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INFORMATION SHEET

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Welcome to Season 2010 with The Bushrangers and thank you for registering to play Rugby League with us this year. We would like to take this opportunity to pass on some relevant information which should ensure that the start of the season goes smoothly.

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We have included some information on the processes of the club, who we are and what we are all about and some relevant dates to remember. We have also included some contact information which appears at the top of this Information Sheet.

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We hope this short document helps and we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year at the Bushrangers.

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REGISTRATION

Registration can be made ONLINE, to connect to the ONLINE service please go to www.kellyvillebushrangers.com.au and click on REGISTER ONLINE NOW.

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If you do not register ONLINE you may download the Registration Form and either forward with a cheque to PO Box 7267, Baulkham Hills, 2153 or pay by cash at the park on the designated registration dates and times.

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If you are a NEW player to football you will be required to produce and ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE/DRIVERS LICENSE/PASSPORT when requested. You will need this to be sighted by Parramatta District Junior Rugby League officials at a date and time TBA.

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Payment of all registration monies is required by the commencement of the regular season on 17th April. Players will not be covered by insurance if not fully financial and also will not receive their playing strip.

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Cost per each Family: Player 1 \$130.00, player 2 \$120.00 players 3 and 4 are Free

Registration package for season 2010 includes:
SHORT, SOCKS, INSURANCE, NRL SEASON JUNIOR PLAYERS PASS,
For Mini/Mod Teams (U6 to U12) players will receive a Back-pack and Training Shirt
For Senior Teams (U13 – A GRADE) players will receive a Sports Bag and a Club Polo

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TRIAL GAMES

We are at present finalising our trial game schedule (see the dates for this year in the below section DATES TO REMEMBER) and hope to be able to advise all players and parents soon as to what trials will be played and on what days. Again we attempt to trial our teams against clubs

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of similar size and against teams of similar grading. This is not always possible and you may see some lopsided score-line during the trials. This is not necessarily an indication as to how your team will go in the competition. It may just mean that a Division 1 team has trialled against a Division 3 team. Do not get disheartened or too overjoyed, trials are simply so that The Club and coaches can assess teams, get the grading right and determine training plans for the year.

TEAMS & GRADING

Our foremost concern as a club is participation. Our club constitution states that we must make our best efforts to ensure that every person who wishes to play for the club is given every opportunity to play. We at all times endeavour to ensure that all players play in their correct age group and work closely with Parramatta District Junior Rugby League to determine the correct grading of each of our teams.

Having said this, at times where player numbers in a particular age group do not allow for a full side (or second or third side) to be fielded by The Club the players in that age group may be asked to or offered the opportunity to play up an age group to field teams. If this occurs we will consult with the coaches of the teams and the parents of the players. We will not place younger players in an older team if we do not believe the player will be able to effectively compete in that competition.

We are not the only club that at times finds this necessary and I would hazard a guess that every club in the District will have at least 1 mixed age group team

COACHES & TRAINING

All coaches are required to have a NSW Rugby League sanctioned Level 1 coaching certificate. A number of our coaches within the club are Level 2 graded. As a club we spend a lot of time “coaching the coaches” to ensure they are teaching the players the correct skills and techniques for the relevant age groups. If you would like to be a coach please contact The Coaching Coordinator at info@kellyvillebushrangers.com.au.

Most coaches are “fathers” and are volunteering their time and efforts as a club we are extremely grateful for their contributions. We are working toward finalising our coaching team for the year.

Training times are set by each individual team coach in consultation with the club and times are allocated depending on field availability. Baulkham Hills Council does not allow fields to be used on Mondays so training nights will be Tuesday through Friday. Generally speaking most Mini teams will train once a week at an early timeslot whilst Mod and International teams tend to train 2 nights per week.

Your team coach will discuss training with you at Orientation Night to be held on Wednesday the 3rd March, 2010 at Kellyville Park.

THE CLUB

Like most junior sporting clubs The Bushrangers are run by volunteers and like most clubs that group of volunteers are smaller than the requirements of the club. Whilst our committee is hardworking and extremely dedicated there will be occasions where parents will be called upon to assist. These may include working bees to prepare our grounds for play, canteen duty and setting up or packing up fields of play. Each team will have a Manager who will roster parents to any requirements we may have.

We will always attempt to ensure that your involvement is not overly difficult or long and it will never take away from your enjoyment of watching your child play.

We would also welcome anyone who wishes to become involved with the committee. Again we attempt to ensure that any involvement does not become too time consuming. The more people involved the less work each is required to perform and the smoother the club runs. Committee involvement is extremely rewarding and we do hope you consider becoming involved.

GAME TIME FOR PLAYERS

In MINI and Mod football Parramatta and the NSWRL have set out requirements in relation to how much playing time each player must get per game. Without stating the exact rule the summary is that every player **MUST** play at least one uninterrupted period of play (in Mini this is 10 minutes and in Mod this is 20 minutes).

At Kellyville we expect that in these age groups that every player, regardless of perceived ability will over the course of the season play an equal amount of game time as every other player in their team.

If you at any time do not believe you or your child are receiving a fair amount of game time you should first address it with the coach. If you are still unhappy with the result you should then speak to a club official who will investigate.

International teams are a little different as the games are played under full International rules with unlimited interchange, but even in these age groups we expect that every player will be given a "fair go"

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Bushrangers want our players to have an enjoyable year. We also believe it is important for the parents, relatives and friends of those players to enjoy their time with us. Throughout the year we will be holding a number of social events (these will be advised through your Manager and on the website) these will vary from casual barbecues at the ground to golf days and our big end of season dinner.

We hope that everyone takes the opportunity to come along to one or all of these events. There are plenty of really nice people in the club and you should take the opportunity to meet as many of them as possible.

SEASON DRAW

The season commences on Saturday 17th April. For the first 4 weeks we will be provided a weekly game draw by Parramatta on Wednesday of that week. This draw will be displayed on our website (www.kellyvillebushrangers.com.au) and published in our weekly newsletter. The draw is conducted this way as after the first 4 weeks Parramatta conducts regrading of teams. The full season draw is then provided in week 5.

PLAYING GEAR AND CLUB MERCHANDISE

Prior to the first competition round each player will receive playing kit. This includes club shorts and socks. Jerseys will be kept as a set throughout the year and given to players on game day by the Manager who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of same.

Jerseys will be provided for trial games, but if you played at Kellyville last year please wear your jersey to the trials. It is not imperative that every player has the right shorts and or socks for these trials so don't worry if you don't have them.

The Club has commissioned a range of club merchandise. Training shirts, polos, dress shirts and other club gear that maybe purchased from the ONLINE registration system by logging in with your username and password and visiting the SHOP, you may pay for your purchase using a credit card, delivery from order/payment will be approximately 2-3 weeks. If you cannot order ONLINE you may order from the club by emailing info@kellyvillebushrangers.com.au. You can also view the Merchandise by visiting our website www.kellyvillebushrangers.com.au and click on the tab Club Gear and Merchandise on the right hand side of the page.

EQUIPMENT

Many of you will be needing to purchase boots for your child to ensure that you purchase the correct type please be aware of the following.

MINI (6, 7 & 8's) and MOD (9, 10, 11 and 12's) players are only to wear moulded studs (no screw in or metal). INTERNATIONAL players may wear either moulded or screw ins.

It is a requirement of The Bushrangers that every player taking the field wears a mouthguard. This need not be the expensive Dentist version but they do tend to fit better. You should have been advised of where you may receive a free mouthguard when registering.

CODE OF CONDUCT

By registering to play with The Bushrangers all players, officials and parents have agreed to abide by both The Club's and Parramatta's Code of Conduct.

Similarly all spectators are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct. You will be provided with a copy or may view it on our website.

All coaches and club officials (committee, Trainers and Managers) have a Code of Conduct and these may also be viewed on our website.

All these measures have been put in place to enhance the players and spectators enjoyment of their time with us and we ask that you respect them and abide by the code.

DATES TO REMEMBER

These may vary slightly but we will update them as required on our website.

3 rd March, 2010 (Wednesday)	BUSHRANGERS ORIENTATION NIGHT (held at Kellyville Park)
6, 13, 20, 27 th March, 10 th April	CLUB TRAILS WILL BE HELD (Times and venues TBA)
29 th March, 2010	TEAM NOMINATIONS CLOSE
29 th March, 2010	GRADINGS
TBA	BUSHRANGER SEASON LAUNCH DINNER (venue Mean Fiddler)
17 th April, 2010	SEASON COMMENCES
10 th May, 2010	RE-GRADING APPLICATIONS CLOSE
15 th , 16 th May, 2010	NO GAMES WEEKEND
10 th , 11 th July, 2010	WET WEATHER WEEKEND (used for catch up games not played due to wet weather)
31 st July, 2010	END OF SEASON ROUND 14
7 th August, 2010	MINOR SEMI FINALS (U8 – U15)
8 th August, 2010	U6 and U7 GALA DAY (venue TBA)
14 th August, 2010	MAJOR SEMI
15 th August, 2010	U6 KNOCKOUT
21 st August, 2010	FINAL SERIES
28 th August, 2010	GRAND FINALS (U8 – U15 2 nd Division)
TBA	U15 Div 1 – A Grade GRAND FINALS
TBA – Cabramatta Golf Club	JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF DAY
5 th November, 2010	JUNIOR LEAGUE PRESENTATION EVENING (Marconi Club)

Dates to be confirmed on the website are: Season Launch Dinner, End of Season Presentation Day, End of Season Dinner.

SPONSORS

We have been fortunate to secure several sponsors for this year and we thank them very much for their contributions and involvement and hope that you support them. These sponsors may be viewed on our website under Sponsors tab on the right hand side.

There are a number of additional sponsorship opportunities available and we would welcome any and all contributions to the club. If you or someone you know would like to become involved as a Sponsor please contact The Sponsorship Co-ordinator by way of email to info@kellyvillebushrangers.com.au.

We hope the above information is of assistance. Once again thank you for registering with us. We hope you have a great year.

**WELCOME TO SEASON 2010 WITH
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