



# **Chinchilla Football Club**

## **Information Book 2023**

## WELCOME TO THE CHINCHILLA FOOTBALL 2023 SEASON

This handbook has all the information you need to know from player registrations to committee members to rules and regulations of the game. We are an inclusive and diverse club with a focus on teaching life skills to kids aged from 4 to 17 and above.

### Our Club

The Chinchilla Football Club first started in the Mid 1970's with a handful of local players.

Chinchilla FC has been running for nearly 40 years, with over 2000 young people being a part of our club during that time. Teams range from the six years of age, through to senior ladies and senior men. We also run a Mini Roos Kick Off Programme for our four-year old children, as a precursor to club sport.

We are very proud of our achievements and the hard work of our volunteers, without whom the club would not function. This unwavering support has also led to on-field success.

The Chinchilla Football Club has an affiliation with the Chinchilla Bowls Club and you can find most members there on a Friday night or on the weekends after senior games.

Our Location: Chinchilla Recreation Grounds, Wambo Street, Chinchilla

Our Email: [committee@chinchillafc.com](mailto:committee@chinchillafc.com)

Our Webpage: [www.footballchinchilla.com](http://www.footballchinchilla.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/footballchinchilla](https://www.facebook.com/footballchinchilla)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chinchillafc/>

## **OUR COMMITTEE**

The Chinchilla Football Club Committee is made up purely of volunteers in a range of portfolios (below). Most of our committee members are past or current players or parents of past or current players. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm at the Club House at the Recreation Grounds. The Club Committee does a range of services for the club from organizing fundraising functions to running the canteen to setting up junior and senior fields on game days, liaising with council on grounds matters and much more. All players and parents are welcome to join the committee – nominations for positions are called for at the November AGM. A person holding a portfolio holds it for 1 year.

### **Current Members**

President	Peter Swales
Vice President	Jonty Calleja
Treasurer	Jane Hoffmann
Secretary	Ren Hardy
Registrar	Ren Hardy
Grounds	Coby Calleja / Lachlan Cardillo
Media	Nikola Stevenson
Uniform Coordinator	Brooke Cranefield
Provador	Jane Hoffmann
Junior Canteen Coordinator	VACANT
Senior Canteen Coordinator	Sharon Weedon
Senior Team Representatives	Nikola Stevenson / Coby Calleja
Coaching Coordinator	Ross Cardillo

### **Life Members**

Life Member status is awarded to those who have donated their time and supported our club in a number of positions over a number of years. Life members need to have credibility and integrity and be nominated by a current committee member at the AGM.

Current Life Members:

Bill Clarke (dec), Robbie Van Gaalen. Jane Hoffmann, Ross Cardillo, Annie Cardillo, Joe Calleja

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Chinchilla Football Season runs over School Terms 2 and 3. Pre-season training starts beginning of March with games starting after the Easter Holidays. Presentation Day for Juniors is around the middle of September and held at the Recreation Grounds. Senior Presentation Day is held after finals each year and usually at the Chinchilla Bowls Club.

Registrations for season are open on 1 February each year. Registration information can be found on the play football website – [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

Registration fees are payable by credit card or debit card at time of registration. The club is no longer able to accept cash payments or payment plans.

Two components of the registration fees are set by Football Australia and Football Queensland which are applied per each registration. The club also sets a fee which goes back to the club to assist with the general running of the season.

### **Fees for 2023**

Football Australia      range from \$14.50 to \$34.00

Football Queensland    range from \$50.00 to \$130.00

There are 4 different age group sections within the club – Squirts / Mini Roos / Junior Competitive / Seniors. All teams are a mix of male and female until seniors when there are separate Female and Male teams. The Age Groups are collated for the calendar year.

### **Squirts**

Squirts are for children 4 years old. Squirts only train on a Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm. These training sessions consist of “game play” having a kick of the ball – running around markers – running with the ball – etc. Fees for Squirts Players are around \$80 each year.

### **Mini Roos**

The Mini Roos are for children 5 years to 11 years. The teams are mixed – both male and female.

Under 6/7      for children 5 years turning 6 and children 6 years turning 7

Under 8/9      for children 7 years turning 8 and children 8 years turning 9

Under 10/11    for children 9 years turning 10 and children 10 years turning 11

The Mini Roos train every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm at the Rec Grounds – Games are held on Saturdays. The Mini Roos are part of the Dalby-Chinchilla competition – one week Dalby games – one week Chinchilla games. There are some exceptions to this schedule for Show Weekends and Competitive Age Group competition. The Mini Roos play on a smaller field with 9 players per side.

Fees for Mini Roos are around \$145 per year.

## **Junior Competitive Age Group**

Under 12/13 for children 11 years turning 12 and children 12 years turning 13

Under 14/15 for children 13 year turning 14 and children 14 years turning 15

The Junior Competitive Age Group plays in the South Burnett Competition. The South Burnett Competition is run over 15 weeks with 3 weeks spent in each location – Wondai, Dalby, Kingaroy, Chinchilla, Nanango. This competition plays to FIFA rules.

The Under 13's train on a Thursday at the Rec Grounds from 4pm to 5.30pm.

The Under 15's train on a Tuesday at the Rec Grounds from 5.00pm to 6.15pm

Fees are around \$145 per year

### **NOTE:**

There is a dispensation process for children aged 15 turning 16 to play another year in the Junior competitive Competition. This is a process that firstly needs to be discussed with the Coach and the Club Committee. Whether the approval goes to Football Queensland or not depends on a number of factors including – skill level of the player, size of the player, maturity of the player. If the application for dispensation is approved by the Chinchilla Club, it then goes to FQ for final approval and processing. Once confirmed the player is notified. *If the dispensation has been approved, it must be noted that the person is not eligible to play for seniors.*

## **Seniors**

Male for children aged 16 turning 17 and 18+

Female for children aged 15 turning 16 and 18+

The Seniors play in the Toowoomba Football League. This competition includes clubs from Gatton, Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Warwick, Dalby and Chinchilla. Most of the games during Senior Season are played at a variety of Toowoomba Clubs with some games played at Gatton, Warwick and Chinchilla (home games).

Seniors Women Train Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 7.30pm

Senior Men train Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Seniors are approximately \$250 for the season \*any 16/17 year old playing in the Senior Age Groups do get a cheaper fee as the FA and FQ fees are applied per date of birth.

## **Player of the Week Certificates**

Player of the Week Certificates are awarded to the player of the week in the Mini Roos age group. The certificates are a \$5 or \$10 voucher that is spent at the Chinchilla Canteen. The certificates are available for collection from the club house at the beginning of the season. Coaches and Managers make the decision who to award the certificate to at the end of every game. Players of the week are not necessarily the best player but could be the player who has improved in the game or who has shown good sportsmanship, etc.

## **PRE-SEASON**

The period before the commencement of the fixtures is known as pre-season. It is quite hectic as the club processes all registrations and slots players into teams. It is recommended that all continuing players register for the season as soon as the system is open from 1 February. This assures the players spot in a team.

### **Juniors**

Junior players are rated on a 1-2-3 basis by the coaches at the end of season. The ratings are collated by the club and are used to slot the junior players into their teams the following season. Teams are a mix of all rated players – 1's, 2's and 3's. This mix helps to ensure the teams are fair and equitable and that all players have a chance of assisting their team play hard and win games.

1 = excellent ball skills and a high understanding of the game

2 = intermediate ball skills and a medium understanding of the game

3 = little ball skills and no understanding of the game

Junior training begins around the middle of March each year and kicks off with a "Come and Try Day" at the grounds. The Come and Try Day is advertised through social media and schools and is a great way for new kids to come and have a kick around of the ball and meet the players and coaches. Registration information will be available on the day.

The uniform shop is open from the Come and Try Day as parents and players may want to purchase uniforms for the season.

The junior draw (list of games, times, locations, etc) is put together by the Dalby and Chinchilla club committees and the disseminated to the coaches and managers of the mini roos teams.

The draw for the competitive age groups are collated by the South Burnett Football Club and disseminated to the coaches and managers for distribution to their players.

The draw's for both junior and competitive age groups are usually out by the beginning of April each year. Sometimes there are changes to the draw (this may be due to more players registering and creating a new team) – any changes are made as soon as possible and disseminated to coaches, managers and players.

### **Seniors**

Senior players begin their training mid-January. Senior's play a few pre-season matches with the main one being the Seven's Competition in Kingaroy beginning of February. The Senior Players also have opportunities to play in over 35's matches and other games throughout the region before the real season starts.

Senior Draws are usually out from February as the first games in the Senior Division are in March.

## **COACHES AND MANAGERS**

Every year the Club collates all the teams for each age division. It is then up to the players/parents to select or nominate a coach and a manager for their team. Once a coach or manager has been appointed, they must advise the Club by email as soon as possible. This is so the club can add you to the distribution list and keep you informed of important information throughout the season. As a coach or manager, it is important that you communicate regularly with your teams and the Club. A great way to pass on information to the club is to attend the monthly meetings. Team contact details will be emailed to Coaches and Managers along with any other required information.

The role of coaching or managing a football team is very rewarding. You have a front row seat to the unfolding development of young players who learn to cooperate, share and work together as team as they acquire skills rapidly.

Coaches – as a coach you need to provide direction and channel the sometimes, never-ending energy of your kids into skills acquisition and development, provide sufficient repetition to reinforce and harness their enthusiasm. You don't need to have any experience to coach a team – there are plenty of resources available through the Play Football website that you can download. There are also other coaches you can learn from and gain assistance from the club coaching coordinator. The club also arrange grassroots coaching clinics throughout the year – these clinics are a great opportunity to expand your knowledge as a coach and are open to new and current coaches.

Managers – as a manager your primary role is communication between the Club, Coach and The Team. The Club communicates with managers and coaches via email. You will need to disseminate this information to your players (and their parents for Juniors). Some basic duties include advising the team where and when their fixtures are, prepare team sheets for games, issue jerseys and prepare the reward certificate for distribution by the coach at each game (Mini Roos only).

## **REFEREES**

For junior games the club is required to provide referees. These are usually players in the club that have completed extra training to become qualified. There are all different levels of referee. If you are interested in becoming a referee or learning more about what they do, please feel free to contact the club.

For Senior Games the Toowoomba Football League provides the Referees.

## **LINESMAN**

This person will “run lines” and consists of raising a flag when there is a fault (eg, if the ball goes out of the field during play and a throw in or a corner, etc is required). There is no formal training as such and usually players take on this role at our Junior Games. As long as you have an understanding of the rules you can be a linesman and help out the club on game days.

For Senior Games the Linesman's are provided by the Toowoomba Football League.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Our club is run by volunteers. **It is expected** that if you or your child has registered to play this season, that you will volunteer some of your time to help the club in a range of activities or alternatively nominate for a position on the committee.

Volunteering Activities include set up and pack up fields at home games (games held in Chinchilla), set up and work canteen, work bar at fundraising functions, being a coach or a manager and more.

**Failure to volunteer may affect you/your child's presentation day at the end of season.**

## **FUNDRAISING FUNCTIONS**

The Chinchilla Football Club fundraises regularly throughout the year. Our fundraising helps the club to keep our registration fees low and assists with purchase of balls, bibs, goals and other equipment. We do 2 main functions each year and volunteers are called to assist. These are Show Bar and the Chinchilla Rodeo Bar. Every second year the Club is called upon to run the Melon Fest Rodeo Bar.

The club currently uses the Try Booking system for all fundraising functions. Functions are advertised as soon as possible. All parents and senior players are expected to offer some of their time to a fundraising function.

## **UNIFORMS**

The Uniform Shop is run from the Club House and is open during Junior Training every Thursday from 4pm and 5pm and on some selected Thursdays at senior training from 6pm to 7pm.

Our club colours are red and black. We have black club shorts and black club socks that must be worn on game days. Jerseys for game days are provided for each team and are to be worn during the game. Game Day jerseys are not to go home with individual players – they are to remain in the kit bag with the goalie gloves and balls. It is usually the responsibility of the manager or coach to ensure all game day jerseys are returned to the kit bag at the completion of a game. Managers usually arrange a roster system of parents taking turns to wash the jerseys and return them to the coach at the next training session, so they are ready for the next game day.

There are a range of club shirts and training shirts and merchandise including hats, bags, water bottles, hoodies, jackets, etc – all available for purchase at the uniform shop.

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Thank you for participating in Chinchilla Football 2023. We hope you have a fantastic season.

Should you have any queries with the information in this handbook or wish to contact a committee member, please email the club at [committee@chinchillafc.com](mailto:committee@chinchillafc.com).

For any information regarding coaching resources, registrations, etc, please refer to the play football website. [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)