



BALWYN BLAZERS - NEWSLETTER – Oct 2008

Coaches Needed!!

As the season begins we have many teams without coaches. If you can help please contact Dale Helms ph. 9857 5334.

End of Winter 2008 – As the season has yet to finish as this goes to print details of Balwyn Blazers success in the Finals is not available. We had 103 teams this season with 73 competing in the finals series. Congratulations and thanks to all the Coaches, Team Contacts, Players and Parents for another enjoyable season.

Team Lists - Enclosed is your team list for Summer 2008/09. Please do not lose it as it includes phone numbers of team members you may need. It also details your team's training time and venue.

Scoring Rosters - Rosters for scoring will be given out at your first training session. The rosters cover the entire season and everyone **MUST** take their turn. Scoring is **not** difficult, and if you have not done it before we have good information on how to score on the Blazers web-site. A "How to Score" class is being held on October 13th – check the website for details www.balwynblazers.com When you registered with the club you signed the enrolment form agreeing to take your turn at scoring! **If, during the season, you are unable to fulfil your obligation you must arrange a swap with another family.** If your scoring roster or team list needs updating or replacing please email secretary@balwynblazers.com

Summer 2008/09 Dates:

- Training commences: Oct 6th
- First game is on: Oct 11th
- Rounds 1 to 9 Oct 11th – Dec 13th (**No game 1st Nov, Melbourne Cup weekend**)
- **Dec 14th to Jan 30th School Holidays.**
- First game back in 2009 Jan 31st
- **Training in 2009 commenced Feb 2nd (Note: you play the first game back in 2009 before training commences!)**
- Rounds 10 to 14 Jan 31st – Feb 28th (**No Game 7th Mar Labour Day weekend**)
- Finals – Mar 14th, 21st 28th

Attendance at Games: If you are unable to attend training or any of your games, you **must** let your coach know well in advance. **With notice substitute players may be arranged.** If we cannot field a team the club is fined and it is unfair to let your coach and team down when they are expecting you to turn up.

Games - The game charge for the Summer season is **\$5.50** per game. Fixtures for the first three games will be issued prior to your first game via your coach or team contact.

Uniforms – Each team member must wear the club uniform which is sold at the Uniform Room at Balwyn High School Stadium. Opening times for the 2008/9 Summer season will be held in Week 1 of Term 4 **as per the enclosed sheet.** If you have any further enquires please contact the Donna McDowell on 9857 6685 between 6.00pm and 8.30pm Monday to Friday throughout the school term.

Singlet Number Clashes – Some players may have a singlet Number clash with another player in the team. Those players who need to come to uniform night to change their singlet will receive a letter prior to the start of the season. If you are one of the players with a No. clash but have NOT received a letter you are not required to change your singlet. If in doubt contact Donna.

Balwyn Blazers Bags, Club Balls & Hoodies (Optional) – These will be available on Uniform nights. Price: Bags \$35, Hoodies \$40, Balls \$15. Size 6 Balls are used by all girls teams & Under 8-14 boys. Size 7 is used by Under 16 and above boys. ALL players are expected to bring a ball to training.

Blazing Dribblers - Are you 5 to 10 years old and want to learn to play or improve your skills? Or do you have a brother or sister in this age range interested in playing? We have accredited coaches to help those interested. WHERE – Balwyn High School Stadium Buchanan Ave. WHEN – Friday's 4.30-5.30pm Cost \$5.00/session For more information go to www.balwynblazers.com

Balwyn Blazers Premier/Runners Up Pennants:



How to write up your pennant.

If you received a Club Pennant this year here is a guide to filling it in. Use an Artline or Sharpie marker as these will not smudge or bleed.

Top box

Record where you came in the finals.
e.g. Runners – Up or Premiers

Middle box

Season
i.e. Winter 2008

Last box

The age level and grade of the team you played in.
E.G. U9 Girls B3 (This info is available from the EDJBA finals fixtures: www.edjba.basketball.net.au)

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Record your Coach and then list the players in the team in any order.

Take the time to do this as it is great memento to look back on.

GOOD LUCK FOR A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL SEASON!!

Useful Contacts:

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Boroondara Sports Complex

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9857-8031

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Web-sites

www.balwynblazers.com
www.edjba.basketball.net.au (Ladders/Results etc.)