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2010 Academy Structure

The Academy will recommence on Saturday 23 January. It will operate for thirty weeks in 2010, in conjunction with the school terms, thus finishing on Saturday 18th September. In October the Pirates will be having their annual 10 week social league.

The Bayside Pirates will be entering teams into the Melbourne Futsal League (MFL), which will be played on Saturdays during winter, on a Home and Away basis. Some training sessions will be held on a Friday night, usually before Saturday's match. In addition to the MFL, the club will be entering regional Futsal Gala competitions and the State Championships.

Parents and players should be aware of the commitment that is required by participating in the club's MFL teams. Players can still enrol into the Academy and choose not to participate in the MFL or any of the other competitions if they wish.

FAQ's

What time will it be on a Saturday?

The Club leases the gymnasium from 1.30pm to 5pm. Most likely the Academy training sessions will start at 1.30pm. However, there will be some changes to the starting times due to the variations in the MFL Fixtures list. Some sessions may have to be held on a Friday night.

How long do the training sessions go for?

Normal Academy sessions are for one hour but sometimes we train for an extra ½ hour for the MFL teams in readiness for an upcoming match.

How much does it cost?

The Academy fees are \$498 per year. There are two payment options. You can part pay the fee with one payment of \$249 due by February 6 and the second payment of \$249 due June 19. Or you can pay a discounted fee of \$450 on February 6.

What does the fee cover?

The Academy fee includes the annual FFV Insurance and a minimum of 30 hours of Coaching.

What about uniforms?

The Academy fee **includes** an Academy uniform (socks, shirt and shorts). If the player participates in the MFL, or other competitions that the club enters into, then the player will be loaned a Bayside Pirates uniform. All players must have their own shin guards and Futsal shoes.

Are there any extra costs to play in the MFL?

Yes. \$75, per player which is payable on February 6. With all MFL, Gala games and State Championships there are extra costs incurred. These costs are for the Referee's fees, Court fees and FFV administration costs that the clubs have to pay. Each year, where possible, the Pirates' subsidises the entry fees into these competitions, via sponsorships and fund raisers, such as the Pirates Golf Day. (The \$75 is a subsidised amount). The costs of the Gala and State Championships have yet to be determined. However, going by the 2009 fees, it amounts to approximately \$10 per player.

Do I need a Futsal Ball?

Each player in the Academy will have a ball to use for the training sessions. Players under the age of 13 use a size 3 ball and players 13 and over train with a size 4 ball. However, the club highly recommends that players have their own Futsal ball, so that they can practice with it at home. The club's coaches strongly believe that practicing with a size 5 soccer ball does not help develop a player's Futsal skills. Conversely, practicing with a Futsal ball will improve an outdoor soccer player's skills. (Futsal balls are available for purchase from the club).

How long does the Academy season go for?

Starts January 23 and finishes September 18. Organised into three school terms.

How long does the MFL season go for?

To be confirmed, but most likely will commence in late April and finish around August.

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