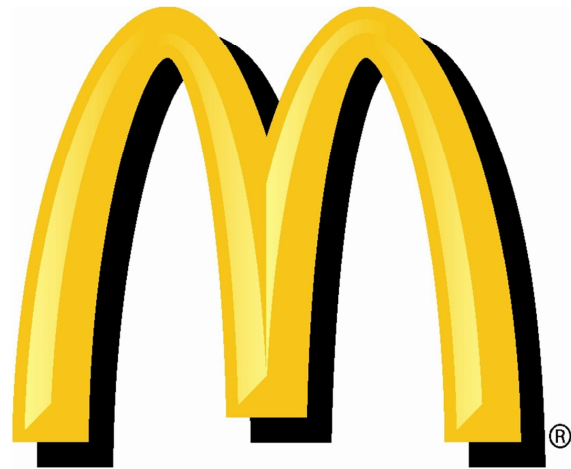


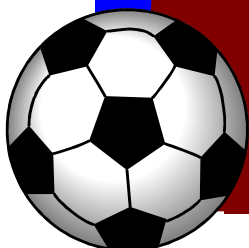
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## **MA OLYMPIC FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

M A Olympic FC Incorporated – Juniors is an organisation in the Townsville community committed to assist the development of children through participation in football. The central objectives of the Club are to actively foster and encourage the teamwork, sportsmanship, physical fitness, leadership and coaching skills of its members. In pursuing its mission the Club aims to provide the means for children to move towards mature levels of self- esteem, independence and self-discipline.

### **HISTORY IN BRIEF**

The first Mundingburra United Soccer club teams were formed for the 1967 season. A strip of royal blue and white was adopted and their training ground was the Mundingburra State School.

The Department of Education granted land to the club on the corner of Thompson and Burt Streets in 1976. There was also land made available by the Council Water Reserve further along in Burt Street for a field and toilet block. This is the current site for the Clubhouse and playing field, which was officially opened in 1979.

Olympic Soccer Club was invited to use the grounds of Mundingburra United Club for home games in 1980. In 1984 Mundingburra and Olympic teams began the process of merging and in October 1986 the clubs new name was adopted, the Mundingburra Olympic United Soccer Club Incorporation, came to fruition on January 1 1993.

Back in 1995 North Queensland Soccer Federation changed the format of the Senior Soccer competition and introduced the Premier League. For clubs to be permitted into this competition several conditions had to be met. One being each Premier League side was required to have a clubhouse. This along with other factors brought together Aitkenvale United Soccer Club and Mundingburra Olympic United Soccer Club Inc. It was agreed the 2 Clubs should amalgamate.

The formalities for this merger were only formalised at the end of 2002 and the Club is now known as Mundingburra Aitkenvale Olympic United Soccer Club Inc. In 2006/2007 both Junior and Senior Committees combined to be one and therefore decided to shorten the Club name to M A Olympic FC.

M A Olympic FC Juniors fielded 21 teams in 2011 ranging from Under 6 to Under 16. There were 241 children registered for our Club in the 2011 season. M A Olympic FC Juniors were Townsville Football Club Champions for the years, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

### **TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

MA Olympic Football Club is affiliated with Townsville Football Inc. and North Queensland Junior Football.

We have non-competitive small-sided games for ages Under 6 to Under 10 and U11 girls. Competition football starts in the Under 12 age group and progresses to Under 16 in Junior Football. Players over the age of 16 are directed to Senior Football under the umbrella of North Queensland Football Federation. Divisions for our Senior Football in Townsville are Colts (Under 18) Second Division, First Division, Ladies and Premier League. Players from the age of 15 are permitted to play in the Colts competition as well as the Junior Football Competition.

Representative football starts from Under 12 in Townsville. There is a Carnival held in Townsville each June inter-city teams competing for the Filippo Mele Trophy. This carnival is played over a week. From Under 12 you have the chance to represent our region - North Queensland. Representative carnivals in the Under 12,13, 14, 15 and 16 occur at different times throughout the Season – travelling to Ayr, Mackay, Toowoomba, Gladstone or Cairns depending on their age group.

Trials for the representative teams are open to all players and are advertised in the newsletters at Townsville Football or in our newsletter. Notices will also be included on the Club Notice board for all pertinent dates for trials.

**EXECUTIVE/COMMITTEE  
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MY COACH & MANAGER		

## General Information

1. The **Player** is the central reason for our Club and Junior football. Please read the Mission Statement on the front cover. The player should develop soccer skills as well as respect for other players, supporters, and officials, and endeavor to display good sportsmanship characteristics at all times.
2. The **Coach** is responsible for developing the football skills and enjoyment of football. All coaches are required to have a current accredited level 1 coaching certificate. The Director of Coaching conducts coaching clinics during the year for interested persons to gain coaching skills. MA Olympic encourages anyone who would like to coach to attend the course. See Coaches' Code of Behaviour.
3. The **Manager** is considered to be the liaison person between the players/ coach and the management of the Club. The Club will give Managers information to disperse to the players. This information can be collected from the pigeonhole mailbox, located on top of the ice-cup fridge in the clubhouse. Players can contact the relevant Club officials at anytime, or ask the Manager to convey their message or concerns. Written information can be left in the mailbox.
4. The **Family** is a vital part of junior football. All/any members of the player's family need to organise their child(ren) to attend training sessions and matches. They are participants, as they are the spectators at games, and the players' number one supporters. Family members have a responsibility to assist with the administration of the Club, and participate in fundraising, rostered canteen duties at TJSA, and working bee activities. See Parents Code of Behaviour.
5. The **Committee** of MA Olympic is responsible for the management of the Club - both with the day to day running of the organisation (paying the bills, corresponding with other Clubs and organisations), as well as the week to week soccer duties involved with ensuring the matches continue as smoothly as possible during the season. The members of the committee give of their time freely, and receive no financial reward for their efforts.
6. **Townsville Football Inc.** is the umbrella junior football organisation in Townsville. The management committee of Townsville Football provides the maintenance of the grounds at Brolga Park, the organisation of football matches, rules, equipment, sponsorship, canteen, and general administration for junior football in Townsville. The Clubs only (such as MA Olympic), correspond to Townsville Football - no individual should address Townsville Football - contact your Club.
7. The **Referee** is the controller and law enforcer for the game. The referees decision is final, and should be accepted in a sportsman like manner. Official referees (they are dressed in black) are provided for competitive football, which your Club pays their fees on your behalf. Often, in Roo ball games, the coach or an adult acts as the Referee, and he or she should be given the respect and support that a Ref deserves.
8. The **Sponsors** assist with the financial position of the Club. The Team Sponsors pay for the outfitting of the playing strips for each player.

**Support your club's sponsors - and return the favour wherever possible.**

These codes of behaviour were developed by the Australian Sports Commission and are endorsed by Townsville Football Inc. and MA Olympic Inc.

## **Players' Code of Behaviour**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with the official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach, or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent, or the other team.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the "highlight" of the event.
- Implement and practice the "Positive of its pointless" strategy. (See Section under this heading)

## **Its Positive or Pointless**

- Originally developed by the Australian Football League (AFL) under the banner "Its Positive or Pointless".
- Its aims are to reduce poor and unacceptable play, spectator and parent behavior.
- The basic principles reinforced through Positive or it's Pointless are:
  - A) Children like to win, but more importantly, they want to have fun.
  - B) Parents need to set the right example at the sports ground, not just at home.
  - C) Parents should be proud of their child's efforts, irrespective of the result.
  - D) Sport is important for a child's self esteem.
- As part of this programme M.A. Olympic Football Club Inc. recommends to all coaches (both Junior and Senior complete discrimination and harassment courses when they become available.
- M.A. Olympic Football Club Inc. encourages everybody to visit the website "Play by the Rules"
- M.A. Olympic Football Club Inc. encourages and maintains fair play and good sportsmanship at all times.

## **Administrators' Code of Behaviour**

- Involve children in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Ensure the equal opportunities for participate in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Equipment and facilities must be safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating children.
- Rules, equipment, lengths of games and training schedules should take into consideration the age ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials, capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Remember that as children participate for enjoyment, downplay the importance of rewards.
- Avoid allowing programs to become primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participants rather the enjoyment of the spectators.

- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with the emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique. Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, physicians, and participants understand their responsibilities regarding fair play.
- Distribute a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players, and the media.

### **Officials' Code of Behaviour**

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
- Compliment all participants on their efforts.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Use common sense to ensure that overemphasizing errors does not lose the “spirit of the game” for children.
- Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

### **Coaches' Code of Behaviour**

- ◆ Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- ◆ Teach your players that rules of the sport are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- ◆ Whenever possible, group players to give a reasonable chance of success.
- ◆ Avoid over-playing the talented players. The “just average” players need and deserve equal time.
- ◆ Remember that children participate for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- ◆ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of players.
- ◆ The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- ◆ Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- ◆ Follow the advice of a physician when determining when the injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- ◆ Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- ◆ Implement the “Positive of its pointless” strategy.

### **Proposed Grading Policy**

- ◆ M.A. Olympic Football Club Inc. is investigating and in due course will establish an approved grading policy for children in the competitive age groups (U12 to U16). The grading policy will become effective when the registration numbers for a particular age group enable the Club to raise 2 or more teams in that age group. E.G. If we register 30 children aged U14 the grading policy will become effective. We currently are establishing a Grading Committee and when their final decisions are made known the policy will be found on the Club's website.

## Parents' Code of Behaviour

- If children are interested, encourage them to participate. However, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children are involved in organized sports for **their** enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- If you disagree with the official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- Recognize the value and importance of implementing the "Positive or its Pointless" campaign

## Spectator's Code of Behaviour

- Children play in organized sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the officials' decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise. Cont.....;
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during the competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

## **TEAM TRAINING**

Training is conducted at our Burt Street, Mundingburra fields. Times and days are dependant on our Coaches and their availability.

**Senior Training (Colts to Premiers) has commenced and is on Tuesday and Thursday at 6.15 pm for 6.30 p.m. sharp.**

**Ladies train on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. sharp.**

When coaches allocate their training day/s it could be subject to change.

Help is also required with either coaching or managing a team so if at all possible any assistance is always greatly appreciated.

***Please ensure players bring shin pads and water bottles along to each training session.***

Our Registrar, Bec Pendreigh will be at the Clubhouse most training days for the initial few weeks. If you are new to our Club please ensure you produce your child/children's birth certificate.

The Treasurer, Umberto Tropea will also be available to receipt registration fees on selected afternoons. The Clubhouse can accept EFT payments as well as cash.

**Remember registration fees must be paid in full by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Players who are un-financial on this date will be deregistered and unable to play and Townsville Football will be notified. This unfortunate option will remove the liability of unpaid fees from the Club.**

