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Age Groups:

What age group does my child fit into?

AFLQ set the age groups and these have been aligned with the way schools determine which grade a child is in, i.e. 1st July to 30th June. See the Registration Price List and Age Eligibility document available from the Club Website.

Fees:

What are the registrations fees for season 2023?

See the Registration Price List and Age Eligibility document available from the Club Website.

Have the fees gone up from last year?

Only slightly - The fees for all age groups have been adjusted due to the change in Age Groups from 2022 to 2023.

What do these fees cover?

Fees cover:

Player Insurance & administration (AFLQ Component)	Umpire Costs
Team Photo for each player	First Aid Support Costs
End of Season Trophy for each player	Purchase of Team Equipment
Team Fees	Club Compliance Costs



Registration Process:

How do I register my child to play?

Based on your child's age as determined above, you will need to register online using the following links:

MCJAFC AusKick:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/mountain-creek-state-school-auskick-centre/6fce0a9f/register?afl ga client id=5466548826.1641610945&afl ga session id=1669169360

MCJAFC Superstars (U7.5s) Footy:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/41a13c

(Registrations for the 2023 Superstars Season don't open until the 01DEC22)

MCJAFC Juniors:

https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/4a2d2d (Registrations for the 2023 Season don't open until the 01DEC22)

Payment is required by credit card at the time of registration. You will also need to provide proof of age.

A \$50 discount / refund will be made to members who volunteer to participate on the Club Committee (Please contact the Club President about available positions).

2023 Registration Incentives:

In 2023 MCJAFC is offering several Registration Incentives as follows:

- 1. Free Footy: All Kids who sign-up to play with the Mountain Creek Sharks in 2023 will receive a free Size 1 Club Football.
- 2. **Family Discount:** We will give parents a 15% discount (of the MCJAFC component of the registration fee only) for all subsequent registrations after the first Registration (not cumulative).

Examples:

- a. For the second U9.5s player, instead of paying the normal \$250 they will pay \$229.75, a discount of \$20.25.
- b. For the second U13.5s player, instead of paying the normal \$270 they will pay \$251.25, a discount of \$18.75.
- 3. <u>Early Bird Discount:</u> All parents who sign up by the 28th of February 2023 will receive a \$20 discount on their rego cost. This has been established to drive early registrations so we can formulate and define team numbers earlier. The Code (for use in the PlayHQ Registration database) for this discount is: 38FE2EB7.
- 4. <u>Superstars Rego Incentive:</u> Every child that registers to play Superstars with MCJAFC in 2023 will receive a free playing shorts and socks (would normally cost them \$45 to purchase).
- 5. <u>Bring a friend Discount:</u> MCJAFC will also reward existing members who bring along a friend, who then registers to play. The system works as follows:
 - An "existing member" refers or brings along a friend and that friend registers to play.
 - As a thank-you for bringing a friend, the "existing member" gets to pick an envelope and wins a prize. Prizes include, Club Merchandise, Vouchers to our on-Line Merchandise store, or Rebel Sports vouchers.

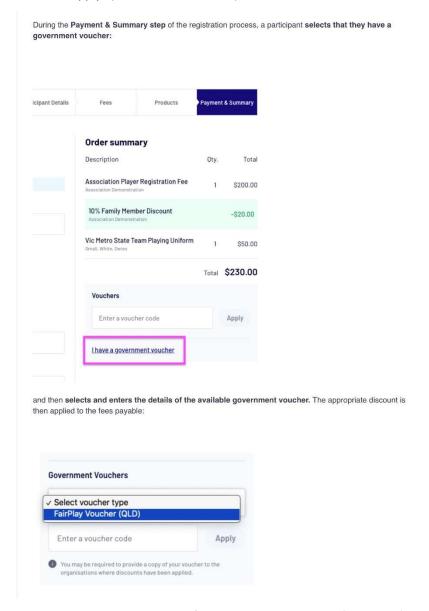


The "new member" gets a free water bottle and boot bag as a thank-you for signing up! (this
would also apply to all new members whether referred or not)

Fairplay Voucher Process:

What is the process for claiming Fairplay Vouchers?

Step 1: Register your child in the new **PlayHQ** system using the link provided earlier in this FAQ Sheet. During the registration payment process you will be asked if you have a Fairplay Voucher. If you do, select "I have a government voucher", then select "Fairplay Voucher (QLD)" and enter the Voucher Number and select "Apply" (see screen shot below):



PlayHQ will then adjust your payment to reflect the claimable amount (see below).

The Claimable Amounts are as follows: for AusKick it is \$90; for Superstars it is \$50 and for Juniors and Youth it is a maximum of \$150.

Step 2: The Club then claims the money back from the Fair Play Voucher people (Govt).





Juniors Game FAQs:

NOTE: The following FAQs relate to Juniors U9.5s to U17.5 only. For FAQs relating to MCJAFC AusKick and Superstars (U6s) see separate sections relating to these Programs.

Where are MCJAFC Juniors games played?

Home Games will be held at the Mountain Creek State high School main oval. Away games will be held at other local Clubs – normally at Clubs South of the Maroochy River.

For Youth Teams (U13.5s and up), depending on the Division the team is placed in, may end up playing matches further afield but will always be on the Northern Side of Brisbane.

When are MCJAFC games played?

Apart from AusKick and Superstars games, all Juniors Football games will be played on Sundays. Game times normally start with the younger age groups (from 8:30-9:00am) and finish with the older age groups in the afternoon. Games times for the season will be announced when fixtures are released by AFLQ in early March.

What else do I need to play games?

Every player will need to purchase a pair of Club playing shorts and socks and have a pair of Football boots. You may wish to purchase a mouthguard but this is up to you and is optional (recommended for Ages Groups of U11.5s and up).

If you would like to purchase other Club merchandise, such as training T-Shirts, Singlets, Hoodies, Jackets, Backpacks or other merchandise please go to our On-Line Store which can be accessed via the Club Website.

Training FAQs:

When & Where are MCJAFC team training sessions conducted?

For U9.5s and U11.5s: All training sessions will be conducted at the Maroochydore Cricket Club (MCC) grounds - Syd Lyngard Drive, Buderim on Thursdays. Training times for these groups typically run from 4:30 to 5:30pm.

For U13.5 and older age groups: Training will be held on the Maroochydore Cricket Club grounds – Syd Lyngard Drive, Buderim from 4:30 to 6:00pm on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.



AusKick FAQs:

What is AusKick?

NAB AFL Auskick is the introductory program for kids wanting to learn how to play Australian Rules Football. Auskicker's run, jump, kick, laugh, express themselves and create their own special moments that just happens to be footy. No matter if you know the game or not, Auskick is inclusive for everyone aged 5-12 at any ability to play.

When and where is MCJAFC AusKick conducted?

In 2023 the MCJAFC AusKick Program will be conducted Maroochydore Cricket Club (MCC) oval on Monday afternoons starting at 4:00pm. The Program runs for 8 weeks (sessions) and sessions are run by both the Club and AFLQ Development Officers. The schedule for Auskick is still being developed but is expected to start in mid February 2023.

Each participant who registers for AusKick will receive an AusKick participant pack in the mail.

Note: Clubs are not involved in the AusKick participant pack delivery process in any way, as this is managed purely by the AFL. Any queries relating to delivery of packs should be sent to the AFL via the AusKick website.

Superstars FAQs:

What Is Superstars Footy?

Superstars Footy is an AFL development program, focusing on match play & skill development, and is the participation link between NAB AFL Auskick and Club Junior football (which starts at Under 9.5s).

Superstars Footy is fundamentally an extension of Auskick, however it's structured in a similar way to Junior Club Footy. Participants aged 5.5-7.5 participate in game-based activities, leading into modified (non-contact) AFL matches. A maximum of one mid-week training is allowed (but we don't usually train for Superstars), plus a one-hour session on a Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00pm.

There are 6 on the field but we try to put together teams of 7 or 8 as there are often times when individuals or families cannot make it.

We recommend that kids wanting to play Superstars also register for the AusKick program.

In 2023 Every child that registers for Superstars at MCJAFC will receive a free playing singlet (to keep), that acts as their playing jumper, as well as free playing shorts and socks.

When and where is MCJAFC Superstars Footy played?

In 2020 MCJAFC formed part of a hub with other local clubs that played on Friday afternoons (4:00 to 5:00 PM) at the Fisherman's Road Sporting Complex. It is planned that we will do the same again in 2023 as it worked very well and the kids had heaps of fun but this is still to be confirmed.



Other Club FAQs:

Volunteering:

The Club understands that your time is precious and as such we appreciate anyone who volunteers to help the Club. As you can appreciate Junior Sporting Clubs don't run themselves. They are reliant on volunteers to provide a service to our children. If you can offer any of your time or services, please contact the Club President at president@mountaincreekjafc.com.au — every little bit counts. We are sure you will enjoy it!

You can also help in little ways by volunteering to assist in our game day canteen, helping with game setup, running of games or pack-up. We wont say no to any help offered! We also believe that being part of the Community is very important and provides all involved with great experiences and a sense of being part of something bigger and you will be a great role model to your kids!

Sponsorships:

As we are sure you can appreciate it takes money to run a football club. The Club has a policy whereby we try to secure funding from either Grants or Sponsors. We do not want to be continually asking parents for money to purchase new equipment, by way of fundraising activities such as chocolate drives. Our preference is to secure sponsors, but you can help with this. If you have a business, we would love to talk to you about how we can help grow your business while supporting the Club. If you have a friend or colleague that owns a business in our area, why don't you ask them whether they are able to help.

Every new sponsor we secure means less chance we will have to ask you – our valued members – for money to support the Club.

To view our Sponsorship package and what we are offering just go to our Club Website and click on the "Club Sponsors" menu.

If you have any other Questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Club President at:



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