Bombala Blue Heelers Summer Oztag

Dear Parent/Career,

During term 4 2014 and term 1 2015, the Bombala Blue Heelers Junior Rugby League Club would like to run a junior OZTAG competition. The competition is open to both boys and girls in school years Kindergarten to year six.

OZTAG follows the same rules essentially as Rugby League but instead of tackling, players are required to pull off braids that are attached to the opposing players Velcro belt. OZTAG is great for fitness, hand-eye co-ordination and for developing a sense of achievement through teamwork and fair play.

At this stage the competition is proposed to work in staged aged competitions (depending on numbers). This means that there will be a K/1, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6 competition. If numbers allow then age-based groups will be used. No ladder will be kept and the competition is for fun and development only.

Please note the details below and return the attached form to your school’s front office to secure your enrolment:

WHAT: Bombala Blue Heelers Boys and Girls Junior OZTAG

WHEN: Thursday afternoons from 4.30 till 5.30pm, with game familiarisation in term 4 and competition commencing in Week 1 of Term 1 2015. Games run for 25 minutes (two 10 minute halves).

WHERE: TBA (Likely on the Recreation Ground or Show ground)

COST: $10 per player. PAYABLE ON THE FIRST AFTERNOON OF COMPETITION.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Shorts with no pockets, T-shirt, Sports Shoes or Studded Football Boots.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are a parent/career/teacher or older sibling who can help coach/referee a game, we will need your assistance to make this happen, if we don’t get helpers we wont be able to run this program. Please fill in your details on the slip below and we will contact you.

CONTACT: If you have any queries please email simone.hillyer@gmail.com or call 0411 597 686 and I will reply to your requests as soon as possible.
BOMBALA BLUE HEELERS BOYS AND GIRLS JUNIOR OZ TAG 2014/15

Parent/Career/Teacher Name:_____________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number:_______________ Email:__________________________

I AM ABLE / UNABLE TO HELP. IF YOU CAN HELP WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE:
Coach (parent player) / Assistant Coach (parent player) / Referee / Ground set up

CHILD 1

NAME: ______________________ (BOY/GIRL) SCHOOL: __________________________
CURRENT YEAR AT SCHOOL: ________

CHILD 2

NAME: ______________________ (BOY/GIRL) SCHOOL: __________________________
CURRENT YEAR AT SCHOOL: ________

CHILD 3

NAME: ______________________ (BOY/GIRL) SCHOOL: __________________________
CURRENT YEAR AT SCHOOL: ________

IF YOU HAVE MORE CHILDREN PLEASE PUT THEIR DETAILS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS RETURN SLIP.

Return this slip to your school front office in an envelope with Bombala Blue Heelers OZTAG on the front. Registrations close Friday 7th November 2014.

As the Parent/Career I agree and understand the following:

My Child plays at their own risk. I authorise an ambulance to be called if and when required and understand that I am responsible for any charges relating to ambulance attendance (the club recommends that you have your own personal Ambulance Cover).

My child will not be allowed to play in shorts with pockets or with a hard brimmed cap.

My child will wear sport shoes or football boots and will not have bare feet while playing.

My child will not wear jewellery (which includes watches) while playing.

Referees decisions are final.

Injuries must be reported to the First Aid Officer on the day they occur.

Signed:____________________________________ Date:____________________
Parent/Career
SUMMARY OF THE BASIC RULES

- Maximum of 8 players on the field at any one-time
- Defender must remove one tag to stop attackers progress. He/She then holds up the tag and drops it to the ground marking where the play the ball should occur.
- There is a marker in the play the ball.
- You must be between 5 years and 13 years to play.
- If a player propels the ball in a forward direction with their hand or arm and the ball comes into contact with the ground, an opponent or the referee, a knock on will be awarded. A changeover will be awarded to the non-offending team. The referee may allow the non-offending team to take possession and gain an advantage. If they are tagged, it will be a zero tag.
- The game is non-tackle – the attacker cannot deliberately bump into a defender. A defender cannot change direction and move into attackers path. Whoever initiates contact will be penalised. The onus is on the attacking player to avoid defender.
- The ball carrier is not allowed to protect his tag or fend off defenders.
- A try is awarded to the attacking team when they ground the ball on or over the try line. There are no dead ball lines
- Defence must be back 7 metres.

KICKING (No kicking in K/1, 1/2 age groups)

- The ball may not be kicked until after the fourth tag and before the initial tag.
- Kicks in General play cannot be above the shoulder height of the referee. Attacking team cannot dive on a kicked ball in any situation, but can kick on.
- Kick offs and line drop outs. If the ball lands in the field of play and then rolls across the try line whether touched or not a line drop out occurs. Try line becomes the dead ball line for all kicks.
OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

Defensive line can move forward only when dummy half touches the ball. Dummy half can run and be tagged with the ball. Dummy half cannot score a try.

**Rule change for the following age groups:** K/1, 1/2: Play the ball with No Marker

Defence cannot move until 1st receiver has the ball unless Dummy half runs with the ball.

Dummy Half cannot score.

All other Divisions have a marker and defence can move as soon as Dummy Half touches the ball.

An attacker must stop and play the ball if he is in possession with only one tag on.

The only persons able to promote the ball with one tag on is the dummy half and the player taking the tap (as long as they do not take more than one step with the ball).

Simultaneous tag is play on. (If the referee is unable to decide, the pass is allowed - play on. The advantage goes to attacking team.)

If the ball is kicked or passed into the referee, the referee will order a changeover where he was struck.

If a players knee’s hit the ground whilst diving for a try and a defender is within tagging distance a try is disallowed and a tag is counted.

Unsportsmanlike conduct covers the behavior and attitude of players on the field and may result in penalty, sin bin or dismissal.

SCORING

1 Point will be awarded for each try

OTHER INFO

Until the kids gain a sound understanding of the game we will have parents assisting them on the field.