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# 1. Purpose and Scope

To describe the registration / fee setting, reimbursement, financial hardship, payment plan / player sponsorship and player transfer policy.

# 2. Policy

Burnside Heights Football Club Inc (BHFC) registration fee setting, reimbursement, financial hardship and payment plan policy delegates authority to the Treasurer. The BHFC Treasurer is also the Registrar and has delegated authority for administering player transfers.

#### Fee setting

The Treasurer determines the registration fees for inclusion in the annual budget for approval by the BHFC Committee.

Registration fees are levied from 1 October and are due and payable in full by round 1 of the EDFL home and away playing season.

#### **Attendance**

Registration fees are applicable to all players, irrespective of how many weeks they attend training or home and away Rounds they play in.

## **Un-Financial Players**

Players are deemed to be un-financial if their fees remain unpaid by Round 1 of the EDFL home and away season, 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.

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.

#### **Financial Hardship**

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.

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.

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### Online Registration

The EDFL administers the online registration system, and consequently, players, coaches and volunteers must use the online system to register participation because they are required to consent to EDFL and BHFC policy and procedures as part of the process.

# **BHFC Payment Plans**

The BHFC administers a separate online payment plan registration system to the EDFL online registration system. This means the Treasurer is required to issue a payment plan voucher to the player before they register with the EDFL upon successfully completing a payment plan.

### **Player Sponsorships**

Players with sponsorships will be issued a payment voucher by the Treasurer to use when registering with the EDFL, upon full payment of the sponsorship.

# Reimbursement

A player may resign from the club up to and including Round 3 of the EDFL home and away season, 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.

# **Player Transfers**

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.

If the Registrar has reason to believe that, due to other circumstances, clearance should not be given, they will notify the Football Operations Manager who will take the necessary action to resolve the matter. If no solution is forthcoming then the matter must be referred to either the Executive or General Committee, whichever is deemed the appropriate authority at the time.

FURTHER INFORMATION: President Treasurer