

Dear Bear,

I am pleased to announce that the Burnside Heights Football Club player registrations for season 2021 are now open.

Online registrations can be made anytime using the following link:

- visit the Bears website <https://bhfcbeats.com.au/bears-burnside-heights-fc-forms/> and select online player registration form.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions about player registrations.

2021 Player Registration Information

Q.	What is the cost of registration for the 2021 season?
A.	Due to COVID pandemic disrupting season 2020, BHFC will announce 2021 player registration fees in January 2021, closer to the season launch.
Q.	Are there plans to change player registration and membership fees in season 2021?
A.	<p>The Essendon District Football League (EDFL) board has introduced a new individual registration fee of \$10 per player for season 2021; this fee will be payable on Sports TG when players register. This will be a fee charged directly to the participant and will see no increase to club affiliation fees in the 2021 season. It is seen in part as shifting some of the revenue obligation from clubs to participants. The new fee will support but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow the Game through a Auskick style program - ie. programs at Windy Hill – during school holidays – e.g. Girls, Basic Skills, Healthy Eating etc. 2. Engage Umpires – sponsor a number of New Umpires each year – provide their uniform, pay their subs and pay their accreditation costs. 3. Minimise gate admission cost for EDFL Finals, 4. Subsidise Coach Education. <p>BHFC will introduce a non-refundable player member fee as part of the 2021 fees, which will provide members voting rights at the clubs Annual or Special meetings. Registration fees to play in season 2021 will be subject to BHFC refund policy and procedures.</p> <p>The EDFL \$10 fee is due and payable at the time of registering on Sports TG.</p> <p>BHFC will levy player membership and fees to play in season 2021 on separate invoice (not via Sports TG).</p>
Q.	Can I play in season 2021 if I haven't paid my membership or registration fees to play?

<p>A.</p>	<p>Registration fees are levied from 1 October and are due and payable in full by round 1 of the playing season.</p> <p>Players are deemed to be un-financial if their fees remain unpaid by Round 1 or the player defaults on an approved payment plan. Un-financial members will be ineligible to play or participate in any club/league organised games or attend training sessions at the club.</p> <p>Players that owe money and/or a club jumper will not be given a clearance to play at another club until their debt is settled and their jumper returned.</p>
<p>Q.</p>	<p>Are multi sibling discounts available?</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>No multi sibling discounts will apply for junior registrations in season 2021 to simplify fees and BHFC will competitively keep fees low for players.</p>
<p>Q.</p>	<p>What will Junior Players receive in 2021?</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>Junior players will be eligible for the end of season Junior Bear Trap Event, and all players will receive free entry to their Team Presentation Event.</p> <p>And of course there will be no weekly fees.</p>
<p>Q.</p>	<p>Can I arrange a Payment Plan?</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>Any player experiencing financial hardship should contact the Treasurer as soon as possible. A deposit is required before the jumper can be given to the player and a payment plan must be in place.</p> <p>Each case will be assessed on its own merits by the Treasurer in consultation with the President and / or Vice President in a timely manner. If a payment plan is approved, any departure from the agreement will result in the player being deemed un-financial. Only one application per player is permitted.</p>
<p>Q.</p>	<p>Player Refunds?</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>A player may resign from the club up to and including Round 3 and obtain a full refund of their registration fee to play (excludes member fee), less Insurance and Affiliation fees. Resignations must be in writing and received by the Treasurer at samcostanzo@hotmail.com on or before Round 3. From Round 4 onwards, registration fees to play are non-refundable due to resignation, player transfer, or player injury / illness.</p>
<p>Q.</p>	<p>Player Transfers?</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>Players transferring from another club to BHFC are ineligible to play until a full clearance has been received by the Registrar. Once this has been received the Registrar will notify the appropriate Coach and/or Team Manager. Players wishing to transfer to another club will</p>

	have their clearance processed without delay providing that the player is financial with the club and has returned any equipment owed to the club.
Q.	Can I pay at the club or by telephone?
A.	Yes, however the cost is the same. Payments will only be accepted by our Treasurer, Sam Costanzo or authorised Committee members. The club will advise the days that Registrations can be paid at the club rooms alternatively contact Sam on 0418-148-421 for payments by telephone. Once done we will update the system to show the player as 'financial'.
Q.	Why has the club changed its registration process?
A.	Due to issues caused by the COVID pandemic where our 2020 season was cancelled, there are many players with part fees for 2021 already paid. As such the club will implement alternative collection payment options for 2021. Players need to register online with Sports TG and update any relevant details as per EDFL / BHFC policy and procedures and pay the EDFL \$10 fee. BHFC will communicate its alternative payment collection options in January 2021 as part of its fees announcement.
Q.	Where can I find the registration fee and player transfer policy?
A.	BHFC website https://bhfcbears.com.au/company/bears-burnside-heights-fc-policies/
Q.	Where can I find the payment plan arrangement request form?
A.	BHFC website https://bhfcbears.com.au/bears-burnside-heights-fc-forms/

Regards,

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