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TFC JUNIOR FOOTBALL DETAILED INFORMATION 2023 U5-U12 (Grades K-6)

This document contains important information for parents, carers and volunteers, please take the time to read it.

In 2023 Taroona FC is partnering with your school to provide a soccer program for all children who would like to play from kindergarten to Grade 6. Taroona FC is a community-based club located at Kelvedon Park in Taroona. We are well known as a welcoming, approachable and family-oriented club that is focused on participation for fun, fitness, friendship and football development.

The club aims to provide an environment for junior players to play in teams with their friends wherever possible. This is dependent on the number of children that register to play at each age level.

The Teams

Teams are registered with the Central Region Junior Football Association (CRJFA), which is affiliated with Football Federation Australia (www.crjfa.com). The number of teams we are able to enter will depend on the number of players and volunteers that register. To register a team we will need to have at least one adult volunteer to look after that team. The CRJFA will not allow a team to take the field without registered adults.

It is advisable to follow TFC's and CRJFA's Facebook pages as they are used to communicate important Information throughout the season including season updates and game cancellations.

The first scheduled roster match is on April 29th with training to commence the week starting April 24th.

Player Information Form

All prospective players will need to complete the [2023 Junior Winter Season Player Information Form](#). **These must be completed and submitted by the 13th of March 2023** to allow kit orders to be placed and received prior to the beginning of the season.

Player “Self” Registration

All player registrations and payments MUST be performed on-line. Registration must be completed by **Monday the 20th of March 2023**. For insurance reasons, players cannot play or train until registration has been completed and payment received. Please register at [Play Football](#).

Some important things:

- 1) All volunteers, as well as children, must register on the above site. If you are a volunteer you will need your Working with Vulnerable People card number (or the registration number if you have just applied). If as a parent you are going to volunteer to manage you will need to register so you are also covered by insurance. It is easier if you register the adult first before registering your child.
- 2) The government is providing vouchers for kids on health care or concession cards. Check here to see if you are eligible BEFORE registering <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play>. If you have a Ticket to Play voucher you will have to enter the voucher number in the system. If you have a voucher please email juniorsregistrar@taroonafc.org. For your registration to be approved you will need to provide your health care or concession card with your child’s name on it and your voucher with the matching name. If the names do not match your child’s registration will not be approved.

How to register to play:

- 1) Go to [Play Football](#).
- 2) You do NOT need to load a photo, only do this if you want to.
- 3) Press the Get Started button to start registration.
- 4) You will need to create a new account if you have not registered before.
- 5) Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the registration.
- 6) If you need help, please email juniorcoordinator@taroonafc.org or phone Miriam O’Neill on 0400939011.

Fees

All player registration and payments will be made online in 2023. Fees for 2023 will be:

- U5-U7 - \$100 inclusive of insurance and all FFA/FFT/CRJFA fees, and
- U8-U12 - \$155 inclusive of insurance and all FFA/FFT/CRJFA fees.

Ticket To Play Vouchers can be used to offset these costs.

Full registrations and payments must be completed by the 20th of March 2023 on the Play Football site. All volunteers must also register.

Team Uniforms

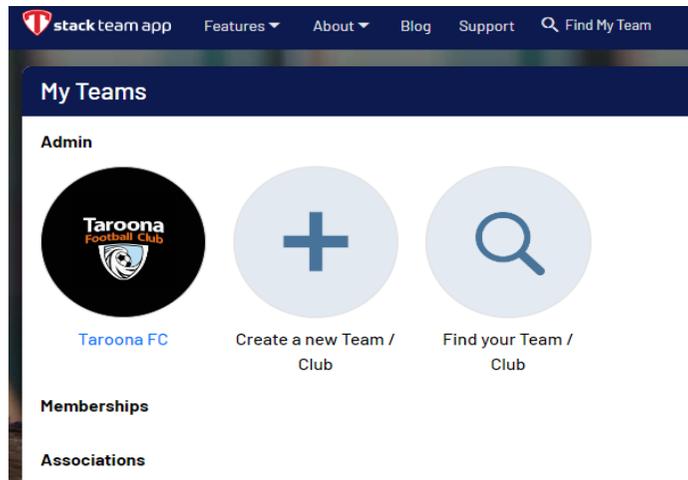
Players will need a Taroona FC orange skills shirt as well as black shorts and black soccer socks for both training and playing. The tops can be purchased through the club at a cost of \$38, or a club kit comprising the orange skills top, black Nike shorts and black Nike socks at a total cost of \$69. See the [TFC Player Information Form](#) for more details on ordering kits.

Shin pads and soccer boots are also essential. Alternatively black shorts and black socks can be purchased through sports stores. Mouth guards are optional (but recommended) and can be purchased from a chemist, sports store or dentist.

Players participating in the TFC Junior Skills training program for their training will not be permitted to train in their school uniforms, TFC kits must be worn.

Team Communication

All team communication will take place through the Stack Team App which is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once the teams are registered a team chat for each team will be set up within the app and each parent will need to request access to their team. Parents will be notified when this is ready. Team information and training cancellations will be communicated via the app so it is essential that all parents have it.



Coaches

Parents are encouraged and welcome to coach junior teams. Taroona FC is a community club run almost entirely by volunteers, parental involvement is essential for the club to operate. Where a parent volunteers to coach their child's team they will have their child's registration fee refunded. All equipment will be provided. Most teams will need a parent coach. The alternative is for a whole team to register for the Skills program and parents will need to run the game on Saturday mornings.

The TFC Junior Skills training program for the duration of the soccer season is facilitated by accredited coaches supported by developing coaches.

For the U8 to U12 teams to be registered each team will need a parent volunteer to manage the team, coordinate communication between the club and the team, organise a parent to referee half of a match each game, and may need to run a game on a Saturday if a team coach isn't available. Where there is no parent coach the parent who volunteers for this role will have their child's (one only) registration fee component rebated (\$155 in 2023).

For the U5-U7 teams, they will need 2 parent volunteers, a coach and a team manager. The volunteer coach will have their child's (one only) registration fee rebated (\$100 in 2023). The coach will usually need to referee a half of a match.

The club will provide support to these volunteers by providing session plans and training support where required. No previous experience in soccer is required. For those interested there are free and paid training courses offered through the season.

Training

For U8-U12 teams without a parent coach to take training sessions, training will be conducted through the TFC Junior Skills training program which operates from Parliament Street Park on Wednesday afternoons at 3.30pm, and Kelvedon Oval/Taroona High School Top Oval on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4.00pm for the duration of the soccer season. The program is designed for those new to the game, those who just want to have fun, and also for players looking to pursue a development or high-performance pathway. The program is facilitated by accredited coaches. The cost of registration is an additional \$180 total for terms 2 and 3 if registration for the whole period is completed before the season starts. This is also available to any player who would like to participate in additional training.

All U5-U7 teams will need a parent coach as well as a team manager. For U5-U7 teams based at Albuera Street Primary training will continue to be at the school on a Wednesday afternoon straight after school and will finish at 4pm (negotiable). For U5-U7 teams based at Taroona training times will be at the school oval at a time to be decided by the coach. Training is reliant on a parent nominating to coach the team. Footballs, cones, pop-up goals and whistles will be provided. To be registered each team will need a parent volunteer to coach and another to manage the team. We strongly encourage all parents to attend the first training to get the team organised. Parents must ensure that their child is adequately supervised, whether by themselves or by another parent. This is not the coach's responsibility; they are there to coach.

If a parent of an U5-U7 player would like to register their child for TFC SKiLLS Training Program they can do this at an additional cost of \$100 per term, or \$180 if they would like to register for terms 2 and 3 at that same time. This can be done through the [Taroona FC SKiLLS](#) website.

The first team training will commence in the week starting the 24th of April.

Children must wear their TFC tops (orange Taroona FC shirt) to training along with shinpads covered by long socks and soccer boots.

It will be parents' responsibility to get their children to training on time ready to start at the beginning of the session. There must be adequate supervision by parents at each training session.

Volunteers

Taroona FC is a community club relying on volunteers to make the season work. For the U8 to U12 teams to be registered each team will need a parent volunteer to manage the team, coordinate communication between the club and the team, organise a parent to referee half of a match each game, and may need to run a game on a Saturday if the team coach isn't available. Where there is no parent coach the parent who volunteers for this role will have their child's (one only) registration fee component rebated (\$155 in 2023).

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The club will provide support to these volunteers and no previous experience in soccer is required. For those interested there are free and paid training courses offered through the season.

All volunteers must also register on the Play Football site when their team is registered. There is no cost for registering as a volunteer. Volunteers must hold a current Working With Vulnerable People registration and must provide their card number. If a parent is thinking about volunteering and doesn't hold this registration it would be advisable to commence the registration process as it can take some time for it to be processed. There is a small fee on application associated with this. More information can be found at [Registration to work with vulnerable people \(cbos.tas.gov.au\)](http://cbos.tas.gov.au).

Match Roster

The master copy of the rosters is available at the Central Region website (<http://crjfa.com.au>). Once the rosters have been set a mobile friendly version can be accessed on the site. The first roster normally covers the first 5 games and these are grading games. Your team's grading may change for the rest of the season depending on the scores from these initial games. Managers will need to keep track of scores for each round. Scores will

need to be submitted each week to the Junior Coordinator at juniorcoordinator@taroonafc.org so that they can be entered onto the CRJFA scoring site.

Game day

All games are played on **Saturday** between 9am and 2pm. In 2023 there are opportunities to play some games on Friday nights where a team requests it. The season's first game will be on Saturday the 29th of April 2023. There are 15 rounds with the last round on the 26th of August. There are no games during school holidays.

Games will be played on ovals around Southern Hobart, directions to games are given on the CRJFA website (see map of ground). If your child is unable to attend a game please let the team manager know prior to Saturday so a replacement can be organised. The team manager will let the coach know. Children will need to be at games about 20min before the start.

Game Rules

All the rules and regulations for soccer can be found at: <http://crjfa.com.au/rules-regulations/>

Cancellations

Game day cancellations are advised via the Central Region website (<http://crjfa.com.au>) and on the CRJFA facebook page. Cancellations are made on the basis of ground condition, not weather. The Junior Coordinator will post cancellations on Team App as they come in.

Training cancellations will be advised on the TFC facebook page and on Team App. If training is cancelled parents need to organize to pick up their children.

Complaints and Disputes – What To Do

It is an unfortunate reality that, at some stage during the season, parents may witness player, spectator or coach behaviour or actions that are upsetting. Parents should not react or engage – they should walk away and keep the issue small. Confronting or challenging the person causing the upsetting behavior rarely improves the situation.

Should a parent have concerns or issues about anything that happens at soccer, they must raise it immediately with the Junior Coordinator (currently Miriam O'Neill) preferably after talking with the team manager. Parents are not to take their complaint directly to the other club/school involved; nor to school staff.

The Central Region complaint handling process involves club and school soccer coordinators working together to resolve the issue at the delegate level, and each involved club/school then communicating the outcome to their own parents and coaches.

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

Taroona FC encourage a positive environment during training and on game day. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment of the game of soccer. Parents' actions at soccer are a direct reflection of the club.

Parents/family/friends attending games should enthusiastically encourage their children and the other team regardless of the score-line. They should appreciate and enjoy good play from all players. Excessive parent or player celebration of goals is discouraged – it is not respectful to the other team or a positive reflection of Taroona FC.

Foul language will not be tolerated by the coaches, Taroona FC or your school. Neither will parents arguing with, or abusing, players, game officials or spectators. Such behavior may affect the child's registration.

The FFA have a spectator code of conduct that must be followed:

<https://www.ffa.com.au/sites/ffa/files/2017-09/National%20Spectator%20Code%20of%20Behaviour.pdf>

Player Code of Conduct

Soccer has a behavior management policy in line with that of the club. TFC reserves the right to de-register a player from training and/or playing should behavior become an issue. TFC has a great reputation for fair play, respectful treatment of other teams and courteous behavior. This may not be the case with all teams that we encounter but is not an excuse to lower expected standards. See Appendix A: Code of Conduct for Players (below).

Sport Committee

TFC has a Junior Soccer Committee. If anyone is interested in joining and helping with junior soccer coordination please contact juniorcoordinator@taroonafc.org.

Appendix A: Code of Conduct for Players

To ensure the well-being of all players and to encourage an enjoyable positive environment while representing our school, the players and parents need to be aware of the following:

Players are expected to enthusiastically encourage their team regardless of the score-line during training and game day. We emphasise an environment where all players are recognised as a valuable part of their team.

Our four school expectations; Being Fair, Being Respectful, Being Safe and Being a Positive Learner; must also be reflected when representing the school in the wider community.

The following behaviours are not in line with the Expectations & will not be tolerated:

1. Foul or denigrating language.
2. Violent or deliberate rough play.
3. Excessive celebration of goals.
4. Arguing with, or taunting of, team members or opposition players.
5. Arguing with the referee.
6. Arguing with coaches.

These points are to be observed at training, game-day or while under the control of the team coaches. It is essential that coaches have basic control of their players to enable effective training and to ensure a fun and safe environment. Preferably, appropriate responses to discipline issues are to be coordinated by the coaches, in conjunction with the Soccer Coordinator, and supported by the parents. The following guidance is provided as to what constitutes an appropriate response:

- (a) The training or game is stopped and the matter discussed with all players.
- (b) The matter is discussed with the player on a one on one basis.
- (c) The player is sidelined for a short time. (Soccer Coordinator notified, will be discussed with parents)
- (d) The player is sidelined for a half. (Soccer Coordinator notified, will be discussed with parents)

- (e) The player is prohibited from playing the next game. (Soccer Coordinator to discuss with parents and notify Principal)
- (f) The player is removed from the team and de-registered. (Soccer Coordinator to discuss with Principal, notifies parents and Football Federation Tasmania).