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2023 PLAYER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Hills Knights FC plays in the Hills Football Inc (HFI) competition and has teams for all ages and levels of abilities for both girls / ladies and boys / men from under 5 to over 45. Games are scheduled for Saturdays for the mixed and mens competition whilst girls / ladies only games are scheduled for Sundays except **Over 30 Women** competition which is played on Friday evenings. Washed out games are typically re-scheduled on Sunday. Girls can play in both the female AND mixed competition until age 14, or older with Club Coach assessment & parent consent. In 2023 the U13G will play in the Small Side Football (SSF) format, however is considered competitive football and will include a finals series.

With increased demands on fields due to increased participation, HFI may schedule mixed/mens overflow games on Sundays (U12+) or Fridays nights (U18+). It is not expected any team will play more than two rounds on these alternative days (excluding washouts).

The Committee fully supports the development of female football and is looking to expand the number of female players and teams within the club. In 2022, HFI offered a female only competition for U9G, U11G, U12G, U13G, U14/15G, Youth Girls (U19), AAW and O30Ws. Due to registration numbers the Club may need to merge age groups to form teams.

In 2023, we will be enrolling the following teams:-

MiniRoos Kick-off: an entry level program for 3.5-5 year olds held alongside our Funskills program at Masonic Oval 1 on Saturday morning at 8:15am. The Kick-off program is a 45min program and runs for 18 weeks. Registration is via the MiniRoos registration portal [here](#)

Funskills teams: (in house SSF played at Masonic Ovals Balcombe Heights) on Saturday). This is for boys and girls U5/6 and U7 where they play small sided games and have professionally coached skills development sessions. The Funskills program runs for an hour on Saturday morning (without a mid-week training session). The U5/6 start at 8am, while the U7 start at 9:15

U8 & U9 teams: play SSF football throughout the district in a home & away competition against other Hills clubs and is a non-competitive age group with the focus being on player enjoyment and teamwork. These mixed age groups will play home games at Masonic Oval 1 (Balcombe Heights), while the female competition game will be played in a hub environment.

U10 & U11 teams: play SSF football throughout the district in a home & away competition against other Hills clubs. This age group is non-competitive with the focus being on teamwork while continuing the development of their game skills. Subject to field availability these age groups will play home games at Masonic Oval 2 (Balcombe Heights).

U12 to O45: Full Competition teams for mixed, male and female play home & away competition against other Hills clubs.

REGISTRATION DETAILS FOR 2023 SEASON

Online registrations are open from 3 January via the PlayFootball website as linked [here](#) and on the club's website. The best way to ensure your place is to register on-line ASAP. A \$20 early bird discount is available until 31 January.

Please refer to our website www.HillsKnights.com.au or contact our Registrars at hk.registrar@HillsKnights.com.au for any enquiries.

All RETURNING Junior and Senior players must:-

- By registering with the club you agree to our Policies and Code of Conduct (http://www.hillsknights.com.au/codes_of_conduct), including participating in club volunteer activities such as BBQ, Canteen and ground duties.
- Read, understand and sign or acknowledge you accept the player code of conduct & any other paperwork provided by the club
- All players will need to upload a current head and shoulders photograph during the registration process.

Junior and Senior players NEW to the club must ALSO provide:-

- Proof of age is to be provided at the commencement of the 2022 season.
- Sports eyeglasses certificate (if glasses are to be worn whilst playing). Note: Eyeglasses must be worn by the player in the digital photo uploaded when registering online.

Fees (indicative): All figures include GST.

U5, U6 & U7 (Mixed)	\$190
U8 & U9 (Mixed)	\$210
U10 & U11 (Mixed)	\$230
U12 to U14 (Mixed)	\$250
U15 & U16	\$270
U17 to Youth League (U18)	\$310
Youth League (O18)	\$395
All Age to O30 (Ladies) O35/45 (Mens)	\$395
All Age (U18)	\$330
Female U9 (Sunday Comp)	\$210
Female U11 (Sunday Comp)	\$230
Female U12 & U13 (Sunday Comp)	\$250
Female U15 (Sunday Comp)	\$270
Female Youth League (Sunday Comp)	\$310
Kickaroos (All Abilities)	\$30

Sibling Discounts:

A \$20 discount will apply when a family has 2 or more competition players (U12+) **who reside at the same address registering with the club.** The family discount is applied within playfootball.

Please note that registrations will not be complete without full payment. This is important as only registered players can participate in grading sessions and / or play.

NSW Government Active Kids Rebate

Full details regarding the NSW Government Active Kids initiative can be found on the NSW Office of Sport website <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>.

Those wishing to claim the AKR on football fees will need to have applied for the voucher prior to commencing your registration.

Since this rebate program is active from 1 January, due to the additional administration, the Knights will not manually reimburse the rebate if you fail to claim it during the registration process.

NB: Football for All registrants: The \$100 Active Kids Rebate cannot be redeemed for goods or cash. If the voucher is redeemed for this program, any un-spent balance is forfeited and cannot be applied for other discounts or registration fees.

Registration Refunds

Refund requests must be made to the Club committee in writing via email to hk.registrar@hillsknights.com.au

Please note:

- Refunds are not made until all registration activities are completed. Regrettably, there will be some delay in mailing out refund cheques but they are generally processed by the end of April.
- Refunds are strictly made in accordance with the club's refund policy as set out below:
Refund Amount;
 - Prior to player grading amount paid less \$25 administration fee
 - Following grading and prior to HFI team nomination 50% of the registration fee
 - After HFI team nomination
 - i. 50% of the registration fee if withdrawal does not cause the team to be withdrawn
 - ii. No refund if withdrawal of the player contributes to the team being withdrawn
 - After authorisation by HFI - **NO REFUND**

Privacy Policy

Hills Knights Football Club handles personal information according to a Privacy Policy that is consistent with the Privacy and Personal Protection Act 1998. Personal information will not be made available to third parties other than as required to allow participation in football or by law.

PARENTS/PLAYERS' GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Hills Knights FC is a volunteer organisation and cannot function without the support of its players and parents. Each team has certain responsibilities as part of that support.

Junior and Senior Teams:

- 1) Set up the field before all home games when the team is the first game scheduled.
- 2) Clear the field after all home games when no following game is scheduled.
- 3) Staff the canteen/BBQ or undertake field marking as rostered during the season.
- 4) Perform ground official duties for at least one morning or afternoon shift during the season.

Small Sided Teams

- 5) SSF team parents must assist to set up and take down their field's portable goalposts at home matches and assist from time to time in canteen duties.
- 6) Funskills team parents must assist to set up their playing equipment when they are the first session and clear the playing equipment when they are the later session of the day, and staff the canteen and BBQ for at least one morning shift during the season.
- 7) Ladies teams are responsible for set up and clearing of their fields and staffing of the canteen for all rostered home games.
- 8) In addition, ALL teams are required to fill five official positions for their team:
 - a) Coach – Their job is to help develop the skills of the players and teach the players to the best of their ability how to play football. Requires a valid WWC.

- b) Manager – They are the communication link between the club and the players/parents. In particular, they work closely with the Competition Secretary regarding matches, results etc. Requires a valid WWC
- c) Ground Official – They are required to maintain order off-field and assist the referee if and when required. The Ground Official has the full support of referees, HKFC & HFI in assisting the referee in controlling the game and spectators. Appropriate instruction will be provided for these people at the beginning of the season.
- d) Team Official – Every team must supply a Team Official for every game. The Team Official is responsible for their own team's behaviour including that of their spectators.
- e) Club Referee – Their job is to referee home games when no official referee is available for U8's and up, this should only be a handful of times per season dependent upon the availability of official referees from the Association. A Club Instructional Referee will referee home game SSF matches. All Funskills games are jointly refereed by both teams' coaches.

PARENTS/PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

All members (players and parents) are bound by the Code of Conduct as agreed to at registration. Copies are available on the website and from the clubhouse. Failure to observe this Code could lead to disciplinary action which, in its most extreme form, could result in dismissal from the Club.

In 2005 the NSW Government and sporting associations began a programme to combat increasing violence in sport (refer to details at <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportrage/>). This will again be a focus in 2023 and both the Club and HFI intend to take a hard line on breaches of conduct, especially where physical and verbal abuse is concerned.

CLUB STRIP AND EQUIPMENT

*Players are provided with a club jersey for the season which **MUST** be returned to the team manager at the end of the season.*

All players must provide their own **club** shorts, socks and other playing equipment.

Shinpads/guards are compulsory for all players U5 and older.

PLAYER INSURANCE

Payment of the player registration fee includes an insurance premium required through HFI & FNSW. All players are covered for limited medical costs when no other insurance exists and, where the player has registered as a NON-STUDENT, limited loss of wages.

Full details of the insurance is provided on the Gow Gates Sport website.

<http://www.gowgatessport.com.au/football/nsw/>

Note that the club collects the insurance premium and forwards it to HFI & in turn to FNSW. The club is not an agent or Insurance Broker and earns no commission for the collection of the premium.

If you work full or part-time and wish to have your income insured under the policy, you must register as a NON-STUDENT. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this and players registered as a STUDENT will not be able to claim loss of income under any circumstances if they are injured.

If your circumstances change before the season commences (e.g., you start working part-time) you need to advise the club and pay the additional registration fee if you wish to have that income insured. **Once the season has commenced there is no provision to amend your level of cover.**

THE COMMITTEE & CLUB MANAGEMENT

Hills Knights FC is a volunteer organisation and cannot function without the support of its players and parents. The Committee is responsible for the administration of the club and always needs more volunteers to be involved and lend a hand. Committee members are ordinary people who are players or parents of players and who receive no financial reward for what they do. The Committee, and therefore the club, cannot function without volunteer assistance. If can you provide general assistance as required from time to time please email ContactUs@HillsKnights.com.au

Committee Meetings are held at least monthly. If you would like to attend, please contact the Club secretary (secretary@hillsknights.com.au) to obtain meeting details.

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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