

Mill Park Football Club

Registration, Uniform, Code of Conduct,

Volunteer Expectation and Representative Selection Policy

Context

This policy covers the following:

- Registration
- Registration Refund
- Club Transfers
- Uniforms
- Equipment
- Code of Conduct, Player and Family
- Parent Participation
- Representative Selection and Expectation

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Registration

Registration for each football season will open on 1 November each year and will be administered through the **PlayHQ** platform, in accordance with the registration processes of the **Australian Football League, AFL Victoria**, and the **Northern Football Netball League**.

Existing players and families will receive an electronic invitation to re-register via the platform using the email address associated with their previous registration. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring they have access to the registered email account and their login credentials in order to complete the re-registration process.

Registrations for **new players** will open following an initial priority registration period for existing players. As part of the registration process, new players must provide appropriate documentation to verify the participant's age, which may include a **birth certificate or other approved form of identification**.

All **club volunteers, officials, and support personnel** are also required to register through the **PlayHQ platform** each season. Registration ensures that individuals undertaking official roles are appropriately recorded within the competition system and enables team officials, including team managers, to allocate approved roles on match day.

Payment of Fees

Registration fees are processed through the PlayHQ platform and include both the applicable Northern Football Netball League competition fee and the Mill Park Football Club membership fee. Fees are payable at the time of registration and should be completed online through the registration system.

All registration fees must be paid (or a payment plan implemented) no later than Round 1 of the relevant season. Any player whose registration fees remain outstanding at the commencement of Round 1 will be deemed "not financial" and will be ineligible to participate in matches or club-sanctioned competitions until all outstanding fees have been paid in full.

Mill Park Football Club provides a payment plan option for families experiencing financial difficulty, enabling families to pay registration fees in installments. The Club supports the use of this option where a payment plan is required.

Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the Mill Park Football Club Treasurer to discuss confidential and alternative payment arrangements. Enquiries can be directed to:

treasurer@millparkfc.com.au

Refund of Registration Fees

Registration fees may be eligible for refund **up to and including Round 3 of the season**. Requests for refunds must be submitted to the Club for consideration within this period.

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After the completion of **Round 3**, registration fees will **not be eligible for refund**, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Club Committee.

Registration cancellations, withdraws or transfers to another club after registering, a refund may be provided less:

- a \$20 administration fee, and
- the cost of any non-recoverable expenses already incurred by the club (including training tops, uniforms, league/association fees, NFNL Representation fees and payment processing fees)

Transfers

Mill Park Football Club abides by the NFNL By-laws and schedules. In relation to player transfers, the following applies:

5.PLAYER TRANSFERS

5.1.Football

5.1.1.All intra-league transfers will be dealt with in accordance with the AFL National Player Transfer Regulations set out in Schedule 5 of these By Laws.

5.1.2.No more than three (3) junior players per age group will be permitted to be transferred from an affiliated club to another affiliated club per season unless both affiliated clubs consent to this number being exceeded.

In addition to the above any player requesting a transfer who has outstanding fees or club property, will be denied transfer until all fees are paid in full or club property returned.

Jumpers

Players are required to **purchase their playing guernsey at the time of registration** through the **PlayHQ platform** or the Club's approved registration process. Once issued, the guernsey becomes the responsibility of the player and their parent or guardian.

Players are expected to ensure that their playing guernsey is **maintained in good condition and presented clean for all matches** throughout the season.

Where a player is allocated any additional Club-owned apparel or equipment, such items remain the property of the Mill Park Football Club and must be returned at the end of the season, cleaned and in good condition, to the relevant Team Manager or Club official. Any Club property that is lost, damaged, or not returned may be required to be replaced at the expense of the player's parent or guardian

Players requesting a transfer or clearance to another club must return any outstanding Club-owned

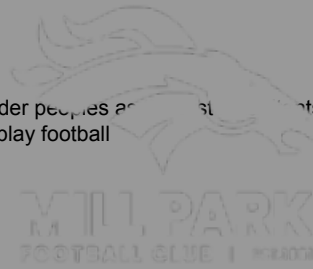
property or equipment prior to the clearance being approved.

Playing guernseys are to be worn for official match play only and are not to be worn at training sessions.

Uniform and Equipment

Players are required to wear the approved Mill Park Football Club playing uniform for all official matches conducted under the Northern Football Netball League competition.

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The required match uniform consists of:

- Playing Guernsey – Official Mill Park Football Club guernsey purchased at registration.
- Shorts
 - Boys: Blue shorts for home games and white shorts for away games.
 - Girls: Blue shorts for home games and pink shorts for away games.
- Socks – Official NFNL blue football socks must be worn for all matches.

Players may wear compression shorts, or singlets underneath their playing uniform if desired, provided they are within the NFNL ByLaw 13.2 and do not interfere with the playing uniform.

13.2 Compression Garments

13.2.1 For competitive age groups (Under 11 to open age), compression garments worn by players beneath the uniform on the upper and/or lower body **must not extend beyond a player's football jumper and/or shorts.**

13.2.2 For uncompetitive age groups (under-9 and under-10), compression garments worn by players beneath the uniform on the upper and/or lower body may be full length and extend beyond a player's jumper and/or shorts.

13.2.3 For all age groups, compression garments worn by players beneath the uniform on the upper and/or lower body must be completely beige, **black or team coloured.**

13.2.4 All other garment types are not permitted to be worn in addition to a player's uniform unless prior approval is granted by the League.

For player safety and in accordance with AFL junior football safety guidelines, the following equipment requirements apply:

- Mouthguards are mandatory for all players during both training sessions and matches.
- Football boots must not contain metal spikes or metal studs.
- Protective helmets may be worn by players who choose to do so.
- Prescription sports eyewear may be worn by players who choose to do so.

The following player safety and presentation requirements must also be observed:

- Jewellery must not be worn during training or matches.
- Fingernails must be kept short to reduce the risk of injury to other players.
- Long hair must be securely tied back. Where players wear braids, they must be secured to the head and not left free or loose during play.

Umpires, coaches, or club officials may require a player to remove or modify any item considered unsafe before being permitted to participate in training or match play.

Players and parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that all required uniform and safety equipment requirements are met prior to participation.

Club Merchandise

The Mill Park Football Club offers a range of official club merchandise for purchase, including playing shorts, socks, and other approved club apparel and supporter items.

Club merchandise may be purchased through the Club during designated sale periods or events. Information regarding merchandise availability, sale dates, and purchasing arrangements will be communicated via the Mill Park Football Club website and the Club's official Facebook page.

Players and supporters are encouraged to wear official Club merchandise when representing or supporting the Club to promote a consistent and professional Club identity.

Only approved club-branded merchandise may be worn when representing the Club at NFNL/AFL official functions.

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Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is to be signed physically or digitally by all players and their parents/guardians annually. This document applies to all coaches, players, parents, officials, and members. The Code of Conduct is put in place to remind us all how the Mill Park Football Club expects everyone to conduct themselves.

Parent Participation

Parent and family participation is an important component of the successful operation of the **Mill Park Football Club** and its teams. The Club relies on the support and involvement of parents and guardians to assist with a variety of activities that contribute to the effective running of both individual teams and the broader Club.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to assist where possible with team and match day responsibilities, which may include tasks such as providing team refreshments, assisting with boundary or goal umpiring duties, helping with match day setup, or volunteering for other team support roles. Parents are also encouraged to consider becoming involved in Club administration or governance roles,

including joining the Club Committee or assisting with club events and activities.

Active participation by parents and families not only supports the ongoing operation of the Club but also demonstrates encouragement and support for their child's involvement in football and the values of teamwork, participation, and community that the Club promotes.

Fines incurred by the club due to parent/player behaviour may be passed on to the individual as decided by committee.

Representative Football

Where a player is selected in the final playing squad for the **NFNL Representative team** or the **NFNL Vic Metro Representative Team**, the **Mill Park Football Club** will contribute **75% of the applicable registration cost**.

This financial support is provided on the condition the player **registers and commits to play with Mill Park Football Club for the following season**, subject to eligibility and competition rules of the **Northern Football Netball League**.

The Club may require confirmation of selection and registration costs prior to approving the contribution.

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