

2024 Player Fee Policy

Overview

All Player Fees will be payable via the PlayHQ platform, at the point of registration for players for the 2024 season. This policy outlines the policies relating to Player Fees for the 2024 season.

It is provided to YJFL Clubs to assist in their use of the Competition Management & Registration platform, PlayHQ. The YJFL Board reserves the right to amend these policies at any time.

1. 2024 Player Fee Structure

The 2024 Player League Fees will be as follows:

Players born from 2013: \$188.95

Players born from 2014-2016: \$143.95

The PlayHQ system provides for family registration discounts on a 'percentage' basis. YJFL Clubs should consider the impact of the use of the PlayHQ family discount system will have on their revenue. The YJFL does not provide a 'Family discount' on the portion of the membership fee paid to the YJFL.

Where players register to play in the 2024 Season after the completion of Round 8 (assuming that a full season will take place), the following reduced fees will be applicable:

Players born from to 2013: \$94.00

Players born from 2014-2016: \$72.00

2. Use of vouchers

Where required and approved, League-issued vouchers will be used to reduce &/or waive the payment of Player Fees at the time of registration in the PlayHQ platform.

Apart from those circumstances outlined in 'Section 3 - Fee Waivers', all other vouchers shall be considered a Club purchase and Clubs will be invoiced as such, upon request. The Club is expected to pay those invoices on usual terms.

Clubs may apply for a full refund of any unused vouchers they may have purchased for use in relation to the 2024 season. Once approved, the YJFL will issue a credit against any invoices issued or make a cash payment, as applicable.

While cash payments are discouraged, due to the administrative costs for both the League & Clubs, we recognise sometimes this is the only way some parents can pay. In this instance, the League will create vouchers for Clubs to issue to parents when they make the cash payment. Clubs will be invoiced upon the creation of the vouchers. Clubs can reconcile for themselves the use of the vouchers by those players/parents to reconcile against payments received & deposited in the Club bank account.

3. Player Fee Waivers

Clubs may apply for a waiver of the applicable Player Fees for the following 3 circumstances:

1. Financial Hardship

If a club can demonstrate that a member family's financial hardship would prevent a player from participating in the 2024 season, then the YJFL will provide a voucher to the Club to use to waive the fees. A club-specific voucher will be issued for hardship cases.

2. Occasional ('fill-in') Players

Where clubs wish to have an Occasional Player register, who it is believed will play 2 games or less and is assisting the club in managing player shortages, the club may apply for a voucher to register the player without incurring Player Fees. Assistance will be provided on the basis that, should the player participate in more than 2 games, the club shall be liable for the Player Fee applicable at the time of registration. Any Occasional Players that play more than 2 games but have used a voucher to register will have their YJFL Club charged the applicable fees. A club-specific voucher will be issued for 'fill-in' players.

3. Coates League Listed Player

This voucher is for a Coates League listed player who is required to register with a community club but will not represent the club in any home and away matches. The YJFL will provide a voucher to the player to use in this situation. If a Coates League player intends to play in the YJFL, then they should register & pay as normal.

All applications for the waiving of Player Fees must be submitted to the League on the official application form (attached).

4. Part Payment Options

There will be no 'Part-Payment' Options available within the PlayHQ platform for the 2024 season.

Both the AFL and PlayHQ are investigating the introduction of a 'Buy Now, Pay Later' system for the 2024 season.

Clubs who choose to place member families on payment plans may ask the League to issue vouchers to facilitate this through the PlayHQ platform, on the basis that the club shall be liable for all Player Fees incurred in these instances. The YJFL Club will then need to manage the multiple payments by the player to the Club.

4. Refund of Player Fees

In the event that a player registers but will play 2 games or less, the League is prepared to refund their fees, in a normal season. The League reserves the right to adjust this approach should a season be interrupted, such as through COVID related changes.

Application for refunds during the season will need to be requested using the official application form (attached) and submitted prior to 31st August 2024.

Should a refund be granted whilst the season is still in progress, the player's season registration shall be cancelled in the PlayHQ system.

The reconciliation process will normally take place at the end of the season, for administrative simplicity for both Clubs & the League.

5. Players on permit

In the event that a Club transfers a player in using the permit system, but the player plays more than 2 games in the season, then the YJFL Club will be liable to play the applicable fees. The YJFL will reconcile at the end of the season.

6. Inappropriate use of vouchers

Inappropriate use of vouchers will be taken up by the League with the players Club to resolve in the first instance and may result in the cancellation of the players season registration.

Appendix 1: Application form for 2024 League Fee Waiver

Appendix 2: Application for refund of 2024 League Fee

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