



JUNIORS

Ballina Junior Rugby Newsletter

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Welcome to the first monthly edition of the Ballina Junior Rugby Newsletter for 2010. Designed to keep everyone associated with our Juniors up to date with news and events from within our club and also our Far North Coast Zone, we will also try to keep you informed about courses and events that the ARU and NSWRU may be running in our area.

We would also invite anyone associated with our Juniors to submit items of interest or important announcements for possible inclusion in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

Solid Start to Season

All of our junior teams have made solid starts to the 2010 season.

Whilst there may have been one or two lop sided results on the scoreboard, the early signs are that the players are progressing well in their development of skills and team play.

A major factor in that rate of development has been the professional manner in which all of our junior coaches are running their team training sessions this year.

We will be looking to post weekly match reports and hopefully some action photos on the club's web site, so please make it a habit to check the Junior News on www.ballinarugby.com.au over the coming weeks and months.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their assistance in 2010. Their input to the Juniors is very important to us and we appreciate their involvement.

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Juniors Day this Saturday

Saturday May 15 is the Senior club's next home game against Lismore City and is our JUNIORS DAY.

Parents are encouraged to bring the Junior players along next Saturday to watch the big boys go round and participate in several activities on the day such as forming as long a tunnel as possible for the Senior teams to run through.

Third Grade & Under 19s play from 11:30. Reserve Grade kicks off at 1:50 and First Grade kicks off at 3:10. It would be great to get to there for the Reserves and Firsts.

The kids will also receive some food and drink on the day.

It is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Please make sure the kids wear their club polo shirts to drown out the green of the Lismore supporters.

Canteen Helpers Needed

We need some more volunteers to help out in the canteen. The canteen is basically our main source of revenue for the Juniors. All of the equipment and playing jumpers as well as other expenses incurred during the year are paid for from the money generated from the

May-June Upcoming Events

Monday 17th May:

Refereeing Kids Rugby

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Ballina Club rooms & ground.

This 3 hour course includes a Smart Rugby component and is aimed at those wanting to referee Under 10s Mini and Under 12s Midi rugby games. Minimum age to enrol is 12 years. Club will pay the \$20 registration fee for anyone wishing to do this course. Please advise Lyster Hart or Ross Wilkinson if you want to attend this course.

Sunday 23rd May:

L1 Assistant Referee Course

9:00am – 12:00pm

Southern Cross Uni Lismore.

This 3 hour course is for those wanting to run touch for any local rugby match. An Assistant Referee is responsible for signalling touch, touch in-goal, the success or otherwise of kicks at goal and indicating foul play or any other duties as directed by the referee such as the grounding of the ball for tries etc. Minimum age to enrol is 12 years.

It is a requirement of the Zone that all clubs have two qualified Assistant Referees per two teams registered. Club will pay the \$30 registration fee for anyone wishing to do this course.

Please advise Lyster Hart or Ross Wilkinson if you want to attend this course.

Sunday 23rd May:

L2 Assistant Referee Course

9:00am – 1:00pm

Southern Cross Uni Lismore.

This 4 hour course is for those with L1 accreditation continuing their development. Registration is online and the \$30 fee is to be refunded by the Referees Association as it is regarded as a development activity. Contact Steve Miller – Far North Coast Rugby Referees Association.

canteen. The Juniors run the canteen and the Seniors rely on bar sales for revenue.

On Friday nights we only need a few more helpers to cover either the game before or the game after your child plays. This way all volunteers can get to see their child's game.

We are very light on for helpers on Saturdays we need a few more people to help out when they can. There is time for a chat, a laugh and even the odd glass of red (responsibly of course) in between satisfying the hungry hordes, so please make your availability known to Jackie Hart on 6683 4849.

Old Jumpers

As soon as the new match jumpers arrive for the 13s, we will be selling off most of our old jumpers for the kids to wear for training (saves the school shirt), fishing or anything else you can do with an old footy jumper. They will be going out at \$5 a jumper so keep your ears open and watch this space for when they will be available.

From The Zone

All of the Junior Rugby Country Championships have been completed for 2010.

We would like to congratulate the following Ballina Juniors for making it into the Far North Coast representative teams.

Under 12s: Stuart Frost, Joel Noble, Tom Watson

Under 18s: Jake Smith

From The Schools

Just as a preliminary notice, the Ballina Rugby Club will be hosting two stages of the **ARU Far North Coast Secondary Schools Rugby Championships** during the month of June.

The two stages, the Under 14s and Under 16s Boys, will be held on two Wednesday afternoons with dates yet to be confirmed. The venue for the finals for all four grades, expected to be played in Term 3, is yet to be announced but will be either Woodlawn or Ballina.

Next Junior Committee Meeting

The next meeting for the Junior Committee will be held at the Westtower Tavern on Monday 7th June at 6:00pm.

May-June Upcoming Events

Sunday 6th June:

Foundation Course

8:00pm – 4:30pm

Ballina Club rooms & ground.

This full day course is for Coaches & Referees and is the pathway to Level 1 accreditation. The \$70 registration fee for Ballina coaches will be paid by the club and lunch is provided on the day. The course is Smart Rugby compliant.

Anyone wanting to do this course should contact Lyster Hart or Ross Wilkinson so that we can organise to have you registered to reserve your place on the day.

We would urge all of our Junior Club coaches to consider doing this course. The course material and delivery provided by the ARU is excellent and will really enhance your coaching experience.

June TBA:

ARU Far North Coast Secondary Schools Rugby Championships.

Ballina Club rooms & ground.

Dates yet to be confirmed. See news item on following page.

Junior Draw for Rounds 4 to 7		
Team	Time	Venue
Round 4: 14th May		
8s	6:00	Casino – Albert Park Johnson St Casino 6662 6485
10s	6:00	Casino
12s	6:45	Casino
13s	6:30	Ballina – Playing WAR
16s	7:25	Ballina – Playing Grafton
Round 5: 21st May		
8s	6:00	Ballina – Playing Evans Head
10s	6:00	Ballina – Playing Evans Head
12s	6:45	Ballina – Playing Evans Head
13s	7:30	Ballina – Playing Grafton
16s		BYE
Round 6: 28th May		
8s	5:45	Ballina – Playing WAR Black
10s	5:45	Ballina – Playing WAR Black
12s	6:30	Ballina – Playing WAR Black
13s	7:20	Ballina – Playing Lismore
16s	8:15	Ballina – Playing Lismore
Round 7: 4th June		
8s	5:45	Ballina – Playing Bangalow
10s	5:45	Ballina – Playing Bangalow
12s	6:30	Ballina – Playing Bangalow
13s	7:20	Ballina – Playing Lennox Head
16s	8:15	Ballina – Playing Lennox Head