



Ashburton United Soccer Club Fee Payment Policy

Background

Ashburton United Soccer Club (the Club) is committed to ensuring our players and members/parents receive the best football experience that can be provided. To ensure this is possible, all players are requested to ensure their membership fees are paid prior to taking the field.

Membership fee payment

The Club has a **No Pay No Play** policy. This policy reduces the administrative overhead of chasing unpaid or partially paid players for their fees as well as minimising occurrences of fees remaining unpaid permanently. This policy also reduces the risk borne by the Club by ensuring that players have a basic level of insurance coverage from the associations.

In general, fees are paid in two instalments:

- a non-refundable deposit payment to secure a player's position at the Club, and
- a balance payment.

Fees, including deposit and balance payment amounts, will be advertised on the website prior to the commencement of season and/or in the letter/email of offer of a playing position. All players must pay fees by the advertised due date. Failure to pay the fees (including outstanding balances from the previous season) will result in the player not being permitted to continue any current activities with the Club.

From time to time the club may reduce or waive registration fees for nominated players. This will occur only with the agreed approval of the Club Treasurer and at least two other committee office bearers.

Players/families experiencing financial hardship/difficulties in making the total fee amount before the abovementioned due date can speak confidentially to the Club Treasurer or the Club Administrator to arrange an alternative payment plan.

Requests for financial assistance and/or a payment plan must be received by no later than 1 April. All requests will be handled confidentially on a case-by-case basis and an approved payment plan will be notified by email. Any player on a payment plan is required to make regular payments in accordance with the schedule agreed upon. If scheduled payments are not made, players may be denied participation in training and/or playing games.

Sibling discounts

When more than one player has been registered from the same family, the subsequent children will be entitled to a discount of:

- i. \$50 off the Club fee (less Football Australia and Football Victoria fees) where the 2nd or subsequent sibling is registered to play in a community
- ii. 10% off the Club fee where the 2nd or subsequent sibling is registered to play in a performance or JBNPL team



Other discounts

The Club's Committee of Management members and volunteer Community coaches who have a child at the Club are eligible for a full fee refund (less Football Australia and Football Victoria fees) for one child only.

A player who is a Committee of Management member or a volunteer coach is eligible for a full fee refund (less Football Australia and Football Victoria fees) for themselves. If the player also has a child at the Club, the player is only eligible for one full fee waiver for their child and not for themselves. In order to claim the

Refunds of fees are conditional upon the volunteer completing a full season in their volunteer position. In order to claim the fee refund volunteers must complete the attached form and forward via email to the Club Administrator prior to 30 September of the current year.

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