



REGISTRATION & REFUNDS POLICY

July 2022

Junior teams

Playing in appropriate age group

In junior football, age group is determined by the year of birth. For example, if a player turns 12 any time in the calendar year, they are considered to be under 12.

Players must be registered in their own age group, or the nearest available age group if their age group is not available.

We appreciate that there are reasons why children might want to play in a different age group, including playing with friends, wanting to be challenged by playing to a higher standard or being new to soccer and wanting to play in a younger age group.

If a player wishes to play in a different age group, the player's parent must make a request by emailing admin@alphingtonfc.com. You may like to speak to a Committee member first. The Club Committee will consider requests but reserves the right to decide that the player must play in their own age group.

As a starting point, the Club encourages the player playing in their own age group where possible because it is better to go through the year groups as a cohort. But we will consider exceptions depending on the circumstances.

Playing in a different age group in the mini Roos (u8 to u11) requires Club approval but does not require Football Victoria approval. Playing in a younger age group when 12yo or older does require a Football Victoria 'dispensation'. The Club can apply for a dispensation on several grounds, including for a first year player, no other team in own age group available or medical grounds.

Deregistration

In this policy where a reference is made to the **Club Fees**, this means the portion of the registration fees paid to the Club (excluding the portion of the fees which is passed through to Football Victoria and Football Australia which the Club does not retain).

If a player seeks to de-register, the Club will:

- if the deregistration is requested within one month of registration, refund the full Club Fees; or
- If the de-registration is more than one month after registration, refund a proportion of the Club Fees depending on how far into the season it is.

Full refunds of the Club Fees will always be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Senior teams

Payment of registration fees

Senior registration fees must be paid in full prior to the first game of the season.

Kits will not be provided until fees are paid in full.

Payment plans will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, and if those circumstances are demonstrated by the player (to the sole discretion of the Club), an appropriate payment plan or alternative methods such as through volunteer hours will be negotiated with the Club. As a general rule, payment plans will require the player to have paid the full registration fees by round 10 of the season.

The Club reserves the right to not accept a registration of a player who has a history of not paying fees in previous seasons.

Deregistration

If a player seeks to de-register, the Club will:

- if the deregistration is requested within one month of registration and less than six games into the season, refund the full Club Fees;
- If the de-registration is more than one month after registration and less than six games into the season, refund a proportion of the Club Fees depending on how many matches the player has played; or
- If the de-registration is requested more than six games into the season, not be in a position to offer a refund for the Club Fees.

Notwithstanding bullet points two and three above, full refunds of the Club Fees will always be considered in exceptional circumstances.