



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **REGISTRATION**

### **When does Registration open?**

Registration opens on Monday 9 January 2023.

All players are required to register before commencing training.

### **How do I register?**

All Registrations are done online via the Play Football website [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

These will be transitioned over to SQUADI during the season by Football Queensland (FQ)

### **How much is 2023 season registration?**

Senior Men (all grades) \$422

Senior Women (all grades) \$422

Youth\* (age 13 -17) \$356.50

Junior (age 12) \$337.50

Junior (age 10-11) \$300.50

Mini Roos (age 4 – 9) \$296.50

*\*Please note that any eligible players in this age range who intend on playing Seniors exclusively in 2023 are required to register as a Senior player*

### **How do I pay?**

As part of FA & FQ's payment policy NO PAYMENTS can or will be accepted directly to the club, and all payments MUST be made via one of the options offered on the registration portal.

*Players are unable to take the field in any match unless they are registered and financial.*

### **Am I able to use a Fair Play voucher?**

*Yes. If you are eligible, have applied & received a Fair Play voucher you will be able to add the voucher when you register. You will also need to provide the voucher to the club. Attention & email them to TREASURER [mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com](mailto:mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com)*

FairPlay Vouchers – Round 8 of FairPlay opens 25 January 2023. Visit the website

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

### **What is included in registration?**

*Governing body fees (Football Australia, Football Queensland, FQ Whitsunday Coast) & Club (MWFC) fees make up the registration. Each player also receives a training shirt as part of their registration. These will be received on or just after the season starts (March/ April).*

*All Mackay Wanderers FC players and their families receive free entry to all home games at Wanderers Sports Park. Be sure to politely let the gate attendant know.*

## **PLAYERS & TEAMS**

### **How old do I have to be to play?**

*Players turning 4 in 2023 (born 2019) are the youngest eligible players to play and there is no restriction on the oldest aged player.*

### **Who can play?**

*Everyone. It's the world game*

### **I have never played before, but I would love to play. Can I?**

*Yes! We welcome and cater for players of all abilities and ages.*

### **Do you have girls only teams, or is it just mixed?**

*Yes! MWFC have girls only teams from U5 through to U12.*

*Girls can play in a girl only team but also can play in a mixed team in if they wish.*

*Girls from the age of 15 can play in the Women's team.*

*Girls aged 13 - 16 play in the mixed competition. However, we are currently working in building the numbers for our Fillies age group (13-16) and we'd love to have you!*

### **What Senior teams do you have?**

#### **MEN**

*FQPL3 Men*

*FQPL3 U23*

*WC League Division 1*

*WC League Division 2*

#### **WOMEN**

*FQPL3 Women*

*FQPL3 U23*

### **What Junior teams do you have?**

#### **MINI ROOS**

*U5*

*U6*

*U7*

*U5/6/7 Girls only*

*U8*

*U8/9 Girls only*

*U9*

#### **JUNIORS**

*U10*

*U11*

*U10/11 Girls only*

*U12*

*U13*

*U12/13 Girls only*

#### **YOUTH**

*U14/15 FQPL*

*U14/15 Division 1*

*U16/17 FQPL*

## How will I know what team I am in?

*This information will be relayed to you once team selections have been finalised.*

- *Youth, Junior & Mini Roo's will receive an email which will provide the team's name, coach details etc. Where possible we do make allowances to enable friends to play in the same team. The exception to this is where players are graded into teams (see Team Grading document for further information regarding this).*
- *Seniors this information will be relayed to you by the Football Manager after player selections have been made by the coaches.*

## What will the playing format for U13 be in 2023?

*As part of FQ's playing reform U13 will transition to a 9 v 9 format for the 2023 season and beyond. Further information can be found on the Football Queensland website [www.footballqueensland.com](http://www.footballqueensland.com)*

## What is the Relative Age Effect?

The specific age group that Football Queensland will permit players to play in for 2023 is prescribed by the Rules of Competition, the Relative Age Effect (RAE) and Outside of Eligible Age policies.

The following factors will need to be carefully considered by clubs in relation to any player seeking to be considered in an RAE request to play out of their age group:

- Football Queensland will be introducing specific parameters for Under 13 and Under 14 age groups in 2023 to prevent and restrict the ability of whole teams playing up in age groups, with details to be confirmed in the 2023 Rules of Competition.
- RAE requests will **not** be considered by Football Queensland until immediately prior to the commencement of the 2023 season as players still have two months of maturation and development before the season begins.
- Clubs should not promise or make offers to players that promote anything other than an offer to play **within their own age group for 2023**.
- Clubs must make **UNCONDITIONAL** offers to players; specifically, no RAE can be promised or granted to players/parents during the trial or off season and their playing position must not be contingent upon obtaining a successful RAE approval request.
- The outcome of RAE requests should in no way impact the club's ability to accommodate a player at their club.
- RAE requests submitted to FQ, must be made on the professional opinion of the club's lead technician (with player development experience) for the benefit of individual player development only.
- Clubs requesting an RAE must not decide which team/age group a player plays in – FQ maintains the sole right to determine team placement.
- Clubs are encouraged to record growth and maturation of all players to assist with their decisions regarding where to train and play their participants. More information on player development can be found on the [FQ Coaching Knowledge Base](#).

## **TRAINING**

### **What are the training days & times for Seniors?**

#### **Senior Men -**

- Tuesday 6pm All Grades  
FQPL3 Men, U23's, WC League (Div 1 & 2)
- Thursday 6pm  
FQPL3 Men, U23's  
WC League (Div 1 & 2)-optional

#### **Senior Women -**

- Tuesday 6pm
- Thursday 6pm

### **When does Senior training start?**

*Senior Women - 3 January 2023 at 6pm*

*Senior Men - 10 January 2023 at 6pm*

### **What are the training days & times for MiniRoo's, Juniors & Youth?**

#### **Youth**

- Tuesday 5pm
- Thursday 5pm

#### **Junior (U12 & U13)**

- Tuesday 4:30pm
- Thursday 4:30pm

#### **Junior (U10 & U11)**

- Thursday 4:30pm

#### **Mini Roo's**

- Thursday 4:30pm

### **When does training start?**

Youth – 31 January 2023

Junior – 2 February 2023

Mini Roo's – 9 February 2023

*\*Please note that Team Grading will take place for the relevant Youth & Junior teams in the first couple of weeks as per the team grading schedule*

### **What do I wear to training?**

*Football boots, shin pads, training shirt & shorts.*

*Until the new training shirts arrive wear an old training shirt or another shirt of your choice.*

### **Where do you train?**

*Wanderers Sports Park, Ben Nevis Street Beaconsfield*

## **GAME DAYS**

### **When are games played?**

#### **Friday night**

*Senior Women (all grades)*

*WC League Men (Division 1 & 2)*

#### **Saturday**

*MiniRoo's*

*Junior*

*Youth*

*FQPL3 Men*

*FQPL3 U23's*

### **Where are games played?**

- *Senior Men's & Women's games are played on a home and away schedule around the region.*
- *Youth games will be played on a home and away schedule around the region.*
- *Junior & Mini Roo's games are played at Football Park at Glenella.*

### **How will I know when my game is?**

*The Draw is administered by FQ Competitions and will be released before the season commences. Your Coach/Manager will also be able to provide more information on where to find this.*

*Mini Roo's, Juniors & Youth do not play through the school holidays. Where possible long weekends also have no fixtures scheduled but please ensure that when the draw is released that you double check in advance and don't make any assumptions as this may be subject to change should a catch-up game be required to be played.*

### **Will I need to pay an Entry Fee at Venues?**

Yes.

#### **Mackay Football Park**

All Children under 16 free

Single Daily Adult entry \$5

Single Daily Pensioner entry \$4

Season Pass Adult - \$80

Season Pass Pensioner - \$70

*NOTE- Season passes are only available for purchase until 31 March 2023. Season passes will give you the savings on the entry for the year and allow you to enter any event on any day.*

**Volunteer Passes for 2023** – FQ will provide free entry to all volunteers in the game from clubs who meet the following criteria. If you are on the Committee (6 positions) or are a Coach or Manager. The Club (MWFC) will organise the free pass for entry into Mackay Football Park once you are registered and approved in Play Football as one of these positions. This initiative is to reward all volunteers who support the game.

**All other club grounds (Away venues)** – please be advised this is a guide and may vary

All Children under 16 free

Single Daily Adult entry \$5

## **ATTIRE**

### **What do I wear to games?**

*2023 - New kit*

*All players will be required to purchase the 2023 playing attire to take the field.*

*Playing shorts & socks are purchased by the player and are ONLY available from Intersport at Greenfields.*

*Football boots & Shin pads*

*The playing Jersey is provided by the club and remains the property of the club.*

### **Where do I buy shorts and socks from?**

*Playing shorts & socks are ONLY available for purchase from Intersport at Greenfields.*

### **Where and how do I purchase supporter/club wear?**

*Mackay Wanderers FC have a wide array of supporter wear. This can be found and purchased through the shop on our website [www.mackaywanderersfc.com](http://www.mackaywanderersfc.com)*

*Some items can be purchased directly from the Clubhouse.*

## **EVENTS**

### **Will there be a sign on or an open day where I can come and check it all out and get more information?**

*A club open day will be held on the 5th of February 2023. New, past & present players are invited to attend.*

*More details to come and will be shared via social media channels Facebook & Instagram as well as the website.*

### **When will Mackay Wanderers FC Junior Carnival be held?**

*Sunday 6 August 2023*

*Nominations will be called for in February for people interested in forming the Junior Carnival Committee. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, be sure to let someone know!*

## **EXTRAS**

### **How can I make sure I don't miss any important information?**

- Like and follow our Facebook page
- Familiarise yourself with the website [www.mackaywanderersfc.com](http://www.mackaywanderersfc.com)
- Make sure all your contact details are up to date!

### **I am interested in coaching. Who should I speak to?**

Coaching Coordinator – Greg Kliese 0422 982 159

Junior Vice President – Aaron Hall

Senior Vice President – Matthew Wilson

Alternatively, mention it to a current coach or manager and they will point you in the right direction.

### **If you are worried you have little or no experience but still think you'd like to give coaching a go?**

*All coaches are provided with Coach Education and receive certification from FQ. The club and the Coaching Coordinator will be there to support you every step of the way. Coaching is an extremely rewarding experience and one you will not regret.*

*All coaches and managers are required to obtain and hold a Blue Card (Working with Children). Anyone who volunteers and registers as a Coach will receive free entry to Football Park.*

### **I am interested in volunteering. Who should I speak to?**

*Get in touch with any of our committee members or send an email through to our email address ([mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com](mailto:mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com)) and we will contact you.*

### **I think my business/workplace would be interested in sponsorship or donating services. Who should I speak to?**

*Get in touch with*

*Sponsorship – Ryan Patton 0435 825 323*

*Fundraising – Tammi- Leigh Ludwig 0427 036 071*

*Alternatively send an email to [mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com](mailto:mackaywanderersfc@gmail.com)*

### **100 years seems like a big deal, will there be any celebrations or events in 2023?**

*ABSOLUTELY! We are so excited to be celebrating the 100-year history of our club this year. Aside from a few smaller events throughout the season a special Celebration dinner will be held on the 26 August 2023. Keep an eye out for more details or be sure to check the calendar on the website which will be updated with events. Need to plan? Contact Greg Kliese or one of the 100 Year committee members for more details.*