



Ferntree Gully Eagles Football Netball Club Junior Division



Playing Jumper Policy

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our procedures for the purchase of playing jumpers and the allocation of playing numbers to all of our competitive playing members within the Junior Division.

Non Competitive players will continue to be loaned club playing jumpers for the duration of the season which must be handed back to the club at the end of the season.

Non Competitive Mixed U8 – Mixed U10 / Girls U8 – U10

Competitive Boys U11 – U17.5 / Girls U12 – U18

2. RATIONALE

From season 2025 all competitive playing members of the **The Ferntree Gully Eagles Football Netball Club – Junior Division** (Boys U11 - U17.5 Girls U12 – U18) will be required to purchase their playing jumper. The playing jumper will be included and subsidized by the club within the registration amount for 2025.

Future years will be responsible for the purchase of their playing jumpers.

These policies and guidelines will apply to all players registered with **The Ferntree Gully Eagles Football Netball Club – Junior Division** for the 2025 season and beyond.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Commencing in Season 2025, all FTGEFNC – Junior Division players who are playing in the competitive divisions (Boys – U11 – U17.5 and Girls U12 – U18) will be required to purchase their playing jumper
- For season 2025 the cost of playing jumper will be subsidised and included in the registration price for the season
- This becomes the player's property to keep
- All jumpers will be sleeveless
- Once purchased the jumper is not refundable
- Players will be able to wear the same jumper in the proceeding years
- The player's family will be responsible for fixing any sponsor patches or branding required by the club in the future
- Female players playing in mixed teams will be required to purchase the mixed teams jumper
- Female players playing in Girls teams will be required to purchase the Girls teams jumper
- If a player requires a new jumper, the full jumper fee (\$75 in 2025) will be incurred and must be purchased through the uniform shop



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Numbers

- The Club will manage a jumper number register
- Players who register between 1 November 2024 and 30 November 2024 will be allowed to nominate their first preference and up to a further two preferences of their playing numbers, once a number is allocated it cannot be claimed by another player in the same age group
- The club will allocate the jumper number for players who register from 1 December 2024 onwards, this is essential to ensure the availability of jumpers prior to the season
- Numbers will be allocated according to the following process:
 - Numbers will be issued between 1 – 99 per age group
 - No duplication will occur within any team
 - Only one player can have a number purchased within an age group
 - Female teams with a range of two years will be allocated a range (Odds or Evens) based on their year of birth
- For each age group, a sub-committee appointed by the Club Executive will review all 1st preference numbers
- The sub-committee will identify any numbers that only one player has requested and these numbers will be granted
- Where two or more players have requested the same number in the same age group, the following will be considered in order of 1 to 6 to ascertain if 1st Preference can be allocated to the player based on:
 - Where there are two or more siblings requesting the same number
 - The players' tenures at the club (more years as a player receives greater priority)
 - The immediate family's tenure and contribution to the club
 - The number worn by the player in the previous year (only valid for 2025 numbers)
 - A ballot conducted by members of the Committee
- Any player who misses out on their first preference, will have their 2nd preference now deemed as their first preference, and the above steps repeated
- The decision of the sub committee and the club executive in regards to players numbers is final
- Team Managers will notify families via email of their secured playing number
- Players who remain in the same age group cohort (e.g. Under 12 in 2025 and moves to Under 13 in 2026) will retain their jumper number in 2026
- Players who change cohort (e.g. Under 12 in 2025 and moves to Under 14s in 2026) may be required to change their jumper number in 2026. The cost of the jumper will become the players families responsibility
- If a child leaves the club their number can be reallocated to a new player

4. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed bi annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Policy was passed with Nil objections at the September 2024 Executive Meeting

Next policy review date is **September, 2026**



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