



Welcome to 2019 – St Mark's Soccer Teams

BACKGROUND

With the blessings & prayers of St Mark's church priests, St Mark Sunday School & youth services have joined Rockdale City Raiders Football Club. We hope with God's grace to field teams in every age group for boys & up to 12 years of age for girls to compete in the Saturday games for the 2019 Season.

***Who are Rockdale City Raiders?** They are a family-based club which started in 1956.*

***How are they funded?** Rego fees are the main source. The club do receive some support from sponsors including Sydney Airport & Club Rocky.*

BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS

***Who can register?** All regular St Mark's church/Sunday School participants*

***How do I register?** All St Mark's church players will require pre-registration, via the google form link below, indicating their interest. Once the "expression of interest" period is closed on Sunday 27th of Jan'19, the church servants will verify the teams/numbers and provide St George Association online registration link to formally register and pay the required fees for the full teams that we can field in 2019 based on the numbers.*

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Note: for insurance reasons you must be registered & paid to play practice/trial games commencing Feb'19

<i>Team</i>	<i>2019 fee (Excluding uniform)</i>
6 & 7	\$130
8 – 12	\$210
14 – 16	\$240
Over 16 (AA)	\$330

Note:

You can get the \$100 Government rebate per child per year



For more information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/news/100-rebate-for-creative-kids/>



What gear/clothes do I need? The Club will provide registered players with a shirt, shorts & socks. The one-off cost for the uniform is \$65 per player. But you will be required to pay **\$35** only as the church will subsidise the balance of \$30.

You need to provide your own boots (don't spend too much – not worth it!) and Shin Pads is a must.

Training? most teams train once a week – Allocated days will be determined once teams' coaches & managers are assigned (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday).

Pre- season Training? Will begin on Sunday 27th of January 2019 to be held every Sunday after Sunday school at Ador Ave at 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

What do players wear to training? Boots, long socks/shin pads, shorts and any top.

Jewellery / Watches - These can't be worn either at training or during games (FIFA worldwide policy)

When does the Season start? Practice games will be held during March. Games are on Saturdays.

Main season starts April 5th (Last games are in August).



How are age groups determined?

It is based on the players' age at 31st December 2019. i.e. the age they turn in 2019. The policy is that **players must be at least 5 by 1st July 2019 or attending school.**

What about girls over 12 years old? Unfortunately, girls above 12 years old have their games on Sunday mornings according to the St George association time table. Feel free to submit your expression of interest google form from the below link and if we have enough interest, we may consider some alternatives (i.e. Indoor soccer).

Do we grade players? Not really, generally we encourage friends to play together, but sometimes numbers will mean we need to move players after consulting with parents of course.

Will we have to joint teams with Rockdale Raiders? No, the intention is to field full teams from the church. This will also enable the coaches/managers to pray with the players before the games. That is why we have introduced the "Expression of Interest" cycle to enable us to confirm the full teams that we can field based on the numbers before the formal online association registration.

Coaches, Managers & Helpers? Parents are the usual volunteers to help. There are ground/canteen duties that will be allocated per team during the season. The church are exploring options for professional coaches to participant in our training. Also, the club organizes for all coaches to attend specialised training courses. The cost is covered by the club.

If you'd like to become a Coach or a Manager, please don't hesitate to talk to us or indicate so in the "expression of Interest" form.

For any questions, please email us on stmarks.soccer@gmail.com

DURING THE SEASON



When & where do we play? Most teams play on Saturday mornings. Games are played within St George area (from Arncliffe to Lugarno). Generally, no games over Easter or School Holidays.

How are games organised? 6-12 play modified non-competitive rules (Mini Roos) i.e. no table/no finals. 13 & above “full-size competitive football”

What happens if it rains? **TURN UP** – the club will update Facebook or Website. Managers often have their own “communications system”. ***If in doubt turn up to play!***



Does everyone get to play in the game? ABSOLUTELY - our policy is every player gets to play every week. But at times it can be tricky for the coach to give absolutely equal time every week. It will balance out over time.

What if we can't make training or games? Be sure to let your manager or coach know ASAP - they will tell you what they prefer e.g. Text / Email / Teamer etc

How can I help the service? Send us an email. We are always looking for help. You won't be roped into being an “Official”, but there are many ways to help.

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