed to either by the Sports Trainer or a Ground Official.

INJURY NOTIFICATION & INSURANCE CLAIMS

Team Coaches or Managers will advise the Secretary of any injury that has been received during training or games. All insurance claims must be lodged on a claim form within 30 days of the injury occurring, otherwise the claim may in some circumstances be affected.

Claim forms are available from the Secretary, if you have any problems with the completion of the claim form please contact the Secretary.

ALL PLAYERS ARE INSURED WITH THE QRL (Queensland Rugby League) ENDORSED INSURANCE COMPANY – THIS IS THE BASIC COVER REQUIRED BY THE QRL BEFORE A PLAYER CAN TAKE TO THE FIELD.

If you think that you require higher cover please consult your Private Health Fund.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Club Code of Conduct aims to set out the minimum standards of behaviour for anyone involved in sporting activities with Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club Ipswich Inc. It should apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

Our Club is committed to providing a safe environment for its Members, their Families, their Friends, Sporting Personnel and others involved with the Club.

Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour during a game, training or a club sanctioned event will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

- Act within the rules and spirit of rugby league.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of rugby league.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the Club.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

Players – Code of Conduct:

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players.
- Always respect the decision of officials and encourage others to do the same.
- Shake hands with and thank the opposition players and officials after the match, win, lose or draw. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Avoid being involved in foul play including fighting.
- Be a good sport on and off the field. Applaud all good play, whether by your team or by your opponent.
- Recognise that many officials and coaches are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during games and training.
- Treat other players and officials as you would want to be treated. Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including swearing, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- Safeguard your health; do not use any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- Never behave in a manner that would damage the reputation of the Club either on or off the field.

Parents and Family Members – Code of Conduct:

- Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Remember that your child is involved in rugby league for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage your child to avoid foul play, display good sportsmanship and to respect opposition players and match officials.
- Never ridicule, shout at or abuse any child for making a mistake. Remember, mistakes are part of the learning process.
- Respect the match official's decision. Don't complain or argue about decisions during or after the game.
- Never, under any circumstances, enter the playing area.

- At all times follow the directions of match officials.
- Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, other parents or spectators.
- Avoid confrontation with other spectators. If necessary, walk away and report any breaches of the Code of Conduct to the relevant authority.
- Treat everyone including the opposition with respect regardless of their gender, religion, ethnic origin, physical capacity or cultural background.
- Don't arrive at the game, training or Club facilities intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches.

Spectators and Members of the Public – Code of Conduct:

- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and match officials.
- Encourage and applaud both teams for good play.
- Respect the match official's decision. Don't complain or argue about decisions during or after the game.
- Never, under any circumstances, enter the playing area.
- At all times follow the directions of match and club officials.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.
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Non-Compliance:

Persons found to have behaved inappropriately, and who have breached our Club's Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Club Constitution and Disciplinary Procedures By-Law (copies of which are available for viewing on our Club website) or for serious breaches will have the matter escalated to the Rugby League Ipswich Judiciary or referred to Queensland Police.

*** By registering to play with our Club you hereby acknowledge & agree that both the player, yourself & any guest you may invite to the game accept & will abide by the Brothers JRLFC Ipswich Inc Code of Conduct.**