



9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### **WINTER FOOTBALL PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES 2025**

Dear Members,

Hills Football Incorporated (HFI) saw its largest year yet, hitting almost 14,500 winter football players and over 4,000 summer football players in 2024.

The 2024 season saw a spike in registrations across the code off the back of the FIFA Women's World Cup held in Australia & New Zealand. This increase was not only in the Women's and Girls space but across all areas of the game. We credit this to the dedication and commitment of club volunteers working to help improve not only the playing experience, but the support and engagement players receive from the minute they complete the registration.

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 and with that in mind has chosen to retain the 2024 Cost Structure for HFI's portion of the fees.

Football Australia have advised that there will be an increase in the National Registration Fee for the 2025 season. The increase will see Junior members pay an additional \$0.50 Cents and senior players an additional \$1.00. Football NSW have advised that after a previous increase they are now able to provide a reduced fee for the 2025 season which should balance out the changes in the Football Australia increase.

The table on the following page represents the fees that will be charged to members in 2025 by HFI.



Age (Turning During 2025)	FA	FNSW	HFI	Total	Fee Per Round (18)
Under 6	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$41.50	\$75.00	\$4.17
Under 7	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$41.50	\$75.00	\$4.17
Under 8	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$56.50	\$90.00	\$5.00
Under 9	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$56.50	\$90.00	\$5.00
Under 10	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$66.50	\$100.00	\$5.56
Under 11	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$66.50	\$100.00	\$5.56
Under 12	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$101.50	\$135.00	\$7.50
Under 13	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$113.50	\$156.00	\$8.67
Under 14	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$113.50	\$156.00	\$8.67
Under 15	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$123.50	\$166.00	\$9.22
Under 16	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$123.50	\$166.00	\$9.22
Under 17	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$173.50	\$216.00	\$12.00
Under 18 Boys / Youth Girls (U16 – U18)	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$173.50	\$216.00	\$12.00
Under 21	\$35.00	\$104.30	\$184.00	\$323.30	\$17.96
All Age	\$35.00	\$104.30	\$184.00	\$323.30	\$17.96
Over 35 Men's / Over 30's Women	\$35.00	\$104.30	\$184.00	\$323.30	\$17.96
Over 45 Men's / Over 45 Women / O55 Men's	\$35.00	\$104.30	\$184.00	\$323.30	\$17.96
Walking Football	N/A	\$28.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$4.66
Premier League (MPL/WPL)	\$35.00	\$104.30	\$219.00	\$358.30	\$19.91
<p><b>*All fees shown above are inclusive of GST.</b>  <b>** Fees shown above for FA and FNSW are charged based on the players' age during the season.</b>  <b>***Walking Football is an additional 'social registration' package not incorporating FA fees.</b>  <b>****These Fees Exclude the club portion of your fee.</b></p>					

HFI has previously invoiced clubs for fees (the HFI portion) based on the competition that a player competes in (rather than the age of the player). With the introduction of payment splitting of the new 'PlayFootball V2' system FA, FNSW and HFI will receive our portion of the fees when the player registers, rather than when HFI invoices the club. With this in mind HFI will review player registrations against team allocation at 30 June 2025 and invoice clubs for the difference between the HFI competition fee and the registration age based fee. HFI encourages clubs to be mindful of this when taking registrations for players that will play in a competition above their age grade, and to register the players accordingly.



Further, HFI has previously structured its refund policy to clubs to ensure teams that are registered compete in the competition they nominate for, retaining the integrity of the competition. With the new play football payment splitting system HFI has modified its refund policy to align to the team nomination cut-off period. Effectively HFI will provide a full refund of its portion of the fee up to the date the team nominations are provided from your club to the association (the cut-off for this is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025). If a refund is sought after this date the default position will be no refund will be given, however HFI will consult with your club to determine the circumstances of the refund request to determine a final outcome.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Perram".

**Matthew Perram**

**Chairperson & Director of Finance**