



# REGISTRATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## What is the minimum age to register?

The minimum age requirement is that your child must turn 5 in 2016. (4 and 5 year old children play in the U/6 mini roo's) However, when considering if your child is old enough to commence their career, be mindful that some games may start as early as 8:00 am. This can be physically demanding for our youngest players.

Nursery squad excluded, refer to Bosco FC invitation to register for further information

## How do I know which age group to register my child/myself in?

The natural age group is the age the child is turning in the current year. For example, if a child is turning 7 this year they play in the U/7 age group; Turning 11, the U/11 age group.

There are a couple of exceptions: a) If a child wants to play with friends who are in the same year at school but their birthday is in a different calendar year, the younger child may request to play up however this is not guaranteed [Refer to Grading Policy]. b) In the women's O/30 competition and the men's O/35 and O/45 competitions the player must be turning 31, 36 and 46 respectively this year. i.e. "O" is for over. A player cannot play in an age group younger than the age they turn this current year.

## Where are games played?

Games are played on a home and away basis between clubs affiliated with the Sutherland Shire Football Association (SSFA) and are confined to the Sutherland Shire. You may need to travel in a range extending from Cronulla to the east, Menai to the west, Heathcote to the south and Oyster Bay to the north.

Bosco FC Home games are played across two venues, primarily, Woronora Heights Oval (WHO) and Bostown Oval. MiniRoo's Football home games is played at Woronora Heights Oval on a Saturday, unless otherwise noted.

## What day and time will games be played on?

Junior mixed U6-U12, boys U12-U21, girls U12-U16 are played on a Saturday across the Sutherland Shire. Girls U18-U21, Senior Women, All Age Men, O35 & O45 Men, O30 Women play their games on a Sunday. Unless otherwise notified.

## How long is the season?

The season proper extends over 18 weeks during the autumn and winter months and does not break for school holidays. A three week final series for competitive grades is then conducted after the season proper. The season starts on 2/3 April 2016 after the Easter Weekend.

## Changed your mind about playing

Should you choose to withdraw; a full refund will be made by cheque provided the graded teams have not been submitted to the SSFA. If this submission has occurred, then it will be only possible to refund the portion of the registration fees that relates to the club component, as the SSFA does not refund its component of the registration fee.

Once the season has commenced unfortunately no refunds will be accepted.

All withdrawals are to be made in writing to the Club Registrars via email to Junior Registrar (U6 – U16) [junior.registrar@boscofc.org.au](mailto:junior.registrar@boscofc.org.au) and Senior Registrar (U18+) [senior.registrar@boscofc.org.au](mailto:senior.registrar@boscofc.org.au). This is to ensure the Club has a formal request for withdrawal complete with date stamp. Requests must be made by the player or parent/guardian of the player.



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## **How do I transfer to another club once I've registered?**

Should you decide to change clubs once you have registered yourself or your child, the process is similar to withdrawing. You will need to send a request to registrar notifying of the request to transfer. If the transfer is made prior to teams being submitted to the SSFA, we will be able to withdraw you from the Bosco FC registration and refund any payments made.

Once the de-registration has been approved by the SSFA you may commence registration with the other club online.

Once the graded teams have been submitted to the SSFA, you will be required to provide a transfer form to the other club from Bosco FC. The registrar will supply this to you once the request has been received via email. Payment will be refunded to you by the Treasurer. If a card has been received for the player, this must be provided to the Registrar of the club the player is transferring to so it may be passed on to the SSFA.

## **How do I transfer from another club to Bosco FC?**

You must request a transfer from the club you have previously registered with for the season and complete the transfer process with the club. If you transfer prior to graded teams being submitted to the SSFA you may register online with Bosco FC once the transfer has been approved by the SSFA. A transfer form will need to be provided to the Bosco FC Registrar after graded teams have been submitted to the SSFA. If a card has been received from the original club for the player, this must be provided with the transfer form to the Bosco FC Registrar and a new card will be issued for the player.

Please note, no player may take the field until a new SSFA issued card has been received for the player (for U11 and up), and until confirmation is received that the transfer is complete for U6-U10 players.

## **Why does the club conduct grading selection trials?**

The Club's experience is that children will enjoy their football more if grading is aligned to their ability. No one wins if a child is under or over graded, so, in order to ensure accurate grading occurs, the Club conducts selection trials.

Refer to the Grading Policy for further information.

## **Do I need to do anything during the season?**

Yes! To keep up to date with all that is going on at Bosco FC we suggest you stay tuned to the website and our Facebook page!

All players and/or parents are required to participate in ground control activities which consist of field set up, monitoring completion of match cards, crowd control, BBQ and occasionally assisting in refereeing games. We expect a reasonable roll up when your team is rostered on to ground control. Failure to have enough help from your team may result in requests for extra duty being allocated to your team.

## **Can I play football with my friends?**

The club has a policy of attempting to meet requests to play with friends for U6 & U7 and will make every effort putting together teams based upon submitted lists of players. However, for U8's to U16, teams will be selected based upon the matching of players' abilities although extenuating circumstances of course will be considered. However, the Club appreciates and supports the fact that some players, especially in their late teens, play primarily for social reasons and wish to form teams on this basis.



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## New Player Registration

A new player, for example, can be someone who has:

- 1) Never played competition football (soccer) before in Australia,
- 2) Never played competition football (soccer) previously in the Sutherland Shire, or
- 3) Has not played football (soccer) in a long time (prior to 1990) and does not have a current FFA number or is not showing has having provided identification in the SSFA records

If you have played outdoor football in Australia previously but cannot remember your FFA number, please contact MyFootballClub to request it.

### Documents Required for New Players

1. Proof of Identification i.e. an original birth certificate, passport, Driver's Licence (for senior players), Government issued identification card (e.g. proof of age card). The document must show full name and date of birth for the registering player.

2. Proof of Residency in the Sutherland Shire i.e. For junior players, a driver's licence or utility bill/bank statement showing current for the player's parent/guardian;

For senior players, Driver's Licence, utility bill or bank statement showing current address and in the name of the registering player (Phone bill not accepted). Tenancy agreements are accepted but must be the full agreement, and must be signed and dated by all parties to be a valid document.

Primary and secondary school children who live outside the Shire and are registering for the first time in the Sutherland Shire competition will be accepted after written proof of attendance at a Shire school is sighted.

For all other proof of residency documents please contact the registrar to discuss.

### Providing Identification Documents

Identification documents must be original copies and must be sited in person. It is suggested that these documents are brought to Bosco FC on the advertised registration dates.

Identification documents will not be accepted via email, as per the requirements of Football NSW. Photo Requirement - ALL players above U10 (inclusive)



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## Online Registration

Online Registration is open to all new and returning players.

All registrations will be made online through the MyFootballClub website. You may complete this at home online, or visit us on the advertised registration days to have one of our friendly committee assist you in completing the registration.

Players new to football and/or new to football in the Sutherland Shire are encouraged to register online, but will be required to attend one of the advertised registration days to provide appropriate documentation for proof of proof of residency and identification, or contact the registrar to arrange a siting.

To begin your registration for the 2016 season, go to the MyFootballClub website to access your registration profile.

1. Select REGISTER NOW

2. Select PLAYER REGISTRATION

3. You will be presented with 3 options

- 1) If you know your FFA number (8 digit number, eg. 54598842) click to register
- 2) If you cannot remember your FFA number, please click to retrieve it before you register
- 3) If you are new to football altogether, please create a FFA number and commence the registration process

4. Follow each of the steps online

- Please check the photo is clear, light, and closely resembles registering player. You may upload a new photo if necessary but please make sure the photo size is cropped to passport size (instructions are provided online)

**Please note: If you are registering for Under U10 boys/girls, U14 boys/girls, U18 boys/girls and any new players U10 and above need to UPDATE or add a profile photo into the registration system to enable placement into a 2016 side.**

- Payment can be made securely online via Visa or Mastercard; alternatively, payment can be completed at the clubhouse on the designated registration days by Visa, Mastercard, Cheque or Cash

- Third Family Member / Player Life Member Discounts - When you come to the PAYMENT step, you can select to PURCHASE ADDITIONAL ITEMS and check the boxes for the discount you require.

Please note: DO NOT create a new FFA number if you cannot remember your previous FFA number. You will need to use the email address you last registered with. If this has changed, or you are experiencing difficulties in retrieving your FFA number, please contact MyFootballClub to correct the issue:

MyFootballClub Support Centre: 02 8020 4199



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## Important Notes Regarding Registration

### **Multi-player / Team Requests Multi-player Request / Team Requests**

For junior players, requests may be made at the time of registration to play with friends. Please note that the Bosco FC team selectors do their best to honour all requests, but requests cannot be guaranteed.

The signature of at least one parent/guardian for each player is required for the request to be valid, along with contact details of the request organiser.

### **Adult Team Requests | Under 18+**

Please email your full team lists to [senior.registrar@boscofc.org.au](mailto:senior.registrar@boscofc.org.au) prior to February 20<sup>th</sup> and provide contact details for a coach and/or manager. If you do not yet have a coach/manager, please nominate a team organiser that we may contact should we have any queries regarding your team.

### **Registering Above Your Natural Age Group**

Players up to and including the age of 16 cannot register to play in an age group more than 2 years older than the age they turn by 31st December 2016