2027 Player Fee Policy

Overview

All YJFL League Fees will be payable via the PlayHQ platform, at the point of registration for players for the 2027 season.

It is provided to YJFL Clubs to assist in their use of the Competition Management & Registration platform, PlayHQ. The YJFL Board reserves the right to amend these policies at any time.

1. 2027 YJFL League Fee Structure

The 2027 YJFL League Fees will be as follows:

Players born from 2009-2016:	$220
Players born in 2017:	$192
Players born from 2018-2019:	$180

The PlayHQ system provides for family registration discounts on a 'percentage' basis. YJFL Clubs should consider the impact the use of the PlayHQ family discount system will have on their revenue. The YJFL does not provide a 'Family discount' on the portion of the League fee paid to the YJFL.

Where players register to play in the 2027 Season after the completion of Round 7 (assuming that a full season will take place), the following reduced fees will be applicable:

Players born from 2009-2016:	$110
Players born in 2017:	$96
Players born from 2018-2019:	$90

2. Use of vouchers

Where required and approved, League-issued vouchers will be used to reduce &/or waive the payment of YJFL League Fees at the time of registration in the PlayHQ platform.

Apart from those circumstances outlined in Section 3 (YJFL League Fee Waivers), all other vouchers shall be considered a Club purchase and Clubs will be invoiced when the vouchers are issued. The Club is expected to pay those invoices on usual terms.

Clubs may apply for a full refund of any unused vouchers they may have purchased for use in relation to the 2027 season. Once approved, the YJFL will issue a credit against any invoices issued or make a cash payment, as applicable.

The reconciliation process will normally take place at the end of the season, for administrative simplicity for both Clubs & the League.

Clubs will not be issued vouchers if they still have invoices outstanding to the League.

While cash payments are discouraged, due to the administrative costs for both the League & Clubs, we recognise sometimes this is the only way some parents can pay. In this instance, the League will create vouchers for Clubs to issue to parents when they make the cash payment. Clubs will be invoiced upon the creation of the vouchers. Clubs can reconcile for themselves the use of the vouchers by those players/parents to reconcile against payments received & deposited in the Club bank account.

3. YJFL League Fee Waivers

Clubs may apply for a waiver of the applicable YJFL League Fees for the following 3 circumstances:

1. Financial Hardship

If a club can demonstrate that a member family's financial hardship would prevent a player from participating in the 2027 season, then the YJFL will provide a voucher to the Club to use to waive the fees. A club-specific voucher will be issued for hardship cases.

The Club must demonstrate the following before applying for a financial hardship waiver:

- The family has applied through the Victorian Government's "Get Active Kids Voucher Program" and/or Team Sports 4 All (where these programs are available); or is ineligible
- That this is the only option available having exhausted other solutions such as paying in instalments or covering part of the YJFL fee themselves.

2. Trial Players

At the conclusion of grading, where clubs wish to have a Trial Player register, who it is believed will play 2 games or less and is assisting the club in managing player shortages, or wishes to trial playing football, the club may apply for a voucher to register the player only incurring a League Fee of $40 for insurance purposes.

Assistance will be provided on the basis that, should the player participate in more than 2 games, the club shall be liable for the YJFL League Fee applicable at the time of registration. Any Trial Players that play more than 2 games but have used a voucher to register will have their YJFL Club charged the applicable fees. A club-specific voucher will be issued for trial players.

3. Talent League Listed Player

This voucher is for a Talent League listed player who is required to register with a community club but will not represent the club in any home and away matches. The YJFL

will provide a voucher for the club to use in this situation. If a Talent League player intends to play in the YJFL or does play a game, then the club would be charged.

All applications for the waiving of YJFL League Fees must be submitted to the League on the official application form.

4. Part Payment Options

Payments can be made in PlayHQ either up front or in four instalments.

Clubs who choose to place member families on different payment plans from those available in PlayHQ may ask the League to issue vouchers to facilitate this, on the basis that the club shall be liable for all YJFL League Fees incurred in these instances. The YJFL Club will then need to manage the multiple payments by the player to the Club.

5. Refund of YJFL League Fees

In the event that a player registers and does not play in a game, the League is prepared to refund their fees, in a normal season. The League reserves the right to adjust this approach should a season be interrupted. Any refund will be less a $15 administration fee.

Application for refunds during the season will need to be requested using the official application form (Appendix 2) and submitted prior to the conclusion of Round 4. Should a refund be granted whilst the season is still in progress, the player's season registration shall be cancelled in the PlayHQ system. Players who register after the conclusion of Round 4, including those registering at the reduced fee after Round 7, are not eligible for a refund.

6. Players on permit

In the event that a Club transfers a player in using the permit system, but the player plays more than 2 games in the season, then the YJFL Club will be liable to pay the applicable fees. The YJFL will reconcile at the end of the season.

7. Inappropriate use of vouchers

Inappropriate use of vouchers will be taken up by the League with the player's Club to resolve in the first instance and may result in the cancellation of the player's season registration.

Appendix 1: Application form for 2027 League Fee Waiver

Appendix 2: Application for refund of 2027 League Fee

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