



NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration & Subscriptions Policy

Document Purpose.

This document is designed to give direction and to provide transparency in the policy and process for members to meet their obligations to maintain the currency of their membership and therefore their eligibility to represent the Northcote Junior Football Club.

It should be a tool for club and team administrators, and will provide guidance to parents and members.

It should read in conjunction with the constitution, corporate plan and other club policies and procedures.

Aim

To ensure the major revenue source for the club remains secure, yet allow players in adverse family financial circumstances the opportunity to play football.

Background

The club has a responsibility to maintain financial viability. The major stream of income for the NJFC is via player subscriptions. Subscriptions are set at a level that is a balance between meeting the financial needs of the club and ensuring that we remain a value for money sporting option for the Darebin community, in accordance with the NJFC corporate plan 2015-19.

The subscriptions structure recognises individual family circumstances and makes specific allowances for families with multiple siblings as well as members who are healthcare card holders.

The club also recognises that the full payment of registrations up front at the start of the season may create a single financial impost that cannot be met by some families. The club is willing to meet with any families that have specific financial hardship and make arrangements to part pay or progress pay through the season.

Principles

- The subscriptions process will be applied equitably with respect to the privacy and individual circumstances of all parties;
- All players are expected to meet the financial requirements of the club as stated by this policy;
- Players/families who do not meet the minimum requirements of this policy, as determined by the Player Welfare Officer and the Registrar, will not be eligible to represent the NJFC;
- For all modified payment arrangements agreed with individuals, the underlying personal circumstances and the nature of the arrangements is to remain confidential;
- Collections of outstanding amounts should be conducted through the registrar and individual team managers. Any collection of late payments should be conducted with appropriate respect for individuals and their privacy.

Registration and Payment

It is an NFL requirement that all players are registered prior to playing. All families are encouraged to register online at the earliest possible time. The registrations site is available from 1 November each year and can be accessed through the club website (www.njfc.com.au).

It is expected that payment is made in full at the time of registration. If this is not possible, players should proceed with registration and make contact with the Registrar or Player Welfare Officer to discuss arrangements for partial or periodic payments.

Minimum Requirements

Either

1. Upfront payment of registration payment in full at time of registration

Or

2. Entry into a payment agreement with Registrar or Player Welfare Officer prior to the start of the season to ensure registration fee is paid over the course of the season. This involves:
 - Committing to make regular payments as agreed between member and Registrar/ Player Welfare Officer, e.g. a minimum payment of \$15 per game (in advance) until registration fee is paid in full
 - Making payments under this commitment, unless agreement is re-negotiated with Registrar/ Player Welfare Officer

Subscriptions Structure

2015 Subscriptions (reviewed annually, to remain in force until amended by a decision of the committee);

Full member \$240

Second sibling \$200

Third sibling \$65

Each additional \$0

Healthcare card holder* \$180

Healthcare card holder* Second Sibling \$150

Healthcare card holder* Third sibling \$65

Healthcare card holder* Each additional \$0

*Healthcare card must be verified by Registrar, Treasurer or PWO

Dispute Resolution

In the event that agreement cannot be reached on appropriate arrangements the matter should be referred to the committee for where it will be dealt with in accordance with the dispute resolution process of the NJFC.