

Welcome to Marist JFC Auskick program for 2018!

Below is some general information and FAQ's that may assist if this is your first year or if you are returning to the program.

- **How do I register?**

You can register by going to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/> and completing the following:

1. Click Register
2. Enter the postcode 6014
3. Select 'Marist JFC Auskick Centre'
4. Click Register and it should take you to the form

The registration fee is \$180 and is payable at registration.

If you have any issues with registration, please contact Pippa Williams at marist.auskickreg@gmail.com

- **How do I receive my AFL Auskick pack?**

The AFL will mail this directly to your registered address. The Auskick pack typically includes a backpack and football along with some other goodies for the kids.

In addition to this, the club will provide a Marist T-shirt. This will be handed out on the first day.

- **What do I need to purchase?**

You will need to purchase football boots, Marist football shorts & socks. We are anticipating having all these items available at the club's open day which is scheduled for Sunday 11th March 2018. Details are still being finalised and you will receive separate correspondence to confirm how these items can be purchased.

The club will supply a jumper for the season. The club has invested in new Marist jumper's and these will be handed out on the first day. The jumpers need to be returned at the end of the season.

Mouthguards are not compulsory for Auskick.

- **When does the season start?**

Sunday 29th April 2018. A full fixture will be released ahead of the season.

Please note we play on Sunday mornings. The exception is Mother's Day. For that week, there is a Friday night game with the kids having the opportunity to play under lights.

- **What are the playing times?**

- Pre-Primary and Year 1's: 9:00am to 10:15am
- Year's 2: 10:30am to 11:45am

Each session is broken up into 45mins of training and 30mins of game time.

- **As a parent, how can I contribute to the Auskick program?**

Parent participation is a vital part of the Auskick program and a key to its success.

As part of the registration process, you will be asked whether you can assist with the following:

1. Activity Helper (Coach or Assistant Coach - this can be confirmed later)
2. Administration (Team Manager)
3. Off field support
4. First Aid Officer (we welcome any volunteers!)
5. No Way

If you are unable to fulfil any of these roles, we actively encourage parents to assist the coaches with training which is structured to maximise parent participation.

Outside of the team, you can also join the Auskick committee. You don't need to have any background in football or have been part of an Auskick program to join the committee. We welcome new parents with fresh ideas on how we can take the Auskick program forward.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact auskick@maristjfc.com.au

- **Are Auskick rules different to AFL?**

Yes. One of our key objectives is to ensure the kids have fun and be involved. There is no scoring, no tackling, no smothering and no shepherding. The oval is divided into thirds to avoid congestion. During the game, every player will have a chance to play forward, back and centre.

The coaches (who act as umpires) have the discretion to stop play and to ensure every kid gets a chance to touch the footy and even kick a goal! Teamwork and sharing the ball is the name of the game!

Between now and the season, I will keep you updated and provide you with more information about the program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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