

NORTH RYDE SOCCER CLUB

2010 JUNIORS REPORT (U9 - U16)

In 2010, 11 teams signed up to play with North Ryde Soccer Club. This was 2 additional teams from the 2009 season. This was due to the Under 15s from last year staying on to be Under 16s this year and we gained another under 11 team, which joined us from another club. We fielded:

- 1 U9 team
- 3 U10 teams
- 2 U11 teams
- 2 U12 teams
- 1 U14 team
- 1 U15 team
- 1 U16 team

While the Under 10 teams generally coped well with their first season of playing on the adult size full field, during the season the GHFA surveyed all clubs. The general feeling was that for the 2011 season, Under 10 teams for 2011 will be stay playing small sided games (9 Vs 9). This is in keeping with the philosophy and direction from FIFA and The FFA.

The majority of the teams enjoyed a fairly even competition with 4 teams making their respective Grand Finals. Some teams found the going tough and in each of those cases, it appeared that these teams were perhaps in the wrong grade. From the outset, NRSC appealed and met with the GHFA to try to correct this. Unfortunately, there was no joy for these teams, but to their credit, they battled out each game throughout the season. The spirit and mate-ship shown was exemplary.

The grand Finalist were the Under 10/1, (nil all after extra time - hence 'Joint Champions'), Under 11/2 winning 1-0, Under 12/3 went down narrowly 2-1 and 14/3 who also went down 2-0. Special mention to the Under 14 team for coming home with a wet sail recording 9 wins in a row! Also about half the Under 14 team were made up of 13 year olds and still made a Grand Final! Well done to all teams.

We look forward to a short break over the summer months and we will welcome you all back in next season. In 2011, we expect to gain a couple of more teams. In doing this we will be appointing Age managers for the various teams to act as coordinators. Only having one coordinator for all the junior teams has proved a bit of a handful, so anyone who want s to help out the club to keep it running silky smooth for your child's benefit, please let us know!

Thanks to all the coaches and first time managers who put their hand up to be the front people for their teams. It was really nice to meet you all and see your enthusiasm for your respective teams. Also thanks to Josh Hallam, Director of Coaching for making himself available to the coaches and teams for 'extra' sessions during the season.

In closing I want to thank Mark Simpson our wonderful President for his tireless work in keeping NRSC ticking over and helping me out on many occasions in my role as Juniors Convener.

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