

**SOUTH GAWLER FOOTBALL CLUB  
"THE LIONS"**

**Under Age Team Information Booklet**

Covers the many questions you may have in any club environment.  
Players/ parents/caregivers/Volunteers please read & keep handy.



**[www.southgawlerfc.com](http://www.southgawlerfc.com)**

**Season 2024**



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**Insert your Coaches Contact details here:**

*Club Song (junior version)*

*CHEER BOYS, CHEER*  
***WE ARE THE GAWLER SOUTH***  
*IT'S ONLY NOW AND THEN*  
*WE LOSE A GAME, LOSE A GAME*  
*WE WILL PLAY THEM ALL AROUND*  
*ON OUR HOME OR ANY GROUND*  
*IF THEY'LL ONLY PLAY A FAIR*  
*AND HONEST GAME*

*HEART TO HEART*  
*HAND TO HAND*  
*BENEATH THE BLUE AND WHITE*  
*WE'LL STAND*  
*WE'LL SHOUT HOORAH*  
*FOR VICTORY WON*  
***SOUTH GAWLER TO THE FORE***

## **REGISTRATION / MEDICAL FORMS / FEES / PAYMENT**

Auskick	<a href="http://aflauskick.com.au">aflauskick.com.au</a>
U9 – U11	<b>\$162.50</b>
U13, U15 & U17s	<b>\$230.50</b>
Girls U16 ½ and U13½	<b>\$162.50</b>
Girls U10's	<b>\$82.50</b>

**The above fees include a \$22.50 SANFL fee.**

**\*The Government Sports Voucher Program (\$100)** can be used to offset the fee for eligible families. Please enter the required sports voucher information during the online registration / payment process.

**To register to play go to our website <http://www.southgawlerfc.com> and click on Lion logo.** This will take you to the **registrations site - Player HQ.** <https://www.playhq.com> (The 2024 Registration portal opens 1/2/24.)

- If you are a current player you can register online now.
- If you have not played Australian Rules Football before you can register online now.
- If you have played Australian Rules Football before at another club, you will be required to complete a clearance. You will need to contact our Junior Football Director John Giannitto or by registering on PLAYHQ which will initiate the transfer.
- **All fees** are to be paid online when registering your child during the above process. Registration and payment must be made prior to round 1 of the season.
- **This year Play HQ** have introduced a new flexible payment system with PAYPAL enabling payment over 4 instalments.
- **DO NOT give any fees to Coaches or Team Managers as they can't issue receipts.** All players must be financial members of South Gawler Football Club for eligibility to be picked to play.

**All players must provide their Medical Information,** so that coaches are aware of those who have health issues (eg asthma, diabetics, anaphylaxis, etc) and be prepared for an emergency. All player information is held in confidence.

Following registration please sign up to the **Team App**

<https://www.teamapp.com> search for South Gawler and follow the prompts.

## **MOUTHGUARDS - Compulsory**

Mouthguards must be worn by all grades.

## **INJURIES**

All injuries are to be reported to the Trainers immediately at training and on gameday. All players are to adhere to trainer's instructions.

Parents who are able to assist as a Trainer for the season are to contact the club ASAP. We value your help in this role. Trainer courses are subsidised by club.

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

A WWCC is required by any person volunteering with underage players, such as a coach, team manager, trainer etc. A WWCC can be obtained by contacting Jenny Judd-Smith or Russell Smith (committee members) via the South Gawler Football Club Facebook Messenger page or via email [southgawlerfc@sanflcfl.com.au](mailto:southgawlerfc@sanflcfl.com.au) There is no cost to apply as a volunteer.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

The South Gawler Football Club is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young person's accessing our service. We support the rights of the child and will act without hesitation to ensure a child safe environment is maintained at all times. We also support the rights and well-being of our staff and volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure environment for all participants.

## **TAKING IMAGES OF CHILDREN**

The South Gawler Football Club acknowledges that in South Australia under the Summary Offences Act 1953 a person must not engage in indecent filming. Images of children and adults should not be used inappropriately or illegally.

Our club requires that members, wherever possible, obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own and ensure that the parent knows the way the image will be used. Our club also requires the privacy of others to be respected and disallows the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets. Photographs taken with permission are not to be offered for sale or

financial gain at our Club. The Club will engage the services of a Professional team photographer for this purpose.

If the club uses an image of a child it will avoid naming or identifying the child or it will, wherever possible, avoid using both the first name and surname.

We will not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/guardian. We will not display information about hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc as this information can be used as grooming tools by pedophiles or other persons. We will only use appropriate images of a child, relevant to our sport and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport, displays its successes, etc.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA – i.e. FACEBOOK**

Your actions on social media may have serious consequences. Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist, racist or derogatory remarks not only impact negatively on the people they are about, they reflect badly on yourself, your parents and the people you represent. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media, the club may ask to explain your actions and disciplinary action may be imposed such as suspension or cease of membership from the club. **This applies to Players and Parents.**

The club Facebook page is primarily for information of events, functions etc. It is not a platform for negativity towards the club or its members.

Do not “share” inappropriate matter on our FB page, remember you are all ambassadors of South Gawler Football Club at the club or in Public.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Players & Parents/Guardians Role.**

#### **Players:**

Play by the rules: they are there for the good of all.

Never argue with an official: if you disagree, discuss the matter with your coach or team manager after the game.

Control your temper: verbal abuse, racial or religious vilification of other players, and provoking an opponent or the other team are never appropriate.

Be a good sport: applaud all good plays by your team, opponent or the opposition team.

Treat all players fairly: treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

Cooperate willingly: cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

Play for fun: Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents and coaches.

**Parents/Spectators: -**

Remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

Encourage children to participate, do not force participation upon them.

Focus on your children's efforts and self-esteem rather than whether they win or lose.

Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.

Never ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or if their team loses a game.

Remember children learn best by example – applaud the efforts of all players in both teams.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators – without whom your child could not participate.

Respect umpires' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Remember smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at junior sport.

**Players in U9, U11 & U13 must have a parent/guardian present at all times.**

**PLAYER CONDUCT**

Players should always be aware that they are representing the **South Gawler Football Club** and should conduct themselves in the proper and correct manner, this is both on and off the field.

## **SGFC DISCIPLINARY POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

<https://www.southgawlerfc.com/policies>

The Disciplinary Policy & Procedures document is located on our website.

This provides a uniform approach to the handling of any on or off field breaches or behaviour of any player, coach, club official, parent, supporter, and club member.

## **SPECTATORS INSIDE BOUNDARY FENCE PERIMETER**

We as a club have a duty of care to ensure that spectators do not sit on the inside of the boundary fence (and in particular the use of deck chairs) as this places a player's safety in question. Although Field Umpires have the right to 'stop/start' play when they observe this type of infringement, we need to ensure that spectators do not encroach over the fence line whilst a match is in progress.

## **GAME DAY – COACHING AREA**

No unauthorised persons allowed within the coach's box, or within the marked area around the coaching area. No coaching from sidelines and parents are not to approach players at breaks and "coach". Enjoy watching your child and leave the coaching to the assigned Coach/es.

## **ALCOHOL / DRUGS**

South Gawler Football Club will not tolerate any underage consumption of alcohol by any player or taking or providing illegal drugs.

**Parents and caregivers are also reminded that no alcohol is to be brought into the grounds on game days/nights.** Our liquor licence has strict rules in regard to alcohol within our premises and grounds. Our licenced Bars on game days/nights shall be able to provide adults with refreshments should they wish to partake.

Please respect our ruling on this matter.

## **SECURITY**

Players should report any lost property to their Team Manager immediately. Players should not leave valuables in the change rooms. They can be left with the Team Manager or preferably left with parents/caregivers prior to going to change rooms. The South Gawler Football Club accepts no responsibility for lost items. Unclaimed clothing left at clubrooms shall be donated to local charities if left at club for months at end. It is your responsibility to remember to collect any jumpers, clothing that you own.

## **COVID SAFE CLUB**

We are a Covid Safe Compliant Club. Please adhere to SA Health directions and social distancing regulations when enforced.

## **SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS**

All under 13,15,17 ½ players are encouraged to attend the Football clubrooms on Saturday nights for the awards. U9 & 11 shall have their Awards presented on Fridays or Saturdays. Women will have their Awards presented after their games.

However, all teams and parents are invited to attend the clubrooms on Saturday nights and any functions we hold through year.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND ROSTER DUTIES**

In order for South Gawler Football Club to field teams each week we need to roster Players, Parents and Caregivers to perform various duties. Timekeepers, Oval Set up, Pack up, Goal Umpire, Team Manager, Water Stewards, Canteen Helpers, BBQ Helpers, Fundraiser activities.

**IF PARENTS DON'T FILL THESE POSITIONS, WE CANNOT TAKE TO THE FIELD.  
Players may be miss out on games, if volunteer duties are not fulfilled.**

**If you have an interest in being involved on our Junior Committee 2024  
please let us know ASAP.**

## **TRAINING AND GAME TIMES**

Coaches will advise what day /time the training nights will be for each grade.

### **Games:**

#### **Fridays**

5.30pm / 6.30pm games

#### **Saturdays**

U13

8.30 am start Report 8 am

U15

9.45 am start Report 9 am

U17 ½

10.50 am start Report 10 am

#### **Sundays**

U16 girls

Varying times.

### **Final's series shall have earlier times – make sure you are aware.**

If you the player or parent has any questions relating to your team contact your coach please.

### **UNIFORM**

Home games – all grades

Royal Blue SGFC shorts

Royal Blue SGFC socks

Football boots

Away games for under 13's, 15's & 17 ½'s – White SGFC shorts

Away games for under 9's & 11's – Royal Blue SGFC shorts

Guernseys shall be handed out to players in change rooms by the Team Manager. **No unauthorised persons allowed in change rooms at any time.**

Guernseys must be handed back to Team Manager after game conclusion and roster for laundering these will be rotated by parents and return following training night to clubrooms. Please volunteer to wash these.

### **CLUB POLOS**

All new players in the under 13, 15 and 17½ / and Lioness teams will receive a club Polo T-shirt as part of their registration. The club polo is expected to be worn by all players on game days.

## **TEAMS**

- Under 9 – under 9yrs of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year  
(must be min of 6yrs as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year)
- Under 11 – under 11yrs of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year
- Under 13 – under 13yrs of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year
- Under 15 – under 15yrs of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year
- Under 16 - under 16 yrs of age as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec of the previous year
- Under 17 ½ – under 17yrs of age as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of the previous year

## **GROUND LOCATIONS / Playing Venues:**

**Angaston** Washington St/Radford Rd, Angaston

**Barossa District** Springton Rd, Williamstown

**Freeling** Cherry St, Freeling

**Gawler Central** Nixon Tce, Gawler

**Kapunda** Hill St/Baker St, Kapunda

**Nuriootpa Rover** Penrice Rd, Nuriootpa

**South Gawler** Dawson Rd/Dysart Rd, Evanston

**Tanunda** Elizabeth St, Tanunda

**Willaston** Kelly Rd/Two Wells Rd, Willaston

## **SGFC CLUB OFFICIALS**

Club President: Cosie Costa

Vice President: Wayne Greatorex

Club Finance: Jo Connelly

Secretary: Jenny Judd-Smith

Junior Football Director: John Giannitto

Senior Football Director: Jake McVicar

Women's Football Director: Colin Wardrop

Merchandise: Jenny Judd-Smith

Sponsorship: Bailey Fielke

Committee Members: Russell Smith, Brodie Hudson, John Costa,  
Gus Campbell

**AUSKICK:** see [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

## **CLUB APPAREL AND MERCHANDISE**

The club has a great range of affordable apparel that players and families are encouraged to buy to wear to games. eg.

Shorts, Socks, Polo Shirts, Jackets, Hoodies, Trackpants, Beanies, Caps, Bags

Goods can be ordered through the Website – Online Shop.

<https://www.southgawlerfc.com/shop>

Please note the dates which orders are to be submitted / stock to arrive.

## **SPONSORSHIP AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Due to ever increasing costs involved in putting football teams on the oval, maintaining and running a football club centre etc. The club is continually looking for new sponsors.

**2024 sponsorship packages** are available should you be interested to become one of our valued sponsors.

**Cosie Costa**                      [cosie.costa@bigpond.com](mailto:cosie.costa@bigpond.com)

**Bailey Fielke**                    [bailey@firstnationalgawler.com.au](mailto:bailey@firstnationalgawler.com.au)

can be contacted to take your enquiry.

We encourage our members to support our sponsors whenever they can.

This also gives families a chance to be part of the fellowship of being part of our Community and helping our players.

## **LIONS MEMBERSHIP**

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to apply for a Lions Membership. Our basic membership is \$90, whilst the next level is \$120. It is a great way to support your child's club. Holders of Membership cards will be

- Included in the weekly Members Jackpot Draw at the club to win back the \$90 (need to be onsite during the draw)
- Have voting rights at the AGM
- Can identify themselves to various club sponsors to obtain special pricing, discounts.

You can purchase a Membership via the South Gawler Website <https://www.southgawlerfc.com/> - click on **registration** and follow the prompts as a volunteer. So sign up now!

## **FUNDRAISING**

Raffles, fundraising and events will be organised by the Club's Sub-Committees from time to time. Please support when you can.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS**

Members, Players and Families are encouraged to support all functions and events organised by our Club Committee. Your support helps your club.

**YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT AT OUR CLUB  
WILL ENSURE OUR SUCCESS.  
GO LIONS!**

*SGFC/Junior Handbook 2024*