

Dear Bear,

I am pleased to announce that the Burnside Heights Football Club player registrations for season 2023 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.

2023 Player Tariffs Information

Q.	What are the junior playing tariffs for the 2023 season?
A.	<p>Junior playing tariffs apply to under 8 to 16 players.</p> <p>Playing tariffs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-refundable membership fee \$50<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Membership for the playing season plus member voting rights at the clubs Annual or Special meetings (voting is capped to one player per family where multi-siblings are registered).• Non-refundable building levy \$50<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ An important capital funding source for facility improvements and to target the completion of a number capital works programs for which funds have been targeted and accumulated.• Register and pay by 31 December 2022 refundable early bird^ playing fee* \$290• Register and pay after 31 December 2022 refundable playing fee* \$350 <p>*The playing fee seeks to recover approx. 60% of the costs associated with football operations, with the remaining 40% of costs recovered from other funding sources such as canteen, grants and sponsorships. Playing fees are fixed and in lieu of gameday playing fees. Playing fees help to pay for EDFL affiliation / league fees, insurances, Melton Council facility fees, electricity, cleaning and associated costs, subscriptions, administration licenses, first aid costs, coaches training, match day balls, training equipment, game day awards and team nights as examples.</p>

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	<p>^The early bird registration offer requires players to register and pay by 31 December 2022. For players wishing to transfer from another club to BHFC and would like to take advantage of the early bird offer, please contact the Treasurer by email treasurer@bhfcbears.com.au to arrange an alternative payment before 31 December 2022.</p> <p>Players registering for season 2023 will be compulsory required to pay their playing tariffs as part of the Gameday Sports TG registration process.</p>
Q.	What are the senior and under 18.5 playing tariffs for the 2023 season?
A.	<p>Playing tariffs apply to under 18.5 to senior players.</p> <p>Playing tariffs are:</p> <p>U18.5 and Senior Players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable membership fee \$50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership for the playing season plus member voting rights at the clubs Annual or Special meetings. • Non-refundable building levy \$50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An important capital funding source for facility improvements and to target the completion of a number capital works programs for which funds have been targeted and accumulated. • Non-refundable trainers levy \$50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For costs incurred for trainers on gameday and training days. • Gameday fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U18.5 gameday fees are nil for season 2023 due to sponsorship arrangements ○ Senior men and women gameday fees are \$20 per player per game <p>Players registering for season 2023 will be compulsory required to pay their playing tariffs as part of the Gameday Sports TG registration process and gameday fees on gameday.</p>
Q.	EDFL player registration fees in season 2023?
A.	<p>The Essendon District Football League (EDFL) registration fee of \$10 per player for season 2023 is a fee charged directly to the participant (BHFC does not receive any of this fee). The fee will support but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage Umpires – sponsor a number of New Umpires each year – provide their uniform, pay their subs and pay their accreditation costs. 2. Minimise gate admission cost for EDFL Finals.

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	The EDFL \$10 fee is due and payable at the time of registering on Gameday Sports TG.
Q.	Can I play in season 2023 if I haven't paid my player tariffs?
A.	<p>Registration fees are levied from 1 October and are due and payable in full by 31 March 2023 in order to play in 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.</p>
Q.	Are multi sibling discounts available?
A.	Multi sibling discount of \$50 applies for junior registrations in season 2023 where more than 3 family members are registered.
Q.	What will Players receive in 2023?
A.	<p>Junior players will be eligible for a Registration Pack that can be collected during the clubs designated Registration Pack collection days. Registration Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bears Casual T-shirt (new) • Bears Footy (Under 8's to 14's) • Bears Drink Bottle • Bears 2023 Sticker • Pie Night, Pizza Night and Presentation Night • Entry to Junior Bear Trap Event • No gameday fees. <p>New senior players will be provided with a club hoodie.</p>
Q.	Can I arrange a Payment Plan?
A.	<p>Any player experiencing financial hardship should contact the Treasurer as soon as possible. Payment plans for season 2023 will only be offered via direct debit and players must provide a valid credit card or debit card 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</p>

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	departure from the agreement will result in the player being deemed un-financial. Only one application per player is permitted.
Q.	Player Refunds?
A.	A player may resign from the club up to and including Round 3 and obtain a refund of their playing fees (excludes membership fee, building levy, trainers levy), less Insurance, Affiliation fees, training time fees and other costs incurred by BHFC upto the resignation. Resignations must be in writing and received by the Treasurer at treasurer@bhfcbears.com.au 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.
Q.	Player Transfers?
A.	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 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.	Why do I have to register and pay my playing tariffs using the Gameday Sports TG registration?
A.	To keep playing fees low and minimise the cost of administration, payments will only be accepted using the Gameday Sports TG registration process where payments can be made by credit card or bank transfer. Because players are required to provide consent to the EDFL and BHFC policy and procedures when registering and due to privacy laws the BHFC Registrar cannot register players on their behalf. Players must use the online registration and payment system to register for season 2023 and unfortunately BHFC will not accept payments at the clubrooms canteen. The Treasurer will establish a registration kiosk at the clubrooms during pre-season training and will be available to assist any player with the online registration process or transfers.
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/

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Regards,

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