

## President's Welcome for 2015



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you the Coaches and Managers of Wenty Waratah Soccer to the 2015 Soccer season.

I thank you for stepping forward and taking up these very important roles, and being prepared to give your time in playing an important role for the children of our community.

There are many ways you can help your team, yourself and the Wenty Waratah Club, have a positive fulfilling 2015 season.

As President of Wenty Soccer I commit myself and my committee to supporting you throughout the season. If you need assistance or want to provide feedback we will work with you.

This booklet will set out important information that we hope will help you during the season. If you have comments on the booklet – the information provided or not provided, the usefulness of the content or just general feedback please let us know so that we can improve the 2016 edition.

Let's make 2015 an enjoyable season for the players, the parents, the coaches and the managers.

Yours in Sport

Robert Di Giglio  
President.  
Wenty Waratah Soccer Club

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## **Management Committee 2015**

President – Robert Di Giglio

Senior Vice President – Allan Barnes

Junior Vice President – Vacant

Treasurer – Warren Swan

Secretary – Wayne Chapman

Registrar – Richard Johnson

Competition Secretary – Wayne Chapman

Assistant Secretary – Cheryl Barnes

Assist Registrar – Vacant

Assistant Competition Secretary – Cheryl Barnes

Pre-Season Trials Co-Ordinator- Andrew Burton

Women's Liaison Officer – Vacant

Women's Coordinator - Vacant

Girls Coordinator – Vacant

Mini-Roos Co-Ordinator – Vacant

Equipment Officer – Ed Warner

Assistant Equipment Officer – Andrew Garingalao

Canteen Coordinators – Allan Barnes, Michele Warner, Cheryl Barnes

Grounds Committee – Ed Warner

“The Waratah” Editor – Vacant

Disciplinary Committee – As required

## **Life Members (Soccer)**

Noel (Ted) Burge  
Fay Toope  
John Murray  
Robert Di Giglio

Wally Michalk  
Bert Binkhorst  
Shirley Murray

Tony Barselaar  
Phillip Whitcombe  
Ron Harivel

Frank Toope  
Ray Horder  
Denise Brown

## **Sponsors**

### **Sponsors Page**

**Coolibah Hotel**

**McDonalds  
Merrylands and Guildford**

**Fund Raising**

**Wenty Waratah Soccer Meat Raffle**

**Every Friday Night**

**Starting at Approx 6:00pm**

**at**

**The Coolibah Hotel  
Sherwood Road, Merrylands.**

**Come along and enjoy the wonderful service of our sponsor**

## **Canteen Duties & Ground Duties**

### **Canteen Duties**

The Wenty Waratah Canteens at Ted Burge Sportsground and Sydney Smith Park are managed and run totally by volunteers to support the club, with all monies raised through sales going directly back into the running of the club.

We rely on Parents, Supporters and Players to assist in the canteen when it is their teams turn.

Every Team has canteen duty when they play a home game, at either Ted Burge Sportsground or Sydney Smith Park.

At the completion of your game, your team is requested to supply the following person/s

Mini Roo U6, U7, U8, U9 – 1 Person

Mini Roo U10 and competition teams - U12's to AAM / AAL Teams – 2 Persons

Time in the canteen is for the duration of the game following your completed team's game + 10mins changeover.

Let's all make a pledge to do our bit to support the canteen committee and in turn the club by assisting in the canteen when it is your turn.

### **Ground Duties - Set Up / Pack Up**

As in previous years, teams will be rostered (Including Mini Roo) throughout the season for ground setup duties of the Clubs grounds at Ted Burge Sportsground and Sydney Smith Park.

Teams are required to have the following attend setup when rostered.

Ted Burge Sportsground Mini Roo Fields- minimum of 2

Ted Burge Sportsground Main Field- minimum of 6

Sydney Smith Park – minimum of 3

The last team to play on a home field will have the duties of packing up their field and placing all equipment in the storage rooms at Ted Burge Sports Ground or Sydney Smith Park. (The teams in the main will have a 3:00pm KO)

Wenty runs with the support of everybody involved with the club. If all parents take a turn at setup and canteen it lessens the burden on others and ensures that everybody, players and parents enjoy the day.

The committee will review the ground set up/pack up and the canteen staffing throughout the session and give reminders where required. Don't let your team be the team that gets a "please explain" letter from the committee.

## **Send Off, Cautions and Suspensions**

We had a few Red & Yellow cards issued to both junior and senior players last season. Coaches and Managers are requested to be mindful of ill-discipline among their players.

In any incident of a player receiving a card (red or yellow) it is best that the player is taken aside as soon as possible following the incident to discuss the impact the offence will have on the player, team and the club.

All Red and Yellow cards are required to be reported to the Secretary Wenty Waratahs'.

The reports are required the same day as the card is issued. The coach and manager should keep a record of all infringements in their folders to ensure that players that are ineligible to play don't do so and place any points gained by your team in jeopardy.

### **Red Cards**

The Secretary is to be informed by telephone on the same day the card is issued. All coaches and managers will have these contact details. Additionally it becomes the responsibility of the coach or team manager to hand the infringing players ID card to the secretary on the day of the offence, or in the secretary's absence any member of the Wenty Committee present at Ted Burge on the day or in the absence of any committee member the ID card should be handed in at the canteen with details of the player and the offence.

Coaches and Managers are also required to complete and hand in the paper work associated with their player receiving a Red or Yellow card.

As required by Granville District Soccer Football Association (GDSFA) the Wenty Secretary will hold the player's card until the matter is heard and /or an imposed suspension is completed.

Please ensure that you visually check the team sheet after completion of the game, and record information regarding Red & Yellow cards.

The Wenty Committee has agreed that fines for players receiving infringements will be again in place during the 2015 season, Red Cards - \$10 and Yellow Cards - \$5. (Irrespective of any other results or findings).



The cost of the card is to be paid by the player on the day of receiving the card (the money is to be handed in with the team sheets and paperwork).

If a player fails to pay his or her fine, then the secretary can request that the players ID card be handed in (Player cannot play) until such time as the fine is paid.

The secretary can also request GDSFA to have a line placed through the player name on the team sheet, so as the player cannot play until the fine is paid.

## **Correspondence to GDSFA**

All correspondence to the Granville District Soccer Football Association (GDSFA) must only come from the Secretary of Wenty Waratahs.

Coaches, Managers and Parents are requested not to send e-mails or Phone GDSFA directly. GDSFA will redirect the matter to the Secretary, Wenty Waratahs' for advice in the first instance.

So to ensure your enquiry is dealt with without added delay it should be addressed to the Secretary Wenty Waratahs'.

## **Complaints/Feedback**

Should you have any complaint in relation to your team or another team on match day or during training or you sight any other problem, we at the club would like to know about it.

All complaints should be lodged in writing to the Secretary Wenty Waratahs or via email to [secretary@wentywaratahs.com.au](mailto:secretary@wentywaratahs.com.au)

If the complaint is in regard to a game then the report needs to be lodged' within 24 hours of your game. It will then be forwarded to the appropriate person within the Club or Association.

If it is urgent you can call the Secretary Wenty Waratahs on 0434 513 317.

## **Injured Players**

Should a player be injured during a game the coach or manager of the team will need to advise the secretary Wenty Waratahs within 24 hours of the injury occurring. This needs to be done so that the injury can be recorded for possible future consideration e.g. insurance claim.

The form for reporting any injury can be found on the Wenty Waratahs web site at [www.wentywaratahs.com.au](http://www.wentywaratahs.com.au) then into >Links >JLT Insurance > Claims and select "Personal Injury Claim Form".

The Sporting Accident Claim Form and any supporting documentation need to be in the hands of the club secretary within 5 days of the injury to comply with the requirements of GDSFA and their insurers. All forms should be originals. Copies can't be accepted. If the appropriate paperwork is not received by the club secretary in the time and manner described then we as a club can't provide any guarantees that it will be considered by the insurers.

## **Team Official**

All teams are required by GDSFA to provide a team official for each match, home or away.

The team official is usually a parent of the players. It would be easier if all parents take a turn. The team official will be supplied with a team official vest.

All team officials are required by GDSFA to be over the age of 18.

During a game the team official must stay outside the designated playing area and are required to maintain good order amongst their team supporters, coaches and managers. The team official from the opposition team will do the same for their team.

GDSFA require the team officials from both teams to make themselves known to the match officials prior to the commencement of the game. If there are no team officials it is within the GDSFA By Laws that the game should not start until officials are appointed. If no officials are appointed it is within the GDSFA By Laws that the game should not go ahead.

## **ID Cards, Player, Coaches and Managers.**

ID Cards are the responsibility of the coach and manager.

If a player ceases to play with your team at any time throughout the year the manager or coach are requested to return the players ID Card to the club secretary. It would also support the committee's efforts to improve the club if a reason was given why the player left.

## Competition Teams

### Duration of Matches and Ball Sizes

Duration of matches for each age division is shown below. All matches are to be of two (2) equal halves. The half time break is not to exceed 5 minutes. INJURY/STOPPAGE TIME is only to be played in the last match of the day on that field.

Age Group	Ball Size	Minutes per Half
Under 11	4 Ball – 25” – 26”	25
Under 12	4 Ball – 25” – 26”	25
Under 13	4 Ball – 25” – 26”	30
Under 14	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	30
Under 15	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	35
Under 16	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	35
Under 17	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	40
Under 18	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	45
Under 21	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	45
AAL Men and Ladies	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	45
Over 35'3	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	40
Over 45'3	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	40
Over 30'3 Ladies	5 Ball – 27” – 28”	40

### Mini-Roo Teams

Playing Format	Under 6 & 7	Under 8 & 9	Under 10 & 11
Points Table and Finals	No	No	No
GDSFA Competition Format	In-House Cluster	U8 In-House Cluster U9 GDSFA Draw	GDSFA Draw
Number of Players	4 v 4	7 v 7	9 v 9
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes
Field Size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	Length: 40m – 50m Width: 30m - 40	Length: 60m – 70m Width: 40m – 50m
Field Markings	Line Markings or Markers	Line Markings or Markers	Line Markings or Markers
Penalty Area	No	Depth: 5m Width: 12m	Depth: 5m Width: 12m
Goal Size	Width: 1.5m–2m Height: 0.9m–1m	Width: 2.5m–3m Height: 1.8m–2m	Width: 4.5m–5m Height: 1.8m–2m
Goal Type	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers
Ball Size	3	3	4
Game Time	2 x 15min Halves	2 x 20min Halves	2 x 25min Halves
Half Time Break	5 minutes	5 minutes	7.5 minutes
Referee	Game Leader	Instructing Referee	Instructing Referee

### Late Starting Matches

All games must commence at the allocated time.

**However if any game starts late after the appointed time, the time lost by the late start will be deducted from the playing time so that the match finishes on time. The requirement for equal halves must be maintained.**

## **Team Playing Strip**

Team Shirts are an expensive item for the club. As a club we hope that all players respect and wear the Wenty uniform with pride. Team shirts should not be worn after the game has concluded. Managers have the responsibility to ensure that all the shirts are collected at the end of each game.

The laundering of team shirts is again the responsibility of each of the teams. Players parents usually offer to wash the shirts, however some teams have found it easier to develop a roster for parents so everybody gets a turn. Whichever way teams manage the washing of their shirts, the shirts need to be returned to the team manager on your training night.

If the child of the parent washing the shirts that week is sick on Saturday, getting the shirts could become a last minute distraction for the team manager, coach or other parents.

## **Alternate Playing Strip**

Players in all matches shall play in registered uniforms in club colours, comprising shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards and acceptable footwear. Where the colours of the opposing teams are similar and would cause confusion, the home team shall change.

The process for obtaining the Alternate Strip is:

**Firstly** – please email the Equipment Officer the Wednesday prior to the game to book a set of alternate jersey

*THEN when picking them up from*

### **Ted Burge Sportsground**

- Ask committee member for a set of alternate shirts.
- Fill in paper work held in the Wenty canteen, providing;
  - Team Age and Division.
  - Name and contact details of person borrowing the alternate strip.
- Agree on return day for the strip. The strip may be required the next day if the strip has been borrowed on a Saturday. If borrowed on Sunday the strip is usually returned on the first training session the following week.
- Paperwork needs to be completed and signed before alternate strip is released.

### **Sydney Smith Park**

There are no alternate strips kept at Sydney Smith Park. Teams requiring an alternate strip need to obtain the strip from Ted Burge as above prior to their game.

The laundering of the alternate strip is the responsibility of the team that borrowed the strip.

All alternate strips need to be returned to the canteen at Ted Burge Sportsground as agreed when the strip was borrowed.

## **Players Playing Up**

All players names must be recorded on the GDSFA team sheet as well as the Wenty Waratah Club team sheet.

Only 2 players may play up in any one game.

- A Player is not permitted to play down in any Grade. As an example a player in the 12/2's cannot play in the 13/3's because the player would come from a division 2 team into a division 3 team. The player could play up in a 13/1 side as they would then be moving up from division 2 into a division 1 team.
- A player can only play up for another teams on 3 Occasions – if the player plays a fourth game up, they then cannot play again until they have been regarded into a team they played up for and then the player would need to complete the season in this team.

If unsure please ask.

After 30<sup>th</sup> June there will be no temporary movement of players between teams allowed at all.

Temporary transfer between 2 or more teams from the same club sides in the same division is not permitted at any time.

## **The Draw**

The draw can be found on the Wenty Waratah Web site [www.wentywartahs.com.au](http://www.wentywartahs.com.au) under the Draws Tab. There is a link to the GDSFA draw site.

Managers and Coaches are requested to check and confirm each week prior to your next Saturday's game.

Please check - Who you play, where you are playing and Commencement Time

If there are any late changes you will be notified by the Secretary/Competition Secretary.

If you have any doubts, please contact the Secretary/Competition Secretary.

## **Team Sheets**

When playing a home game – the team sheet can be picked up from the canteen at Ted Burge Sports ground.

LADIES – if you are the home team you need to pick up the team sheet for your game from the canteen at Ted Burge on Saturday.

LADIES – The GDSFA team sheet is to be handed in at the ground you play your match at on Sunday. The Wenty team sheet needs to be handed in to the canteen at Ted Burge the next time somebody from your team is at Ted Burge. – but prior to your next game.

When filling out the team sheet please ensure that you only use a Blue or Black Ball Point Pen. (no felt tip pens) Liquid paper or white out will not be accepted by GDSFA and they will impose fines on Wenty if these forms are incorrectly filled out.

When filling in the team sheets make sure that each player has a shirt number in the respective column.

If a player does not play ensure you put “DNP” in the shirt number column

No more than 16 players are allowed on the team sheet.

If you borrow a player from another team you must put what team you borrowed this player from, grade and division. (e.g. 12/2)

The Coach or Manager must sign the team sheet along with the team official who must be over 18.

Please ensure that you visually check the team sheet after the completion of the game, record information regarding Red & Yellow cards, check that the final score is correctly recorded and that you have signed and correctly completed the team sheet.

This is where most of the clubs fines imposed by GDSFA come from due to incorrect pens used and incorrect detail placed on teams sheets.

### **Please pay special attention when completing Team Sheets.**

## **Incident Report**

A Wenty Waratah Club incident report is to be completed even when there were no incidents before, during or after the match. The report is found on the Wenty Waratah Soccer Club Result Sheet and a simple “N/A” should be recorded in the space provided if there were no incidents.

The GDSFA Incident report must be completed and sent to the Wenty Waratah Club Secretary if any incidents occur regardless of the severity and must be done on the day of the incident.

Any Incident reports need to be complete on the GDSFA Incident Form which can be found on the GDSFA Web site [www.granvillesoccer.com.au](http://www.granvillesoccer.com.au) then into >Library > Forms – 10.- Incident Report Form.

## **Result Sheet**

Managers are required to complete all sections of Wenty Waratah Soccer Club Result Sheet. The sheet is to be placed in the team manilla wallet and placed in the results box at the front of the canteen at Ted Burge.

## **Coaches Best & Fairest / Most Improved**

Please take the time to complete this, on the back of the Wenty Result sheet as there are points awarded for each child who is named on this sheet.

It is tallied up at the end of the season and then calculated depending on the division so we can present the relevant trophy to the winner.

Please record the player's full name, not just their given name.

Ensure you write the age group and division of the team!

## **No Appointed Referee or Referee Does Not Turn Up**

If an official referee hasn't been appointed to your game or hasn't turned up, don't wait till the kick off time to try and find someone to officiate your game.

"Remember the later the game takes to start the shorter the game time".

It is the responsibility of both teams to find a mutually acceptable person to referee the game.

The person who starts the game in the role of a referee must referee the whole game. The duties of a referee can't be shared (i.e - I will referee the first half and you find someone to do the second half).

A person who has not been appointed by the GDSRA that takes the field in the capacity of a referee has the same authority as an GDSRA appointed referee. He or She may issue cards and they are to be recorded.

**Hello  
Coaches and Managers**



## **Wenty Waratah Newsletter**

- Coaches and Managers should complete a weekly report for the “Wenty Waratah” Newsletter which will be available throughout the season.
- All teams are required to take the time to write a fair and complete report on the day’s game. The children do like to read about their games.
- Also please just use the children’s first name, if you have two children with the same first name just put the initial of their surname down after their first name.

### **MOST IMPORTANT – NO NEGATIVE COMMENTS**

“The Editor” will edit the negative comments.

These Reports can either be in MS Word or simply text. The reports need to be e-mailed to [editor@wentywaratahs.com.au](mailto:editor@wentywaratahs.com.au) by Monday night following the previous weekend matches.

By doing the above allows the editor to copy and paste reports into the newsletter and saves valuable time, not to mention his fingers.

If you do not have access to a computer then please ensure all hand written reports are clearly legible and returned with the team’s manila wallet.

Thank you

**The Editor**



# Code Of Acceptable Conduct

## Administrators & Officials

- Give all children an equal chance to participate.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of players
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment. Don't over-emphasize awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviours and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure everyone involved in junior sport emphasizes fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Give a Code of Conduct sheet to officials, coaches, players, parents and spectators and encourage them to stick to it.
- Think before you speak. Don't say anything that could disadvantage anyone within your club or association.
- Compliment and encourage all players.

## Referees

- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than errors.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.

## Coaches

- Ensure that each player gets equal time on the field
- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to always follow the rules, which are unbreakable.
- Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

## **Players**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager, talk to the official during break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are your team, or the other team. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

## **Parents & Spectators**

- Encourage children to participate do not force them. Remember that organized sport is for children's enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage players to always participate by to the rules and official's decisions.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Respect for your team's opponents - without them there would be no game.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

**Remember : It's a game to be enjoyed.**

**Dates to Remember for 2015**

**2015 Season Commences**

**AA Ladies and Girls Competition**

Sunday 12th April 2015

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**Mini-Roo, Mixed and AA Men's  
Competition Saturday 11th April 2015**

**Team Photo Day**

**TBA**  
Ted Burge Sportsground

**Wenty Waratah Soccer Club BBQ**

**At  
The completion of Round 18  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Mini Roo Presentation**

**Date TBA**  
Sydney Smith Park

**Junior Presentation**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
Ted Burge Sportsground

**Senior Presentation**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**The Coolibah**

**Wenty Waratah Soccer Club**  
**AGM**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 @ 8:00pm**

Ted Burge Pavilion  
at  
Ted Burge Sportsground

**2016 Season**

**Registrations will be open online**  
**From 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**NO EXTENSION TO THESE DATES**

**Manual Payment / Fix up Days**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Ted Burge Sportsground Pavilion**

9:00am to 12:00pm

## IT'S ONLY A GAME

**It's only a game.** Sport is an organised game for the enjoyment of players and spectators. Keep the game in perspective - sure it's nice to win, and winning should be celebrated, but for every team that wins there must be a loser. Learn to be a good winner as well as a good loser.

**Learn the rules.** Every game has a set of rules - squash, poker, yachting, rugby, whatever. Learn to play within the rules, and respect the way in which the game is intended to be played. Association Football (or soccer as we know it) has a long history, but the rules have changed very little over time. Contrary to what you see on TV, the only player contact that is legal is shoulder-to-shoulder whilst playing the ball. The referee will not see everything your way, because you are not objective. Accept his decision and get back to playing the game. Do not criticise him, as he never criticises you - you make far more mistakes than him. Play within the laws of the game -remember that a yellow card is one foul away from being suspended and being in disgrace. Wenty have a disciplinary committee that will deal harshly with any misconduct. When you join our club, you are bound by a **Code of Conduct**. Make sure that you are familiar with the conditions that you agree to play under. Maybe your parents signed this form - make sure that they tell you what the code means, or read it for yourself.

**Respect your Opponents.** Without opposition, you don't have a game. They are your next challenge. They want the same things from the game as you do - they are there to enjoy their sport the same as you.

**Parents** - embrace the game that your son or daughter wants to play. Encourage them to do their best, and to learn new skills in a team environment. Ask them to listen to their coach (not to you), and help them to enjoy their sporting experience. Always make positive comments on their efforts - good or bad - and never be an 'ugly' spectator. Call out your support and encouragement without giving directions -that is the coach's job. Do not embarrass them but ask them if they had fun.

**Coaches and Managers** - need to lead by example by being a good behaviour model. Encourage fair play and good sportsmanship. Deal with bad sportsmanship, poor behaviour and bad attitudes early. Ask for support from parents, or refer to the club's committee for leadership and support.

**What is acceptable** - Commitment, desire, determination, trying your best, supreme effort, mateship, listening, learning, praising your teammates, pride in your team and your club.

- Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- Respect your team-mates or you opponents.
- Play by the rules everybody knows them so use your time to play the game you love.
- Enjoy the game arguing and complaining just takes time away from what you really what to be doing.
- Never stop trying,
- Never stop having fun.

## IT REALLY IS ONLY A GAME