



## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT LOAN POLICY

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

All players are required to wear the Club's complete uniform as approved by the SSFA. This comprises the shirt, shorts and socks. Appropriate footwear and shin pads must also be worn. All players are required to comply with the rules, regulations and by-laws as imposed by the SSFA at all times as they apply to jewellery, protective eye wear, hats, visors and other forms of dress that may apply.

### 6.2 GENERAL

Unlike many clubs that require players to buy their playing shirts St. John Bosco Football Club provides its junior players with a Loan Shirt, free of charge, for use during the competition. Players competing in the U18 and older age groups are required to purchase a Club shirt.

All players irrespective of their age group must wear the Club's uniform shirt, shorts and socks, which are available for purchase from the Club.

### 6.3 LOAN SHIRTS

Loan Shirts are provided to all registered players up to and including Under 16 for both boys and girls. While the shirt is loaned to the player, the player (or their parents) is / are responsible for the shirt. All other players are required to purchase and maintain care of their own shirts.

### 6.4 ISSUE OF LOAN SHIRTS

The Loan Shirts will be issued to the Team Manager once the teams have been formed following grading. The Team Manager will then issue the shirts to the players. The Team Manager shall record details of who the shirts were issued to and will maintain a register of shirt sizes and numbers where shirt numbers apply. The Team Manager shall provide this information to the Age Group Coordinator as soon as the shirts are issued to the players. Each Team Manager will be provided with an Equipment Issue Register Form to assist with this process.

### 6.5 SHIRT NUMBERING

Players competing in the U13s and older age groups must wear a shirt that clearly displays a number on the back.

Each player in a team must have a unique number.

### 6.6 EXCHANGING SHIRTS

In the event that there are two identical number shirts issued to a team the Team Manager needs to contact the relevant Age Group Coordinator to arrange for an exchange to a number not used by the team. Similarly, if the size of a shirt is inappropriate the shirt may be exchanged to another size, subject to availability. If shirts are exchanged due to size the Team Manager needs to ensure that the alternative shirt does not have a number on it that has already been issued to other players in the team.



## 6.7 USE OF SHIRT

Uniform shirts may be worn to and from matches and during matches but must not be worn at any other time, unless for an approved Club related activity or event. When players attend training they are required to wear their own shirts and not the uniform shirt. The player is expected to take due care of the shirt once issued.

## 6.8 LOSS OR DAMAGE

If a shirt gets damaged, and the damage is small and easily repairable without obvious evidence, the shirt shall be repaired by a person suitably skilled to repair it. If the damage is substantial and cannot readily be repaired the player is to advise the Team Manager who in turn will arrange for a replacement shirt with the Club's Equipment Officer.

If a shirt is lost then a replacement needs to be obtained from the Club's Equipment Officer. The player will be charged with the cost of the replacement shirt unless it can be proven that the loss was not preventable by the player, or if other extenuating circumstances warrant waiver of the charge.

## 6.9 RETURN OF SHIRTS

At the end of the season the Team Manager shall collect all of the Loan Shirts and return them to the Age Group Coordinator in a clean laundered condition. The Age Group Coordinator will check off the issued shirts and identify the Players with the missing shirts. The Team Manager must make all reasonable attempts to collect and return all the Loan Shirts by the nominated time for returning shirts.

The Team Manager needs to provide sufficient notice to the players to ensure that shirts get returned in time to allow for timely return of the kit. The Team Manager will need to sign the Equipment Issue Form, which will indicate which players returned or failed to return their shirts.

## 6.10 RECORDS

The Team Manager shall sign the Equipment Issue Form upon receiving the shirts for their team. When the Team Manager issues the shirts to the players a register is to be made to identify the shirt number and size issued to each player. The Team Manager shall then advise the Age Group Coordinator of these details.

When the Loan Shirts are returned the Team Manager and the Age Group Coordinator shall confirm the name of any players that, despite all reasonable requests, failed to return their Loan Shirt.

## 6.11 EQUIPMENT

Each team will be provided with a Match Ball, training balls and training equipment. The Team manager shall ensure that all equipment issued is returned at the end of the season. The Equipment Issue Form will be used to record items issued and items returned.

## 6.12 FAILURE TO RETURN

If a player fails to return the loan shirt, the player will become liable for the replacement cost of the shirt. The cost charged will be the actual cost of a replacement shirt at that time. The cost may be waived in exceptional circumstances where the player can demonstrate that the loss was beyond his reasonable control, or in the event of genuine hardship.

Players who failed to return their loan shirt will be notified and asked to make the required payment within a specified time period. Failure to pay within the nominated time may give cause to place the player's name on a defaulter's list. In



such event the player may not register in subsequent seasons until such time as the cost of the replacement shirt is paid in full.

The Team Manager and Coach will be responsible for all equipment issued. At the Club's discretion the Team Manager and/or Coach may be liable for the cost of replacement of items lost or damaged whilst issued to their team.

## 6.13 HARDSHIP

Where hardship arises such that a player cannot meet the obligation to pay for a replacement Loan Shirt the Club Secretary must be notified in writing. The Club Executive will then consider the situation and, in consultation with the player (and / or their parent), agree to a payment plan on the merits of the individual case and circumstances. All requests for consideration will be confidential to the Club Executive. It is essential that cases of hardship be notified to the Club's Executive before the player is put on a defaulter's list.

## 6.14 DISREGARD

Disregard of this policy shall be considered as a breach of the Code of Conduct. This could result in the player's inability to register for future competitions with the Club or other clubs affiliated with the Sutherland Shire Football Association.