

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is Grasshopper Soccer a soccer club?**

No. Grasshopper Soccer is a non-competitive soccer organisation focusing on skill development and having fun.

### **What age groups are involved in the programs?**

Our programs are run for children aged 4-12. Our after school programs and weekend programs cater for children aged 2-12.

### **What do you offer?**

Grasshopper Soccer offers a wide range of programs including:

After School Programs: starts straight after school finishes.

Weekend Programs: as the name suggests.

Weekday Programs: starts later in the afternoon to allow for travel time.

Holiday Programs

In-school programs: lunch time, curriculum.

We do Before school Programs.

### **Who coaches the children/students?**

All programs are conducted by coaches that have been trained by Grasshopper Soccer.

### **What are the costs to the parents and school?**

The school bears no cost in allowing Grasshopper Soccer to conduct a program on the grounds. All advertising and collection of enrolments is handled by Grasshopper Soccer, as well as assignment of coach's. Parents pay a fee prior to the program starting that will cover them for that terms program.

### **Do you need a sporting facility?**

All our programs are conducted outside on an oval or a field. Our request to the school would be to have permission to use their school oval and undercover area if in the event of inclement weather.

### **Are Grasshopper Soccer coach's police checked and do they have a working with children card?**

All of our coach's are required to have a police clearance and working with children card before they can start working for Grasshopper Soccer.

### **Is Grasshopper Soccer covered by insurance?**

Grasshopper Soccer has a \$10 million public liability insurance, plus \$10 million products liability insurance and \$2 million professional indemnity insurance.

### **What are your coaching ratios?**

The coaching ratio for a Grasshopper Soccer program is 1:14 children maximum, however can be less than this if the age range varies.

### **What about age differences in classes?**

All children of similar age and ability will be put together and separated, even if the number of students is below the coaching ratio.

### **How will Grasshopper Soccer impact after care programs?**

Our programs will not affect any aftercare program that you may have running at your school. Grasshopper Soccer programs are run separately to any school curriculum and are paid for by the parents of participating students. Grasshopper Soccer is also happy to escort any child that has to go to after school care once the session has finished.

### **What happens in wet/hot weather?**

Grasshopper Soccer will run in wet weather if it has access to an undercover area and will play in light rain. If the weather is deemed to be too severe, the session will be cancelled and re-scheduled to another day.

Grasshopper Soccer will run in hot weather and will allow children plenty of drink breaks and rest in the shade. If there is access to an undercover area, this will be used in extreme circumstances.

### **Where do children meet the coaches?**

Children will meet the coach in a designated spot as stated on the enrolment form, this is usually the school oval.

### **Are there other schools involved with Grasshopper Soccer?**

Yes, Grasshopper Soccer run's these programs successfully at many different schools across Australia

### **How are your programs run?**

All of Grasshopper Soccer's programs are non-competitive, and we focus on having fun and improving a child's soccer skills, confidence, motor skills and co-ordination. Our structured programs combine the above aspects where we play fun warm up games, followed by different skills every week and then a small sided game played each week also.

We aim for each child to leave with a smile on their face.

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## What is Grasshopper Soccer?

Since 1990, Grasshopper Soccer has been leading the way in the development of young children through soccer. We aim to not only improve their soccer skills, but to provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment for our young grasshoppers to excel.

Our Grasshopper Soccer programs have been professionally developed over this time to make sure our aims are always exceeded.

We start with children at around the age of 2 and provide a pathway to work with the up until the age of around 12. We see Grasshopper Soccer as a valuable addition to children's learning over this period of time. In our programs, we mix fun skill development and activities with actual small sided soccer games. Depending on the program that is suitable for your child, parental involvement is also a key element at Grasshopper Soccer. Our programs are run throughout the whole year. We also offer programs during the school term and also holiday programs. We operate our programs on weekdays and on the weekend.



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## Grasshopper Soccer Philosophy

Grasshopper Soccer believes in providing the right social environment for children, to ensure fair play, sportsmanship, skill advancement, social interaction and further development of children ready to approach the next milestones of life that quickly approach. As a result, Grasshopper Soccer provides coaching based on the following three principles:

- 1) Non-competitive
- 2) Fun
- 3) Support

Being Non-competitive means children are able to develop their skills without the pressure of 'winning and losing'. This also leads to the ideology of fun, where children can enjoy learning and be excited at the idea of playing soccer week in and out. Support is where the parents and coaches come into the equation. Grasshopper Soccer incorporates parents and coaches to be directly involved in participation, training and encouragement of the child to 'have a go'.



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## What can Grasshopper Soccer offer you?

Grasshopper Soccer has been in partnership with many state and private schools across the country where we have provided and conducted programs that have assisted thousands of Australian children learn the fun that can be associated with playing sport and in particular, soccer. Grasshopper Soccer has many years of experience working with schools and we understand the dynamic nature of school communities. Our programs can be designed to cater to the needs of a school to ensure that the specific needs of each school are addressed. Grasshopper Soccer also runs programs on the weekends for those who are unable to make our sessions during the week. These programs on the weekend are more age focused and some involve parent participation, which gives parents the opportunity to bond with their children. Grasshopper Soccer can provide the following services for your school:

- ⚽ In School Programs
- ⚽ Before, after & lunchtime soccer sessions
- ⚽ Holiday Programs
- ⚽ Kindergarten & pre-primary programs
- ⚽ Corporate Activities



## Grasshopper Soccer Programs

Grasshopper Soccer runs a variety of programs that cater for children aged from 2-12. All of our programs involve no cost for the school, no administration and Grasshopper Soccer manages every aspect. Grasshopper Soccer also provides all equipment and all our staff are trained and are screened for police checks and working with children cards.

**Before & After School Program (Mixed Ages)**  
Grasshopper Soccer runs soccer fun for your school, pre primary, or kindergarten. We run these classes before, during or after school and follow the Grasshopper Soccer principles of having fun while learning and playing soccer. Grasshopper Soccer suits a variety of ages and skills and all classes are tailored to the group participating

**Holiday Programs (4-12yo's)**  
Grasshopper Soccer runs holiday clinics in the school holidays four terms a year. These holiday clinics follow the principles of Grasshopper Soccer - having fun, while learning and playing soccer. Holiday clinics are designed to give mums and dads a few hours break and also to keep children active and entertained over the school break. Holiday clinics provide fun games to play while also learning new skills plus introducing the 3x3 soccer games to the children.

Grasshopper Soccer also offers:  
**Birthday Parties**  
We can conduct fabulous and fun birthday parties for children of all ages. Our team organises lots of fun activities, the equipment necessary and lots of giveaways and prizes to the participants and also a special gift to the birthday child.

**Family Corporate Events**  
Grasshopper Soccer can organise fun activity areas for children at Fetes, Family corporate days, Christmas parties and Carnivals.

**Soccer League**  
For those who are after an extra challenge in soccer, we offer the soccer league for players aged 6 and above to play in fun, organised matches every weekend during a nominated season. At the end of the season each child receives an engraved trophy.

**Child Care Programs**  
We can conduct fun programs for children of any age who attend child care, morning or afternoon.

**PintSize Soccer**

**INTRO Micro Soccer**

**Micro Soccer**

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**PLUS Soccer**

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