

## **ST PAULS REGISTRATION FEES POLICY**

Upon registering with St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club a commitment is made to pay the applicable registration fees for the season for which a member has registered as set out in Appendix #

### **PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES**

Payment of registration fees can be made by cash, cheque (made out to “St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club”), EFTPOS, Fair Play vouchers (see below), or a deposit into the club’s account using your surname and team/age group as the reference.

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At St Pauls we aim to keep our fees as affordable as possible, but we are aware that affordability is relative. Whilst it is preferable that registration fees are paid upon registration, we are aware that this is not always possible and so we do offer payment plans to club members who are not able to pay 100% of their (or their family’s) fees at the time of registration. A deposit of at least \$100 must be made, and a payment plan (indicating payment amounts and frequency) must be in writing and agreed to by the club member and a Club Executive.

Failure to pay registration fees, or to have kept up with an agreed payment plan, at the commencement of the season will result in a player being unable to play until the deficit has been rectified. Also, a 10% surcharge will apply to any registration fees not paid upon commencement of the season (this may be waived at the discretion of the Club Executive).

Payment plans are not available to club members who have avoided paying their fees in previous seasons.

### **FAMILY DISCOUNT**

A family discount of \$25 per registration is available to dependent children (up to 18 years of age at time of registration) of a playing parent, or younger siblings, where the parent or oldest child pays the relevant full registration fees. A family discount is not applicable to adult siblings playing within the club.

### **GET STARTED VOUCHERS**

St Pauls accepts, and encourages eligible families to apply for, the State Government’s Fair Play vouchers. Fair Play vouchers assist children and young people who can least afford, to join a sport or active recreation club.

A Fair Play voucher is to be used to help pay for club registration fees up to the value of \$150. If the registration fees are more than \$150, the parent, guardian or carer will need to pay the difference. If the registration fees are less than \$150, the club will be reimbursed for the registration fees only. The remaining amount is not provided as cash or as payment for individual items to participate in

the activity (such as uniform, boots etc.). Please note the voucher value is not exchangeable or redeemable for cash and cannot be transferred to another child.

Eligible applicants are Queensland children and young people aged from 5 to 17 (inclusive) who either hold (or whose parent, carer or guardian hold) a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it; or are identified by a registered referral agent. Applications for vouchers open in January and July each year, with a limit of one voucher per child per year. For further information, please refer to

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply>

## OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION FEES

Any registration fees outstanding from previous seasons must be paid in full at time of registration for the current season.

## REFUND POLICY

We understand that circumstances may change following registration with the club, however St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club is a not-for-profit club with financial responsibilities that must be met, therefore refunds of registration fees are not always possible.

Requests for a refund (along with all documentation required to process your refund) should be sent to the Club's Secretary at [secretary@stpaulssoccer.org.au](mailto:secretary@stpaulssoccer.org.au) and each request will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis using the table/points below as a guide. If approved, the refund amount is calculated from the date of your request, the date of withdrawing your club membership, or the date the match injury was sustained.

The decision of the Committee is final, and no negotiations will be entered into.

No refunds will be given in the last five rounds of the competition.

An Administration Fee may be charged at the discretion of the Committee.

Reason	Guideline
Non Team Placement	A place in a team cannot be guaranteed. If a player registers and cannot be placed in a team for the season, a full refund will be granted of any registration fees paid for that season.
Withdrawal Prior to Season Starting	Any registered member who withdraws prior to the season commencing will receive a full refund of any registration fees paid for that season.
Season Ending Injury	If a player has a season ending injury, a portion of any registration fees paid for that season may be refunded based on the date of the injury at the discretion of the Committee.

Relocation / Work	If a player is unable to play due to circumstances out of their control, a portion of any registration fees paid for that season may be refunded at the discretion of the Committee.
Uniform Fee	No refund for socks and shorts

## **HARDSHIP**

Should a club member suffer a financial hardship and find themselves unable to pay their fees, or keep up with their payment plan, the club must be notified ASAP to avoid future unnecessary communication.

St Pauls manages a Hardship Fund, whereby interested persons may make a monetary contribution to the fund to assist club members who suffer financial hardship (for information on how to contribute to this, please contact the Club Treasurer [treasurer@stpaulssoccer.org.au](mailto:treasurer@stpaulssoccer.org.au)).

Club members who are unable to meet their financial commitment to the club may apply in writing to the Club Secretary ([secretary@stpaulssoccer.org.au](mailto:secretary@stpaulssoccer.org.au)) for some of the Hardship Fund to be used towards some, or all of, their fees. Each request is to be considered by the Club Executive, and, where it is believed necessary, a meeting might be held with the applicant. Funds can only be allocated to requests received when there are funds available through previous donations.