

Dear Parents

ST SYLVESTERS GAA CLUB

U11 FOOTBALL (Children born in 2000) Season 2011

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For the 2011 football season the U10s are now the U11s. Training will continue from 6:30pm to 7:30pm every Thursday initially at the All Weather pitch at Broomfield and in a few weeks thereafter on the old Rugby pitch at the Back Rd, Malahide.

We would encourage as many children as possible to join our Club and all new members are very welcome. We have been most encouraged by the numbers now attending games & training. We are also very encouraged by the development of all the players in the squad but we always are looking for more players. This is due to the fact that once the children reach U12 we will require larger squads of players so as to ensure sustainability of teams going forward into older age groups.

Therefore we would ask that you advise friends, relations, class-mates etc or any children expressing any interest in playing, regardless of ability, to contact us (see details overleaf)

□ Team Format

For the 2011 Season two U11 Teams will compete in the 11-a-side team league. Our emphasis for this year is on developing their skills and understanding of their role during an actual match. Our focus is on keeping this group of lads together as we move to 13 a side and then to more competitive matches at 15 a side over the coming years. Please note the rules for this age group are attached.

□ League Schedule

Initially the football league will usually be every second week culminating in a blitz on the 16th April, 2011. There will be a break for Easter and during the Summer months. There will be hurling matches every other week for those already playing and any child interested in hurling training and playing matches these weeks should contact Eugene Larkin at 086-3801166 or Dave Shalloe 087-2427299. The initial calendar of football fixtures are outlined on page 3 and is generally adhered to but may change due to cancellations re weather etc.

□ Communication

A few days before a match text messages from mentors will be sent out to all parents when matches are on and off. **If parents are notified by text that matches are on it is important that a return text (Y or N) is sent to inform the mentors if your child is or is not playing the football match on that Saturday. Please ensure that you**

respond even if your child is not playing. This is to ensure the mentors know the numbers for making up the teams to play.

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□ Your Help is always welcome

Assistance from parents on the day of the matches is greatly appreciated i.e. setting up home pitches, organising teams, giving out jerseys, lifts to away games, washing jerseys, organising water bottles etc. so don't hesitate to come forward and help us out. We appreciate there are instances where parents are unable to attend, particularly for away matches so please let us know and lifts can be arranged. Your support at all the games is much appreciated so please continue.

□ Gear

It is important that each of our teams are well turned out for each of our matches and also have the appropriate gear at training. For each match the mentors will supply the St Sylvester's football jerseys. **The football jerseys must be returned to the mentors after the match. St Sylvester's shorts and socks must be worn for each match played.** If your child does not have the shorts and socks these are available via the sports shop on Church Rd. We are currently in the process of setting up our Club shop in Broomfield on Saturday afternoons. Please see our website for details. I would also encourage all players to wear gum shields as it is important that players become accustomed to wearing these at a young age.

□ Membership

All U11s playing for the club must pay club membership fees for the upcoming 2011 season, Membership forms are available on the website or in the Clubhouse on Church Rd & must be returned to ensure that all juvenile members are covered by insurance, registered to train or play for the club in the coming 2011 season. As members please note that you have access to our Club facilities on Church Rd.

□ Training & Matches

Can I ask that All players attend training and matches on time - appreciate this can be difficult due to other commitments - but particularly on match day it's important all players are there at least 15 minutes before kick-off for the warm up and team selection. All players and parents can keep up to date with news, match reports and updates on training and match venues/times on the club website at

www.stsylvesters.ie. I would ask that we some parents to take some match photos which we can incorporate in our match reports.

□ Sponsorship / Financial Support

If anyone can provide sponsorship/financial support to the team then I would ask that you contact any of the mentors listed. We would like to organise at least one day trip this year for the players so any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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We hope that your child will continue to enjoy football during 2011 but we cannot stress enough the importance of continuing to encourage your children to attend and be part of our Club which is of course particularly important during their teens. **Therefore please let us know if any of the boys are losing interest or have any issues by contacting the mentors listed overleaf or Panner McCarthy, Director of Coaching (086-8167399).**

Brendan Gleeson (brendan.gleeson@agriculture.gov.ie) - 087-6172714

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John McCormack (john.g.mccormack@aib.ie) - 086-6079581

John Cox (jcox@laingorourke.com) - 086-8555096

Liam Foley - 087-2617437

Ronan Lynch - 087-2325689

**Division: U11 "A" FBlitz Group B
North(2t)**

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Date

1	St Vincents 1	St Sylvesters	5-Feb-11
1	Ballymun Kickhams	Nh Barrog 1	5-Feb-11
1	Raheny	Na Fianna 1	5-Feb-11
2	Nh Barrog 1	St Vincents 1	12 Feb -11
2	Na Fianna 1	Ballymun Kickhams	12-Feb-11
2	St Sylvesters	Raheny	12-Feb-11
3	Ballymun	St Sylvesters	26-Feb-11

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3	Raheny	St Vincents 1	26-Feb-11
3	Na Fianna 1	Nh Barrog 1	26-Feb-11
4	St Sylvesters	Nh Barrog 1	12-Mar-03
4	Raheny	Ballymun Kickhams	12-Mar-03
4	St Vincents 1	Na Fianna 1	12-Mar-03
5	Na Fianna 1	St Sylvesters	26-Mar-11
5	Ballymun Kickhams	St Vincents 1	26-Mar-11
5	Nh Barrog 1	Raheny	26-Mar-11

Football Blitz 16th
April

