

# Clyde Football Club

## Player Registration Policy



### Rationale

The Clyde Cougars Football Club recognises that whilst we are a junior club, certain procedures rely on parental involvement and to ensure fair and equitable access to all possible participants, a clear and decisive registration procedure is needed.

### Aim

To provide junior players opportunity to play for the Clyde Cougars Football Club.

### Registration

The CCFC will advertise when pre-registrations and registrations are open each season. This date may vary each year as registrations are dependent on AFLSE. It is hoped that families will pre-register each season when invited, saving the club an enormous amount of work and streamlines the paperwork and payment process. Families will be expected to register later in the year via Play HQ when registrations are announced. An invoice for the remaining balance will be sent by the CCFC prior to this date. In registering your child/ren, you will be required to pay a fee set by the league via Play HQ as well as a deposit and/or and balances remaining. Alternatively families may choose to defer the balance until round 2 next year.

### Age Eligibility

- All players are to play in their correct age group. In exceptional circumstances a request to play up an age group will be considered.
- Players must turn 7 years old by the 30th of April to be eligible to play in under 8s. Whatever age a player turns in the season year is the age group they play in i.e. turn 9, play under 9. This is based on their age on the 1st of January of that year.
- If a player's suitability to "play up" from their correct age level is questioned for reasons of safety or similar concerns, the Registrar in conjunction with the Football Director, Coach, player & parent will consider all the available information and make an informed decision on the placement of that Player.
- If a player elects to register and "play up" from their normal age level they must accept that, if at some later time, they wish to "correct their age level", they can only do so if a vacancy exists in their chosen team.

### Vacancies

Vacancies will be determined by the Registrar based on:

1. When an invitation to register/re-register has not been taken up by the due date.
2. When players leave the club.

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### Application Process

The applicant is obligated to register via the PlayHQ platform. Once a player has registered, they will receive an email from the registrar in acceptance and with general club information. The email address you provide will be used to communicate further information with you regarding the upcoming season.

### Registration Criteria

The club reserves the right to re-register prior season members and new members via invitation only.

- First preference is given to Last season players (current players) who have already pre-registered, via email notification (subject to a deadline). Pre-registered players will need to register on Play HQ once the league has opened up the new season.
- Second preference is given to Siblings of last season players (current players), via email notification (subject to deadline).
- Third preference is given to the date in which new members have registered and paid fees.

### Deadline for Current Members

Invitations to re-register will be sent at the the end of each season, with a deadline **as advertised**. This may be followed up with a subsequent email closer to the deadline as a matter of courtesy to members, but at the Registrar's discretion.

**Renewing a player's registration on or before the deadline remains the full responsibility of the player/family. If a player fails to renew by the set deadline, his/her place in the team/club will be deemed vacant and made available to others, from the deadline date onwards. Please do not rely on the club to chase you.**

### ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

When reviewing transfer applications, the Registrar will make enquiries into the applicant's background as to why he/she may be transferring. If there is a history of unsportsmanlike behaviour, by either the applicant and/or his/her family, the Registrar is within his/her right to reject this application.

### Fees - 2024

Fees are reviewed and determined by the Executive Committee on a yearly basis.

Upon registration (whether via invitation or Play HQ), a \$60 deposit is required with full payment to be made by the second round of the season. Please see our refund policy for details on withdrawal of players.

Fees for 2024 are \$220. Players that played in the season prior are eligible for a \$40 discount if the deposit is paid before the advertised deadline. Additional players from the same family may receive a 10% discount, (please note that additional discounts will forfeit this offer). Registration includes a loan of a club playing jumper which will need to be returned at the end of the season. Failure to do so will incur a \$70 fee.

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Additionally, families will be required to pay a SEJ player registration fee of \$9.90 via Play HQ. This fee enables the SEJ to cover operating expenses that accrue through Finals/ Little Demons Day and Development Programs for Players, Coaches and Officials.

Club playing shorts and socks are also required and will be available for purchase. Please note, all players must play with a mouthguard. These are available for purchase via the club, dentist or retailer of your choice.

Families eligible for the Active Kids Grant (Health Care / Concession Card Holders) - payment of \$200 using the voucher code will be accepted as full payment. Please see the Active Kids Grant website for more details.

If a family requires a payment plan, they are to contact the Registrar at registrar@clydefc.com.au to arrange this **PRIOR** to any deadlines advised.

### **Un-financial Players**

A player is deemed "un-financial" if his/her fees remain unpaid after the payment deadline. Payment in full is expected by the 2nd round of play. The club has a NO PAY, NO PLAY policy. Any player that owes money or a club jumper will **not** be given a clearance to play at another club until the debt is settled and/or the jumper is returned.

### **Resignation from the Club**

If after registering, a player decides that he/she no longer wants to play with the club, written notice must be given to the Registrar. Please see the club's refund policy on our website for more information.

### **CLEARANCE OF PLAYERS (TO & FROM) AND ELIGIBILITY TO TRAIN/PLAY**

Players transferring from another club to the Clyde Cougars Football Club are ineligible to train/play until they receive written confirmation from the Clyde Registrar. Once this has been received, the Registrar will communicate this to the appropriate Coach and/or Team Manager by adding the player to the team sheet.

The Registrar will process a player's transfer to another club upon determining whether that player is financial and has returned his/her jumper or any other club property in their possession. Transfers will not be cleared without club jumper being returned.

### **Placement of Players**

All registrations are subject to team vacancies.

New players are placed into teams based on the Registration criteria mentioned above.

U8 to U12 - team placement of new players is at the discretion of the club Registrar and Football Director. Requests to play in a certain team may be made but there is no guarantee.

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U13 to U14 - team placement of new and existing players is subject to availability and any player movement will be in line with the League policies.

U15 to U18 - in line with the League Policy the club will assess each player and form teams based on the team that the club feels they are best suited to. (This age group will not be accessible in 2023 at Clyde FC)

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