

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

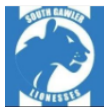
Under Age Team Information Booklet

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



www.southgawlerfc.com

Season 2023



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www.southgawlerfc.com

www.facebook.com/officialsouthgawlerfootballclub

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

OH! WONT YOU COME AND JOIN US
WE ARE A FRIENDLY MOB
YOU'LL FIND US ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD
YOU'LL FIND US IN THE CLUB
SOME MAY COME OUT SOBER
OTHERS COME OUT BOOZED
OH! WON'T YOU BE A MEMBER
OF THE MIGHTY WHITE AND BLUES

GINGER BEER, GINGER BEER
POP,POP,POP
SOUTH GAWLER
SOUTH GAWLER
WE'RE ON TOP!

REGISTRATION / MEDICAL FORMS / FEES / PAYMENT

Auskick	aflauskick.com.au
U9 – U11	\$130
U13, U15 & U17 ½	\$195
Girls U16 ½ and U13½	\$130

***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 2023 Registration portal opens 1/2/23.)

- 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 contact us via our website

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. **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. Medical information is to be uploaded through the "Stack Team App". 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 can 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. 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 U/9, 11 & 13's 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. 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, Canteen Helpers.

IF PARENTS DON'T FILL THESE POSITIONS, WE CANNOT TAKE TO THE FIELD

TRAINING AND GAME TIMES

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

Games:

Fridays

6.30pm start Report 6pm

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', 13'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 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 31st Dec of the previous year
(must be min of 6yrs as at 31st Dec of the previous year)
- Under 11 – under 11yrs of age as at 31st Dec of the previous year
- Under 13 – under 13yrs of age as at 31st Dec of the previous year
- Under 15 – under 15yrs of age as at 31st Dec of the previous year
- Under 16 - under 16 yrs of age as at 31st Dec of the previous year
- Under 17 ½ – under 17yrs of age as at 30th 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, Michele Bloffwitch, John Costa

Committee Members: Russell Smith, Brodie Hudson, John Costa,
David Barker

AUSKICK: see 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.

2023 sponsorship packages are available should you be interested to become one of our valued sponsors.

Bailey Fielke

bailey@firstnationalgawler.com.au

and Michele Bloffwitch

kalbuild1@bigpond.com

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 at only \$85 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 \$85 (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/> - in the **shop** or via the **registration site** (non-player). 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 2023