

VERMONT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION POLICY



Purpose

Each season, the Vermont Junior Football Club (VJFC) provides opportunities for more boys and girls to play football. As the club is continuing to grow, it is important that there is a consistent and transparent registration and transfer policy.

This policy has been developed to provide returning and future players and parents with clear information about registration and transfer processes and requirements and registration fees.

Registration day

The VJFC will schedule a registration day to be held mid to late November. The VJFC may also decide to hold a second Registration day in early February.

Registration process

Registrations are managed through SportsTG website and will be open to existing members once the registration period is opened by SportsTG, generally around the 1st November. The VJFC will notify all existing players when registration is open. It will also advertise on its website, to local Auskick centres and to local primary schools. Registration is only open to existing players up until Registration day, after which it is open to existing and new players.

Registrations Order of processing

Registrations will be processed in the following order:

1. Returning player who have registered by Registration day
2. New player registrations received on or before Registration day, provided that the maximum numbers have not been reached.
3. All registrations received after Registration day will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Registrations will not be considered until they are received by the VJFC Registrar. Applications should not be given to Coaches, Team Managers or other VJFC officials.

Late registrations

Registrations received **AFTER** the first registration day in November will be deemed to be late with the player placed on a waitlist (**even if the player has previously played with VJFC**) and will be processed in the order in which they were received after all those registrations that were received on time have been processed.

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Existing Players

All players wishing to play in the upcoming season must completed online registration with payment by registration day.

Registrations for existing players received **AFTER** the first registration day in November will be deemed to be “Late registrations” with the player placed on a waitlist.

New players

Registrations from new players will not be processed until the VJFC has been able to allocate a place to all the previous year’s players who registered by Registration day. The Committee, in consultation with the relevant Coach, will determine whether new players should be offered a place.

Correct age groups

For safety and developmental reasons, all players must register in their correct age group.

Any player who has previously been allowed to play in an older age group will not automatically be permitted to play up in a subsequent year.

Players will only be allowed to play up in exceptional circumstances and at the approval of the Committee.

Mixed abilities

Vermont Junior Football VJFC actively encourages people of mixed abilities to play football where it is safe to do so.

Team Size

Total number of players per team shall not exceed 24. All players who are fit to play are entitled to play. No players are to be rostered off.

In extreme circumstances the Executive Committee have the ability to increase team size to 26. This is at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. In this situation, EFL by-laws have a limit of 24 players, so 2 players need to be rostered off every game.

Too many players

The VJFC may have multiple teams in the same age group. Depending on the number of players who register in subsequent years it may be necessary to consolidate the teams into a single team.

Should this be the case, the VJFC will endeavour to accommodate all players (e.g. it may invite players to play in the next highest team). No new players will be accepted into the higher team until

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this process has been completed. If there are still too many players from the previous season, the players will be selected in the following order:

1. Players who have a sibling playing with the VJFC
2. Players whose parents have made a significant contribution to the VJFC in past years (i.e. Coach, Team Manager, Trainer, committee person or other persons deemed by the Committee to have made a significant contribution to the VJFC in past years)
3. Players who have played the most years with the VJFC
4. If necessary, priority will then be given to those players who have played the most games with the VJFC.

Club Fees

These are reviewed annually and available through the SportsTG registration process and will be confirmed on the VJFC website prior to the commencement of registration for any given season.

The fee covers:

- VJFC operating costs and games costs (e.g. venue hire, umpires, training equipment, match day equipment, medical supplies, EFNL charges etc)
- The provisions of a jumper which is provided on loan and must be returned at the end of the season. (This does not apply to players who have purchased their jumper through the "Buy Your Own Jumper program")
- The provision of a helmet which is provided on loan to players (Under 8s - 12s teams) and must be returned at the end of the season.

No additional game fees will be charged.

Players must be financial members of the VJFC and pay their playing fees prior to playing in their first game. Fees are due online at the time of registration, except for financial hardship payments. Unregistered players with fees outstanding are prohibited from playing any games for the Club.

Discounts / Financial Hardship

The VJFC will offer a reduced fee to players registered to play in the non-competitive age groups. These discounts will be set prior to Registration Day.

Families experiencing financial hardship can request progressive payments or apply for a fee subsidy. All requests are to be made to the VJFC President (president@vermontjfc.com.au). All applications will be treated confidential and applicants advised via email of the outcome. Progressive payments and subsidy amounts are at the discretion of the Executive Committee and must be approved prior to playing any game for the Club.

The VJFC may offer a reduced fee to players who register after 1 June.

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Refunds

All registration refunds will be made via EFT to a nominated bank account and will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. A request for a refund should be sent to the VJFC Registrar and will be considered by the Executive Committee. Applications will be assessed and determined on the basis of each individual circumstance. Refunds will not be provided to players who are rostered off or are not available to play. If a refund has been agreed, it will be offered at a Pro rata rate.

Equipment

All jumpers (except those purchased through the "Buy your Own Jumper program") and helmets remain the property of the VJFC and are to be returned to Team Managers within two weeks of the final game. Players who wish to purchase their jumper as a memorabilia of the year may do so and will be advised of the cost at the end of the season. Those purchasing their jumper cannot use this as their playing jumper in future years. Damaged items or items not returned within two weeks of the last game will be considered lost and the player will be liable to pay for its replacement. Players with outstanding debt will not be eligible to play until the debt has been paid and the VJFC will not provide a clearance to any player who has an outstanding debt.