MWPC FLIPPABALL SEASON 2021-22

NEW PLAYER INFORMATION YEAR 3

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Thank you for expressing your interest in your child playing FlippaBall in Season 2021-22. Please find below some more information regarding registrations into the Year 3 FlippaBall program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. You must ensure your child/ren meets the MINIMUM requirement for inclusion in the FlippaBall program. **This is a MINIMUM WA Education Department (VacSwim) LEVEL 7 (including passing breaststroke kick) AT THE TIME of registration. This is a strict requirement to ensure safety and enjoyment of the sport for our youngest participants.** The Club reserves the right to remove children from the program if this minimum requirement has not been met and does so for the safety of all participants. Please contact your swim school to confirm your child's swimming capability and level if you are unsure. Strong swimming foundations are pivotal to the sport of water polo and being a confident swimmer is important at this young age.

2. Information regarding the details of playing FlippaBall can be found on the Club Website / FlippaBall tab. Please familiarise yourself with these details and ensure that your child is interested in playing. FlippaBall is a great way for your child to have fun and develop relationships with new children in the community.

3. Audits will be performed, and children will be removed from the competition, even if payment is made if they have an ineligible DOB (as listed on the EOI). Misinformation regarding DOB will not be accepted nor current members adding non-family members to their accounts (children will be automatically deleted if this occurs).

4. Please note by filling in the Expression of Interest form, this is NOT a confirmation of a place in the program, but a mechanism for the Club to communicate with those wishing to secure a place in the program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. PRIORITY REGISTRATIONS:

- PRIORITY REGISTRATIONS will be given to the siblings of existing players who have secured a place in the 2021-22 FlippaBall Program and children of Senior Club Members, Club Committee Members and Sponsors. The Club will not know the existing sibling demand until the EOI's close.

- Information will be taken from the EOI form and the child will be added to your Active Carrot family account. You must pay your account to secure you place in the program. The deadline for payments will be communicated in your confirmation email (72 hours) and must be paid promptly so that the club can pass on all unsecured places to NEW PLAYERS. The Club will not chase up payment and it is up to the parent to confirm their acceptance of a place by making prompt payment.

- Please do not email the club if you have yet to obtain your email confirmation prior to 4th September 2021. Please ensure all junk email addresses and junk mail folders are checked.

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2. NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

- Parents who have filled in the google form will have an opportunity to book into the Year 3 FlippaBall class via the New Member button on the Club Website.

- Once priority registrations for Year 3 have been completed the remaining spots will be opened for online registration via Active Carrot (first in first serve basis) with payment via credit card required at time of registering. The date of opening of online registrations will be communicated to those parents who have completed this form in addition to the Club's current subscription communication lists.

- The tentative date for the online opening of bookings for **YEAR 3 is SATURDAY 4th September 2021 11AM**. Note that the time and date may change. Please keep an eye on the Club Website for any changes.

- Note that based on prior years, available places for new members will be extremely limited and are filled very quickly. Please have your credit card ready for payment. Payment is not secured until finalisation of credit card payment. Bookings sitting in your cart are not secure.

- New Members will be asked to create a new Active Carrot account at the time of doing their online registration. Please do not email the Club prior to the online registrations opening requesting to have an Active Carrot Account created as these requests will be denied. **Further details regarding this process will be emailed.**

3. TEAM NOMINATION PROCESS

- The Club kindly asks NEW and EXISTING PLAYER parents to refrain from confirming to children/and other parents, that children have a place or have been placed in a team. This is to avoid disappointment if a place is not secured. The process is to secure a place in the program and then get placed into a team.

- Parents will be asked to fill in a **FRIEND REQUEST FORM** for their child **ONCE THEY HAVE SECURED A PLACE**. Further information to follow regarding this process.

- Please note the Club reserves the right to place children in a team as appropriate and has final say in the distribution of children within teams. This is to ensure the integrity of the competition through gender distribution, ability, and safety. The aim is to have an equal distribution of girls and boys playing in the early years to ensure this continues through to the rest of the program in later years.

- Please explain to your child that they may be placed in a team other than their preferred team and to ensure that they are happy with this before proceeding with registration and payment. We like to encourage children to focus on the sport and trying new things and making new friends in the process.

- Once the Year 3 teams are finalised – one parent from the team members will be required to nominate as the Team Manager and coordinate the team and communications from the Club.

- Parents are asked to support's the Club's position that the children are playing FlippaBall to enjoy the sport. Great long-lasting friendships between players and parents are made from kids meeting new friends within the sport.

- **Any Team Allocation requests will be ignored until registrations have been completed.**

- **GENERAL REGISTRATION NOTES:**
- Spots may become available right up until first game of season / during the season. The FlippaBall Registration Volunteer team will contact parents as appropriate using the information in the EOI form if places become available.

- The Club reserves the right to cap the number of players within an age group/team for safety purposes along with final say in gender distribution within teams.

- KidSport Vouchers must be received prior to registering so that an adjustment can be made on your account. Please ensure all KidSport Voucher approval confirms with voucher codes are forwarded in a timely manner to accounts@melvillewaterpolo.com.au. KidSport vouchers approved for the WMPC club will not be claimed unless the child receives a places in the Year 3 Flippaball Program. Parents can change their nominated Club for their vouchers if their child does not secure a place.

- Players must secure a place in the program before they can be placed upon a team.

- Please familiarise yourself with the Club's Terms & Conditions on the Club Website, melvillewaterpolo.com.au before filling in this form, registering and paying.

- The Club hosts new and existing player parents at an information session prior to the season starting. All year 3 parents are encouraged to attend this session.

SUMMARY:
Please note demand for places in the MWPC FlippaBall program are greatest in Years 2 to 4. The Year 3 competition is a small entry level competition and is quite popular so fills quickly. Increased availability occurs further into the program and each year the Club welcomes over 350 new children into both the FlippaBall and Saturday Juniors Competition.

If you are unsuccessful in securing a place in year 2, further opportunities in future years are available in Year 3 and onwards. MWPC also offers Water Polo exposure through the Club's Polo Skills™ Holiday Camps & Polo Swim™ Programs which can be attended by any child meeting the minimum swimming and age requirement (i.e., MINIMUM level 7 Dept of Education Swimming PLUS breaststroke kick). Both programs are a great introduction to the sport of Water Polo as well as assisting to build water confidence and strength. They should be done in conjunction with the child's regular learn to swim and swim squad activities (as they are NOT learn to swim activities) and swimming ability is an important fundamental skill for water polo. Further details can be found on the Club website.