

Membership & Registration Policy

Talbot FNC

This document outlines guidelines for the provision of memberships and registrations for Talbot FNC.

Definitions

A membership is defined as an annual non-playing subscription with Talbot FNC.

A player registration refers to the annual playing subscription to Talbot FNC. This is often also referred to as a playing membership and is typically more expensive given the various fees associated with playing.

Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be established based on operational costs during the previous season e.g. The cost of fielding a senior footballer in the current season will be calculated, and the membership fee for the following season shall be determined based on these calculations. This allows Talbot FNC to establish its membership fees at each AGM, well in advance of the next season to allow for advertisement and collection of memberships prior to the start of the season.

Player Registrations

All players (football and netball, juniors and seniors) must purchase a player registration to help cover the cost of their registration and insurance fees before Round 1 of the Home and Away season. Payment plans are available via the clubs nominated service for those who may prefer to pay in instalments.

Paid players may opt to have their membership fees taken out of their match payments.

Any player who has not paid their registration fee, or have a payment plan in place, by Round 6 of the Home and Away season will not be eligible for selection.

Minimum games requirement – Fill ins

If a player is recruited to fill in due to player shortages, but then subsequently continues to play then they will be required to purchase a player registration if they play 3 or more matches.

Finals eligibility

Any player who has not paid their player registration fees will not be eligible for finals selection for Talbot FNC.

Playing injuries

Players who sustain season ending injuries are not eligible for player registration refunds or discounts, as the clubs will have already borne their playing expenses.

Coaches

All unpaid coaches are offered a 50% discount on their individual membership fee for the season that they coach. This includes both playing and non-playing memberships, as well as family memberships.

Assistant coaches are also offered a 50% discount on their individual membership fee for the season that they coach.

Paid coaches may request additional discounts on memberships during their contract negotiations.

The Football and Netball Director have discretion to offer memberships to coaches and other support staff in lieu of payments, with approval from the President.

Committee Members

General and Executive committee members shall be offered a 25% discount on their individual membership fee each year they fulfil a committee role.

Volunteers

Any person holding a nominated volunteer position shall be offered a 20% discount on their individual membership fee for each season they fulfil that role. A nominated volunteer position is any role that is identified on the Talbot FNC Organisation Chart.

Payment

Anyone wishing to claim a membership discount must pay directly to the club via cash or EFTPOS. Payment in instalments are not available to discounted memberships.

Multiple positions being held by a member does not multiply the discount offered.

Life Members

Eligibility

A person may automatically qualify for life membership of Talbot FNC if they meet the following criteria:

1. Play 150 Senior football, or A Grade netball games for the club;
2. Play 200 games of open age football or netball (i.e. Junior games are not counted towards this tally)
3. Provide 15 years of service on the Talbot FNC executive committee.

A person may also be nominated for life membership by another life member, in recognition of service to the club. A nomination for life membership should be considered and voted on by a combination of the Talbot FNC executive committee, and at least 3 current life members (life members in the executive committee included).

Entitlements

Life members are entitled to free entry to all home games. As such, they will be provided a Social Membership card, but are not entitled to the free merchandise. They may however wish to purchase a non-playing membership at their own expense to receive the membership merchandise.

Cricket Club

Talbot Football Netball Club and Talbot Cricket Club memberships are considered separate.