

MCJAFC

2023 Club Handbook



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History of MCJAFC



- The Club was formed in 2012 as an initiative stemming from the MC High School AFL School of Excellence Program.
- The Club fielded Youth teams from 2013 to 2015 in the under U15 and U18 age groups.
- Both of these teams were Premiers in 2014 and Runners Up in 2015.
- The Club did not field teams from 2016 to 2018.
- The Club has never fielded Junior teams before.
- The Club has MOUs/User Agreements with the 2 Schools and the Maroochydore Cricket Club to use their facilities.



About AFLQ-Sunshine Coast Juniors



- AFLQ-SC Administer the Juniors Competition in SE Qld and the Sunshine Coast.
- Their HQ is located at Fisherman's Rd Kuluin.
- They operate under the guidance of AFLQ located in Yeronga, Brisbane, who set the policy for Junior AFL in Qld.



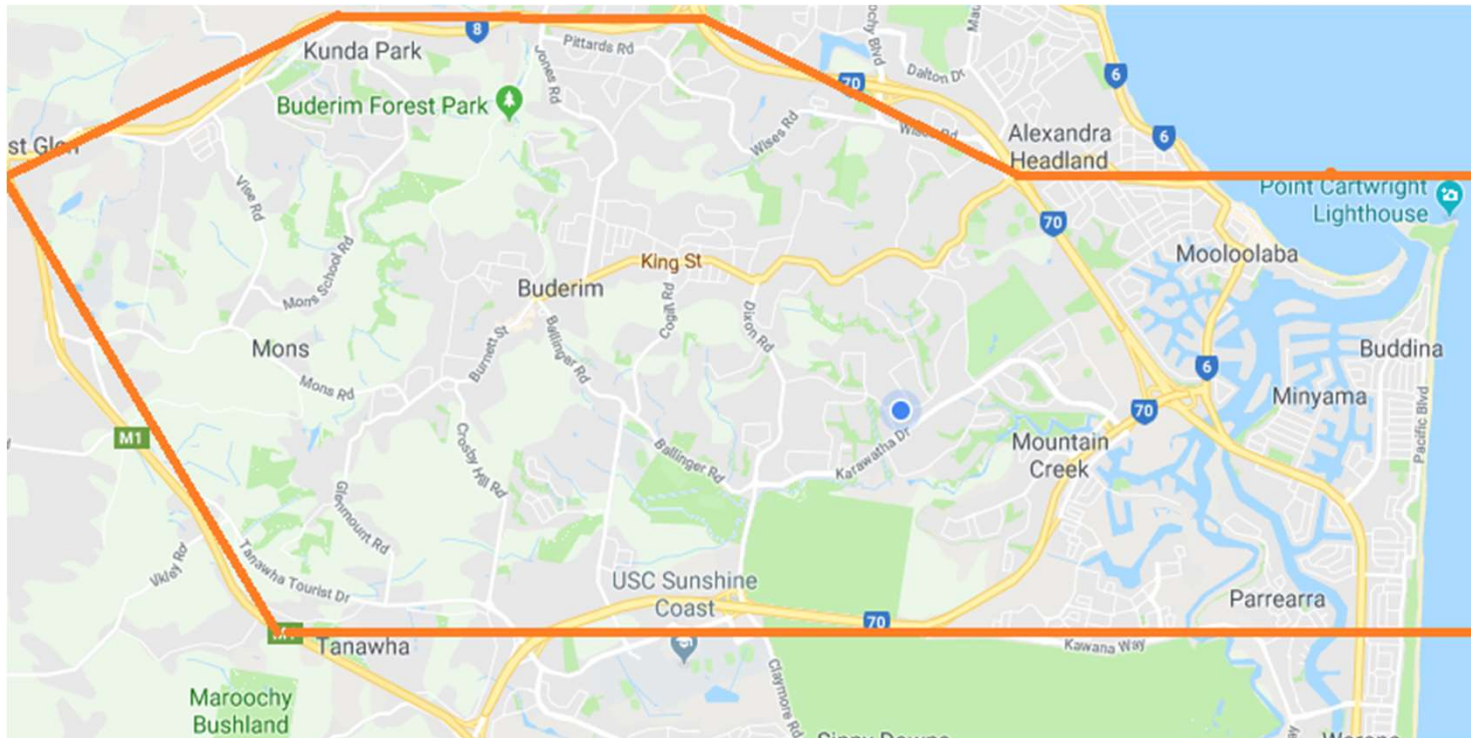
- Other Clubs in our region:

- Maroochydore Roos J AFC
- Kawana Park Eagles J AFC
- Caloundra Panthers J AFC
- Coolum Beach Breakers J AFC
- Gympie Cats AFC
- Noosa Tigers AFC
- Glasshouse Hinterland Lions AFC
- Hinterland Blues AFC
- North Shore Jets J AFC
- Pomona, Cooroy & District Demons AFC

Club Catchment Area



The Club hopes to draw players and parents from the Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland, Buddina, Minyama areas in the East to the Mons Area in the West as far as the Bruce Highway. In the South we hope to capture Brightwater, Parrearra, Sippy Downs, as well as the new suburb of Harmony. To the North we want to capture players in the Buderim area.



Club Colours



- We have based the Club colours on the colours of the 2 Schools. Light Blue for the Primary School and the Navy MC for the High School.

ALL JUNIORS



YOUTH GIRLS

We were hoping to have the Navy Blue and White of the High School, but AFLQ would not allow this as there is already a Club (Hinterland Blues) in our competition with these colours!

Club Logo



- We have adopted the Shark as the Club Logo as there are not many Clubs with this creature as an emblem,
- It also has a connection to the area we are living in,
- They swim in the blue ocean, and
- They are fast and fierce competitors!!!

Go Sharks!

Club Vision & Mission



Vision Statement: *“To provide a Safe, Fun, Friendly and Supportive environment to players and volunteers and be the preferred Junior AFC on the Sunshine Coast.”*

Mission Statement: *“MCJ AFC is a Junior Australian Football Club which provides Junior **competition** and **skill development** opportunities in AFL football to players in our local Community.”*

Values (Behavioural): The Club Value statement is:

“Fun & Friendly”

Positive
or it's pointless



Let's make junior sport
positive everyday

Club Vision & Mission



We will achieve this by being: **INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE** and **POSITIVE**

Specifically we commit to abiding by the following behaviours by:

- Working together as part of our local Community;
- Listening;
- Supporting & Valuing our volunteers;
- Not discriminating or segregating – everyone is treated equally & fairly;
- Use positive messaging at all times; and
- Providing player and volunteer skill development opportunities.

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Positive or Pointless



- At MCJAFAC we believe in developing and maintaining a positive Club culture.
- We believe in the importance of providing a positive and nurturing junior sporting experience.
- To support these ideals and our Club Culture and Vision and Mission Statements we have adopted the Positive or Pointless Program principles.
- This means that everyone who comes to the Club will be required to adhere to the Positive or Pointless principles and code of conduct.
- For more information about this Program please see the Club website.

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Registrations

- All player registrations are made in the AFL Database – PlayHQ.
- All new registrations require proof of Age (Photocopy of document is required).
- To register go to the Club website and go to the “Registrations” Menu.

- In 2023 we hope to run programs and field teams as follows:



- **Club AusKick:** Run in Feb/Mar/Apr
- **Club Superstars:** 3 teams | 6 on field players | 8 per team
- **Under 9.5 Boys, Girls or Mixed (depending on rego numbers):**
 - **Boys/Mixed:** 3 x teams | 12 on field players | 15 per team
 - **Girls:** 1 x team | 9 on field players | 12 per team
- **Under 11.5 Boys:** 2 x teams | 15 on field players | 18 per team
- **Under 11.5 Girls:** 1 x team | 12 on field players | 15 per team
- **Under 13 Boys:** 1 x team | 18 on field players | 22 per team
- **Under 13 Girls:** 1 x team | 12 on field players | 16 per team
- **Under 15 Boys:** 1 x team | 18 on field players | 22 per team
- **Under 15 Girls:** 1 x team | 16 on field players | 20 per team

Registrations



2023 MCJAFAC Registration Fees:

Registration fees for 2023 have now been set and are available on the Clubs Website.

Registration Costs cover:

• Player Insurance (AFLQ Component)	• Umpire Costs
• Team Photo for each player	• First Aid Support Costs
• End of Season Trophy for each player	• Purchase of Team Equipment
• Team Fees	• Club Compliance Costs

Registrations (cont)

Players will need to purchase the following to play:

- Club Playing Shorts;
- Football Socks;
- Football Boots; and
- Mount Guard
(Not mandatory-Optional but recommended)



AFL Development Programs



MCJAFAC Auskick Program:

- Auskick is an AFL introductory program focusing on basic AFL skill instruction and development aimed at 5 to 7 year olds (but accepts kids up to age 12).
- Is run by MCJAFAC with support from local AFLQ staff.
- Runs for 8 weeks starting in late February.
- Will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:00pm at the Maroochydore Cricket Club (time has been changed to allow parents from other locations to travel to MCC).
- **The program requires parent participation to assist in teaching the skills of our great game to our kids – please volunteer to help your child!**



AFL Development Programs



- Half time AusKick @ The Gabba:

In previous years we have been lucky enough to participate in Half-Time AusKick game at the Gabba where some AusKickers will be offered a once in a lifetime experience to play on the Gabba at half time during an AFL Game.



AFL Development Programs



- **Superstars:**

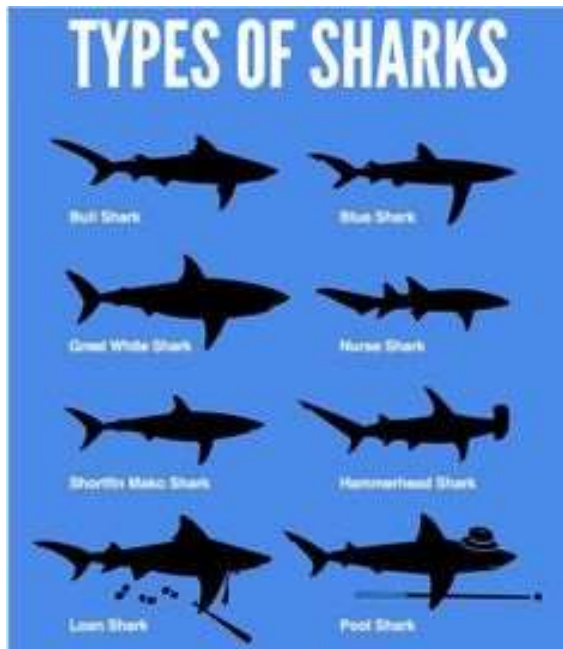
- Superstars is another AFL introductory program focusing on skill development, but also incorporating game play.
- The Superstars program starts after the MCJAFCL Auskick program finishes.
- It runs for 10 weeks either side of the June School holidays.
- It is a semi-competitive program where kids play against other Clubs to learn skills but also about gameplay.
- There is no training for either AusKick or Superstars – Its about having fun and learning the skills of AFL Football.
- For more information see the FAQ sheet on the Club's Website.



Teams Names & Management



- The Club will assign each team a Nick Name based on a type of shark: Hammerhead Sharks, Mako Sharks, Bull Sharks, Great White Sharks, Tiger Sharks, etc...



- Coaches and Managers

- Each team will need to have a Coach, Assistant Coach and a Team Manager – we will be looking to Mums and Dads to volunteer for these roles!



Training



The days and times for team training are:

- **Youth Teams (U13.5 to U17.5)**: Training will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at the Maroochydore Cricket Club (MCC) Fields – Syd Lyngard Drive, Buderim.
- **U9.5s & U11.5s**: Training will be on Thursdays only, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at the Maroochydore Cricket Club (MCC) Fields

NOTE: Training will go ahead regardless of the weather. If too wet outside our Coaching Director and Coaches will organise an inside team meeting or other type of skills or team bonding session.

The Club has Public Liability, Club Management Liability, Personal Injury, Travel and Asset Protection Insurance through the AFLs Insurance.

ALFQ-SC Competitions



- All games are played on either a Friday Night or Sunday morning.
- Competitions run from late March / early April to Mid-Late August for 12 or 14 weeks, depending on the age group.
- There is a 3 or 4 week break for the June/July School holidays.
- The type of game and rules depends on the age group your child plays in.
- For more information see either the “Junior Rules Matrix” or “Youth Rules Matrix” on the Club website.



Ground Marshall



- At each Club home game, a Ground Marshal will be present.
- The role of the Ground Marshal is to monitor parent/spectator behaviour and ensure there is a safe and positive environment for all people attending matches/games – players and parents!
- He/She ensures that the event is run to the highest standard and that all participants adhere to the Club and AFLQ codes of conduct.
- For more information about the role of the Ground Marshal go to the Club website.

The Club will provide a trained and accredited First Aid Officer at all home games.

Other Game Day Duties



- On game days we will require parents to help with the following (depending on the Age Group):
 - Setup of the playing area (posts, cones, markers, pumping up balls, etc),
 - Goal Umpiring,
 - Water Carriers (Youth Games Only),
 - Boundary Umpiring (Youth Games Only),
 - Runners (Youth Games Only),
 - Timekeepers & Scoreboard Attendants (Youth Games Only),
 - Providing Half Time fruit – Watermelon or Oranges (no lollies please!),
 - Refilling water bottles,
 - Helping out with Canteen, and
 - Pack-up of equipment.



Uniforms



- Playing Jumpers
 - The Club will provide the team playing jumpers.
 - These are returned to the Coach or Manager after each game and issued prior to the next game. This is required to ensure players don't arrive to a game without their jumper.
 - The jumpers remain the property of the Club.
- Parents will need to purchase AFL shorts and socks (from the Club) as well as a pair of football boots.
- For safety reasons players will not be allowed to play without football boots.
- For Youth teams a pair of alternate colour (white) shorts may also be required if multiple MCJAFAC teams exist (to be advised).

Club Umpires



- The Club is required to provide Club Umpires for Junior (U11.5s and below) games.
- The Club will be looking for current Youth players to undergo Umpire training.
- Club umpires will be paid for each match they officiate and receive a free umpire uniform
- Junior Club Umpires are human and make mistakes so please understand that they are volunteers and are still learning.
- Please support and encourage them!
- Without umpires there is no game!

Please remember:

- **These are kids**
- **This is a game**
- **The coaches are volunteers**
- **The umpires are human**
- **We're not playing for sheep stations**

Club Sponsors



- The Club is currently looking for Sponsors for the 2023 Season
- We have developed a sponsorship program based on the following levels:

Premier	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Team
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- For more information about our sponsorship program and what we are offering please go to the Club website.

The Club values the support our Club sponsors provide, as without them we will have to run more fundraising events.
So please encourage local businesses to support the Club!!!

Communications



- The Club will communicate with members in a variety of ways:
 - **Facebook:** This is our primary means of communication. The Club has a main Facebook page used to communicate general Club information and each team has a Team Page, used to communicate team specific information.
 - **Email:** From the Club, but also from Team Coaches and Managers.
 - **Club Newsletter:** Members can subscribe & unsubscribe.
 - **HEJA App:** Team communication and chats amongst players.
 - **Text Messages:** For urgent messages only.



Contacts



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**As you can see, we are still looking for volunteers to help us run the Club.
If interested in helping, please contact a committee member.
We never say no to a volunteer & we are sure you will enjoy the experience!!!**

Questions???



- If there is anything else you want to know but did not find here, please contact a committee member.
- We also ask that you Like us on Facebook as we will use social media to communicate Club updates.
- We also ask that you **subscribe** to receive the Club Newsletter – Shark Tales!!

