FOOTBA

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Dear Members,

## WINTER FOOTBALL PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES - 2024

Hills Football Incorporated (HFI) saw its largest year yet, hitting over 13,000 winter football players and 3,500 summer football players in 2023.

The 2023 season also saw a less disrupted year, having previously been challenged with wet weather, COVID-19 impacts on sport and health, and other uncontrollable factors. We thank all members during these times for their resilience and determination in making Football in the Hills a successful and enjoyable experience for all.

HFI takes pride in offering our members well-rounded coaching, refereeing and playing experience when playing Football in the Hills.

A key aspect of ensuring the playing experience is great and consistent for our members is the setting of an appropriate membership fee for the services offered. HFI carefully budgets and spends membership fees to ensure your fees are as low as possible while still maintaining the requirements for a great football competition. HFI is cognizant of the rising cost of living pressures together with the changing environment associated with the removal of a portion of the Active Kids vouchers, and as a result has chosen to retain the 2023 cost structure for 2024 for HFI's portion of the Fees. Football Australia has also chosen to keep its fees the same for the 2024 season.

On the other hand, our direct governing body, FNSW have chosen to substantially increase their 2024 fees for the following reasons:

- Rising insurance costs and premiums
- An increase in insurance claims
- Continued inflation

HFI has reviewed the price increases from FNSW and does not support these price increases as the majority of services provided to our members (other than insurance) are provided directly by HFI in conjunction with its member clubs. HFI has no control over the FNSW component of the fee and does not have the financial capacity to absorb the price increases and thus must pass the increased fee onto its members.

The table on the following page represents the fees that will be charged to members in 2024 by HFI.



Age (Turning During 2024)	FA	FNSW	HFI	Total	Fee Per Round (18)
Under 6	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$41.50	\$75.00	\$4.17
Under 7	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$41.50	\$75.00	\$4.17
Under 8	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$56.50	\$90.00	\$5.00
Under 9	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$56.50	\$90.00	\$5.00
Under 10	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$66.50	\$100.00	\$5.56
Under 11	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$66.50	\$100.00	\$5.56
Under 12	\$14.50	\$19.00	\$101.50	\$135.00	\$7.50
Under 13	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$113.50	\$156.00	\$8.67
Under 14	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$113.50	\$156.00	\$8.67
Under 15	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$123.50	\$166.00	\$9.22
Under 16	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$123.50	\$166.00	\$9.22
Under 17	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$173.50	\$216.00	\$12.00
Under 18 Boys / Youth Girls (U16 – U18)	\$14.50	\$28.00	\$173.50	\$216.00	\$12.00
Under 21 (Youth Boys)	\$34.00	\$109.00	\$184.00	\$327.00	\$18.17
All Age	\$34.00	\$109.00	\$184.00	\$327.00	\$18.17
Over 35 Men's / Over 30's Women	\$34.00	\$109.00	\$184.00	\$327.00	\$18.17
Over 45 Men's / O45 Women / O55	\$34.00	\$109.00	\$184.00	\$327.00	\$18.17
Men's					
Walking Football	N/A	N/A	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$3.11
Premier League (MPL/WPL)	\$34.00	\$109.00	\$219.00	\$362.00	\$20.11

\* All fees shown above are GST Inclusive.

\*\* Fees shown above for FA and FNSW are charged based on the players' age during the season.

\*\*\* Fees shown above for HFI will be charged based on the competition that a player participates in. \*\*\*\* Walking Football is an additional 'social registration' package not incorporating FA or FNSW fees.

\*\*\*\*\*These Fees Exclude the club portion of your fee.

HFI encourages clubs to be mindful of the above mismatch between the fees charged by FA/FNSW and HFI when putting players into teams above their age bracket as there will be a price differential between that charged to the player and that charged to the club.



The above fees will be invoiced to clubs as follows:

Tranche	Estimated Invoice Date	Method of Calculation
Tranche 1	29/02/2024	Team Fees are based on team nominations. Team Fee will represent a per player fee multiplied by the minimum number of players required to field a team in a particular age group.
Tranche 2	30/04/2024	Total Players as at Invoice date multiplied by their respective per player fee. Tranche 1 will act as a credit towards this total fee.
Tranche 3	31/07/2024	Total players as at cut-off registration date multiplied by their respective per player fee. Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 payments will act as a credit towards this total fee.

Yours sincerely,

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