



Adelaide Olympic Football Club

Player Registration and Refund Policy

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Registering to Play in a Team

Registration for existing members will take place towards the end of November each year. Registration can be done via email or in person on the designated registration day(s) in November.

The number of teams and therefore players able to register will be based initially on the confirmed coaches for the following season.

Player registration is completed by all members with the intention to train twice per week (all ages) during the off season (November and December), and up to three times per week (U10+) or twice per week for children in our U5-U9 teams and play a game once a week during the season.

Currently a registration package for training only is only offered for our U5 team(s). This age group will not play games during the season.

Priority will be given to existing members re-registering for the next season where a coach is available for that team. Once that team is full, registrations will still be taken but are on the proviso that a coach can be supplied. Therefore, essentially these registrations are a waiting list. The club will make every attempt to find coaches so that as many players wishing to play are able to play.

New players registering for the first time with AOFC will be asked for a summary of their soccer playing experience and at what level they may have played in competitions previously. This is to assist with placement of new players in teams and to distribute new players evenly where possible throughout existing teams. In some cases, where a coach is available, a new team may be created which may have many new players included.

New player registrations will take place once registration has been offered to existing members. Enquiring from new players will be accepted however they will be advised that they are on a waiting list until the registration period for existing members is completed.

Fee Structure for 2024 Season

	2024	2023		2024	2023
Under 5	\$600		Under 11	\$1,200	\$1,100
Under 6	\$850	\$750	Under 11 Girls	\$1,200	\$1,100
Under 7	\$850	\$750	Under 12	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 7 Girls	\$850	\$750	Under 13	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 8	\$990	\$950	Under 13 Girls	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 9	\$990	\$950	Under 14	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 9 Girls	\$990	\$950	Under 15	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 10	\$1,200	\$1,100	Under 15 Girls	\$1,400	\$1,300
Under 11	\$1,200	\$1,100	Under 16	\$1,400	\$1,300



Payment Options

Each member must pay a deposit of \$350 at time of registration. The remaining fee balance will ideally be paid on the clubs annual kit fitting day, generally taking place in December each year.

Full payment must be made prior to the start of the pre-season training in February (unless a payment plan has been arranged with the club).

All players must be registered and paid up in full before they can play in the season for any AOFC team. See policy for No Pay, No Play for further details.

Payments can be made in person at the time of registration with cash or EFT. Alternatively, you may pay via a direct transfer via internet banking into the club's bank account. Banking details are provided for the club with member registration details.

What does the registration fee cover?

The registration fee consists of:

- Club fee
- Association fee

The club fee provides for:

- League entry fee for teams and players
- Referees' payments (under 12's upwards)
- Match equipment (match balls, portable goals, nets, corner posts, whistles, linesman flags, goalie jerseys and gloves, clash strips per team, first aid kits, team bags)
- Club kit for each player (1 x home jersey, shorts and socks, 1 x away jersey, shorts and socks, 1 x Nike Club tracksuit, 1 x ball, 1 x club Nike backpack)
- Training equipment (balls, cones, poles, bibs, pumps)
- Trophies and awards
- Events throughout the season
- Ground leasing
- Operation and maintenance of ground lighting
- Electricity for the lights, the club houses & canteens
- Some clubhouse/canteen maintenance/canteen operation
- Groundsman payments
- Coaching assistance payments

REFUNDS

While AOFC, does not intend to unreasonably withhold payments, members must understand that Administration costs and Volunteers efforts are incurred as a result of player withdrawals.

There is a need to balance a player's entitlement to a refund with the player (members) responsibility to consider the Club's interests and obligations.

Once a player has been registered for a season, and that season has commenced, refunding of that registration is not permitted, in line with most other associations, the Club will retain the registration fees if a player withdraws for voluntary reasons after the season has started.



Registering to play denotes an ongoing commitment for the season and is relied upon by the Club to carry out significant season administration, selection process and ongoing charges. Player withdrawals after the season has started are disruptive to team selection/coaches and create considerable work for volunteers.

If a player withdraws before the annual club kit fitting day (generally held in late November / early December), the player will be eligible to receive a \$350 refund of their deposit. Once kits have been fitted and all fees have been paid, no further refunds will be issued.

At the club's discretion, and where the season has not yet started, AOFC may refund fees paid, minus a 20% administration fee and the \$350 deposit.

Please note, refunds do not apply for:

- Voluntary withdrawal
- The player's registration is withdrawn by Club for breaches of Code of Conduct or Serious Breach of Behaviour or other like reasons.

Voluntary withdrawal

Where the club accepts part payment from a player and that player consequently withdraws from the club on a voluntary basis, no refunds will be paid.

Withdrawal in the following situations constitute voluntary withdrawal:

- Player disagreement with another player/players
- Player disagreement with a team official or club official/officials
Disagreement between parents of youth players in the same team
Disagreement between parents of youth players and team or club officials

In addition, for the avoidance of doubt, refunds are not given for:

- Dislike of the team into which the player has been selected
- Dislike of the allocated coach
- Unavailability to train at the allocated time/day
- Preferences not being met e.g.: not playing with friends
- Dislike of the grade in which the team is playing in
- Other sport/social commitments
- Change of mind by players/parents

Breaches of Code of Behaviour

If due to requesting a refund and granted the club will not refund the FSA Component of the Fees. The club will only refund fees if the withdrawal is due to extenuating circumstances that are medically related and can be sustained by a doctor's certificate.

Please note a medical certificate does not automatically result in a refund of registration fees.

- A full refund will be made to players who deregister prior to commencement of the pre-season training.
- A partial refund is available to players who deregister prior to commencement of the home and away season.



- A partial refund is available to players who have played in less than half of the regular home and away fixtures (excludes finals and cup rounds) for the regular season due to extenuating circumstances. Such circumstances might include:
 - Injury
 - Player/player's family moving away to another region
 - Player/player's family travelling interstate or overseas
 - Employment reasons that prevent a player from playing in matches
- Their team folds due to insufficient number

AOFC NO PAY, NO PLAY POLICY

The Club will enforce a No Pay, No Play policy from the 2024 Season.

Players who haven't registered and paid their full registration fees at least one week prior to the first game of the home and away season may not play for AOFC.

This policy reduces the administrative overhead of chasing unpaid or partially paid players for their fees. It reduces the chance that fees remain unpaid permanently. It's simple to understand, simple to enforce and solves a significant club problem of having to monitor unpaid members and chase payment.

This policy also reduces the risk borne by the club by ensuring that players have a basic level of insurance coverage from the associations.

The one week cut-off provides adequate time to notify the opposition of a forfeit if we don't have enough registered players to field a team.