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This parent handbook contains important information about our club, teams & season 2025.

Please ensure you take the time to read through it.



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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear SMJFC Families.

Welcome to the South Mornington Junior Football Club! Whether you are a returning family or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our community. At SMJFC, we embrace a culture that prioritises having fun, trying our best, and fostering a love for the game. Our club is built on the values of humility in victory and resilience in defeat, and we believe that every player, regardless of skill level, has a valuable place in our club and on their team.

Our goal is to make your child's experience with SMJFC as enjoyable and memorable as possible. We welcome boys and girls of all abilities and are committed to providing a supportive environment where they can grow not only as players but also as individuals. With the encouragement of our fantastic parent group, our club thrives as a hub of positivity and teamwork.

To maintain the vibrant and inclusive spirit of SMJFC, we invite families to get involved in any way they can. Our committee has numerous projects we would love to bring to life, and your skills and enthusiasm could make all the difference. You don't need to be on the committee to contribute; even assisting with a specific project can have a big impact. From helping with game-day activities to contributing to club initiatives, there are countless ways to support our players and community.

Clubs like ours are powered by volunteers, and we are incredibly proud of the dedicated group that makes SMJFC what it is today. Their commitment ensures that our players have the best possible experience both on and off the field. If you've ever considered volunteering, now is the perfect time to jump in—whether it's a small task or a larger role, your involvement will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for being part of our SMJFC family. Here's to another fantastic season of football, friendship,

Thank you for being part of our SMJFC family. Here's to another fantastic season of football, friendship and fun. Let's work together to make 2025 a year to remember!

Sam Taylor SMJFC PRESIDENT



MISSION STATEMENT & SMJFC VISION

MISSION STATEMENT

Be recognised as a fair and successful junior football club in the MPJFL that fosters diversity and demonstrates community values.

SMJFC VISION

South Mornington Junior
Football Club is a sporting club
that facilitates a safe learning
environment, that develops the
Peninsula's junior athletes to
reach their highest potential, a
club that is diverse and inclusive
to those that wish to become
part of a local organisation.





FEES & JUMPER LEVY



The MPJFL & AFL South East use the PlayHQ registration system. There are 3 parts to your registration fee. The initial payment of \$105 goes directly to the MPJFL & AFL South East and covers a variety of expenses like League administration fees and League Best & Fairest nights.

There are also expenses that the club will need to cover and this is broken into 2 parts. Part 1 is \$65 and covers medical & umpiring fees. Part 2 covers things like new footballs for training & new teams, updating training equipment like tackle pads & bibs, covering Coaching and Trainers accreditation courses (first aid/CPR courses), milestone, game day, participation and Best & Fairest trophies, electricity expenses, cleaning products, printing costs, ground markings, pizza nights, skill sessions/programs for players & coaches and other incidentals.

A one-off \$50 Jumper Levy is payable at time of first registration to SMJFC. The club Treasurer will email you with the club's bank details so that payment can be made. The jumper levy is used as security for the game day jumper supplied to your child for the season. The levy will be refunded when your child finishes playing at South Mornington JFC. If the supplied game day jumper is lost the \$50 will be retained by the club to cover the cost of the lost jumper and a further \$50 will be required as security for the replacement jumper.

Jumpers are to be returned to the Team Manager after the last game of the year. Please make sure you bring a T-shirt or jumper for your child(ren) to put on after their last game so that the game day jumper can be handed in.

2025 CODES OF CONDUCT

MPJFL PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Not bring the game of Australian Football, the AFL, or the League or the Club into disrepute;
- b) Participate in Competition Matches in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football;
- c) Respect the spirit of the Laws of Australian Football and fair play, and behave accordingly;
- d) Display and foster respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, administrators, Officials, parents and spectators;
- e) Never argue with or dispute a decision of an Official or Umpire. If a Participant disagrees with a
- decision, they should deal with their dispute in accordance with the relevant Rules, Regulations,

Policies and Determinations;

- f) Control their emotions, and not engage in verbal abuse of or swearing at or in the vicinity of others,
- sledging Players and/or Coaches or behaviour that deliberately distracts or provokes an opponent;
- g) Comply with the AFL and MPJJFL Rules and Regulations including the National Member Protection

Policy, the League By-Laws and this Code of Conduct;

- h) Never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- i) Contribute to a safe sporting environment and respectful culture which is accepting of individual
- differences, and behave accordingly;
- j) Cooperate with their Club Officials, Coaches and team-mates;







2025 CODES OF CONDUCT

MPJFL PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT CONTINUED...

k) Participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their

teammates, Coaches and Club Officials;

I) Comply with and observe the AFL Vilification and Discrimination Policy including respecting the

rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural

background or religion;

m) Not engage in conduct that is, unethical, unbecoming or likely to cause harm to the reputation of

the Participant or the Club;

- n) Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media;
- o) Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social

media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL, or the League. Social media includes, but is not

limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings

(including social media such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites

and blogs) and;

p) Use appropriately the facilities and equipment made available for administration, coaching,

training, Competition Matches and events, including facilities provided by the opposing teams;







SMJFC CHILD SAFETY





Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at South Mornington Junior Football Club (SMJFC) against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect.

It is intended to complement other codes of conduct, club policies and legislation, and works hand in hand with the current AFL, and MPJFL rules and regulations around all things Child Safety.

The Victorian Government introduced new improved Child Safety Standards for implementation from 1 July 2022. The Standards are compulsory, minimum standard of safety in all organisations providing services to children.

South Mornington Junior Football Club (SMFJC) is strongly committed to complying with all requirements and promoting best practice in child safety procedures and policies. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish clear expectations for appropriate behaviour by adults towards children and young people. It aims to protect children and reduce any opportunity of abuse or harm to children.

This Code of Conduct applies to all committee members, club officials, volunteers, participants and contractors engaged by, and in association with, the South Mornington Junior Football Club (SMJFC). Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct will be considered a breach of the Policy and may result in investigation, disciplinary action including restriction, suspension or termination.



U8 & U9: NEW & FIRST YEAR FAMILIES



With all new U8 & U9 teams we need a group of volunteers to get the team up and running.

For your child's team to run successfully week to week, you will need to fill the official game day roles of a coach, assistant coach, team manager & trainer x 2.

There will also be the weekly rotational roles of goal umpire, time keeper, votes & canteen/BBQ to be filled for each game.

If you are interested in doing any of these official roles for your child's team or would like to know more about a particular role, please contact our clubs Junior Secretary, Karla on smjfcjuniorsecretary@gmail.com

As our club continues to grow, staying a close-knit community both on and off the field is essential to us - and we can only achieve that with the support & involvement of our members.



MEET OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM



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JOSH DAVIES

PROPERTY & JUMPERS STEWARD



LUKE SNELL

GRANTS OFFICER



SHAUN BROOKS

GENERAL COMMITTEE

VACANT



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SOCIAL/EVENTS COMMITTEE X 4+ HELPERS



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SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE X 2-3 HELPERS



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MERCHANDISE OFFICER
X 1 HELPER



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HEAD TRAINER



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CLUB HISTORIAN



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GENERAL COMMITTEE X 4+

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANT ROLES, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS INVOLVED WITH A PARTICULAR ROLE, PLEASE EMAIL OUR CLUB PRESIDENT OR SENIOR SECRETARY TO ENQUIRE.

WE NEED ALL ROLES FILLED TO ENSURE WE HAVE A SMOOTH AND SUCCESFUL SEASON

MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK

2025 **COACHING STAFF**

U8 Yellow:

C - LUKE SUMMERS **AC - SCOTT MATTHEWS**

U8 Black:

C - LUKE SMITH AC - KANE TOWNSEND

U8 Tigers:

C - BEN MURPHY AC - JASON GRECH

U9: C - NICHO SALVATORE **AC** - SHANE HANCOCK

U10 TIGERS: C - ROSS STEWART AC - RYAN COMMONS

U10 BLACK:

C - JAMIE COLLINS AC - LUKE SMITH

U10 GIRLS:

C - KAIN STRATTON AC - LUKE SNELL

U11 Yellow:

C - JARROD SMITH AC - BRAD CROFTS AC - SEAN NOTTAGE

U11 BLACK: C - BEN RICE AC - RILEY MCCUTCHEON

C - CHRIS THEODOROU AC - DAVID CROSBIE

U12 GIRLS:

C - LARA HICKMOTT AC - DAN PRICE

U13:

C - NATHAN MOORCROFT AC - JAY MILLS

U14:

C - BRAD NEWMAN AC - TBC

U15:

C - SCOTT ABLETT AC - DARREN DOOLEY

U16:

C - JOSH DAVIES AC - LACHLAN FLYNN

U17: C - CAM BELL AC - JOE GREGORIO AC - MATT CAIN

If you are interested in taking on any of the vacant coaching positions, please email our Coaching Coordinator, Jarrod on smjfccoaching@gmail.com OR our Vice President of Football Operations, Nicho on smjfcfootyops@gmail.com

TRAINING SCHEDULE

MONDAY

U15 - 5:00-6:00PM

U16 - 5:00-6:30PM

U13 - 6:00-7:00PM

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TUESDAY

U14 - 5:00-6:00PM

U8 TIGERS - 5:00-6:00PM

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WEDNESDAY

U16 - 5:00-6:30PM

U17 - 5:00-6:30PM

THURSDAY

U15 - 5:00-6:30PM

U14 - 5:00-6:00PM

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FRIDAY

U17 - 5:00-6:30PM





Sottom Oual TRAINING SCHEDULE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

U12 GIRLS - 4:30-5:30PM U8 YELLOW - 5:00-6:00PM U12 - 5:30-6:30PM

WEDNESDAY

U11 BLACK - 4:00-5:00PM U9 YELLOW - 4:00-5:00PM U11 YELLOW - 5:00-6:00PM U10 GIRLS - 5:00-6:00PM U13 - 6:00-7:00PM THURSDAY

U10 TIGERS - 4:00-5:00PM U10 BLACK - 5:00-6:00PM U8 BLACK - 5:00-6:00PM

FRIDAY



PLAYING ATTIRE & CLUB MERCHANDISE

PLAYING ATTIRE:

Players MUST wear league approved attire. League approved attire consists of a club game day jumper (club provides this after the \$50 jumper levy has been received), club shorts and club socks (available to purchase through the club on merchandise days/nights). Football boots must be worn and can be purchased at sporting goods stores.

Players/parents are required to keep a clean and properly maintained jumper for the duration of the season and then return it to the Team Manager after the last game as per the Jumper Policy.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Above knee black or skin-coloured skins can be worn under playing shorts. A long sleeve skins top may be worn. No long sleeve normal tops are to be worn; it **MUST** be skins/compression material so that the material is not loose. These can be purchased at a reasonable price at Big W, Best & Less or Kmart and also at sporting stores.

CLUB MERCHANDISE:

The club sells a variety of club merchandise from personalised hoodies, caps, bucket hats, football bags, tops, jackets, umbrellas, stubby holders etc. These can be purchased on merchandise days/nights & can be ordered online from our website.

www.southmorningtonjfc.com.au

MOUTHGUARDS:

Mouthguards are **COMPULSARY** on gameday (players are not allowed to play without a mouthguard – please ensure your child has one in for every game) and we encourage players to wear them at training also. The club will hold 3 x mouthguard fitting dates held at the club for those who would like a professional one. These are done by Diamond Dentures.

PLEASE NOTE:

Club gameday jumpers must **NOT BE WORN AT TRAINING**. If they are damaged at training, there is no time to replace them before gameday. We have training tops that can be purchased for training.



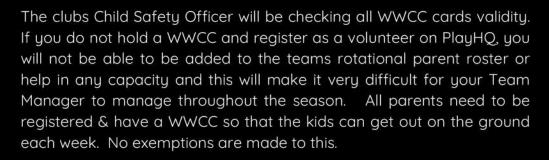


PARENT REGISTRATION & WWCC

All parents <u>MUST</u> be registered on PlayHQ as volunteers. This is now a requirement of the MPJFL & AFLSE due to Child Safety laws. You must also hold a WWCC that is valid for the entirety of the season (until Aug 30th 2025) and volunteer checks can be applied for online for free if you don't already have one. They take approx. 4 weeks to receive. To apply for one, please go to: www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check



Once you have a WWCC you need to complete your PlayHQ registration. You can do so at the link: https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/c1550f





It's a team effort on & off the field!



TEAM COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA



SMJFC uses Stack TeamApp for club communication. We communicate all club information via the app including upcoming events, important news and general news. Team fixtures, results and ladders can also be located here.

Coaches may use this app to communicate to their families and upload Match Reports and information regarding training and other important information related to your team. If you do not have Stack Team App, please download the app (it is free), create an account, search for 'South Mornington JFC' and request access to your child/ren's team(s) (request access to each child's team if you have children in multiple teams). If you do have Team App, a new request to your team every year is necessary. If you haven't done so yet please request access. We will use this app throughout the season and after the season for any communication so please make sure you have the app and the correct teams added, as you will miss important information relating to your child's team if you don't.

Most teams use WhatsApp for parent communication. This includes posting weekly gameday rosters, gameday info, changes to training etc. Your child's Team Manager will send you a link to join the necessary group.

We also have a Facebook & Instagram page. Please give them a like/follow and engage with our posts. It helps more than you know.



SEASON 2025 DATES





2025 SOCIAL EVENTS

We have a fantastic Social/Events Committee dedicated to raising funds throughout the season which helps with the purchase of up-to-date training & gameday equipment, maintaining & improving our facilities, pizza nights for all teams, game day medallions and entertainment for Presentation Day, cleaners and many other things.

We aim to run 2 major functions throughout the year. Social events will be advertised on TeamApp, social media (Facebook and Instagram), flyers throughout the clubrooms and through team WhatsApp pages. Below is our 2025 social events calendar. Be sure to book your Comedy Night tickets when they go on sale and come along for a great night out. Why not invite some friends to help support the club in raising funds and enjoy a night out? Its always our most popular night of the season.

We also aim to hold 3 Sunday Club Night Dinners throughout the year. We will have dinner available to purchase, raffles to be won, bar open and a great chance for players and parents to get to know each other. Dinners will be cost effective so the whole family can enjoy a meal at an affordable price. These nights are always very popular and its lovely to see our community come together throughout the season.

*We are always in need of donations for our raffle prizes. If you are able to make a prize donation, please email Lauren on smjfcsocial@gmail.com











2025 IMPORTANT DATES

SUN, MARCH 2ND

OPEN DAY: COME DOWN & TOUR THE CLUB, STOCK UP ON MERCH & GET GAMEDAY READY & BOOK YOUR MOUTHGUARD FITTINGS. WE'LL ALSO HAVE A JUMPING CASTLE, FOOTY DRILLS/ACTIVITIES & SNAGS IN BREAD.

TUES, MARCH 18TH

MOUTHGUARD FITTING #2: FOR THOSE WHO COULDN'T MAKE THE OPEN DAY, WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER SESSION TO GET YOU FITTED BEFORE ROUND 1.

WED, APRIL 2ND

MOUTHGUARD FITTING #3: FOR THOSE WHO COULDN'T MAKE SESSION 1 OR 2, WE'LL HAVE A FINAL SESSION TO GET YOU FITTED BEFORE ROUND 1.

SUN, MAY 4TH

CLUB & AWARDS DINNER #1: WE WILL COME TOGETHER AS A CLUB TO HAVE DINNER & CELEBRATE GAMEDAY AWARD WINNERS. DINNER, BAR OPEN & RAFFLES TO WIN.

MAY 12TH - 15TH

TEAM PHOTOS: YOUR TEAM WILL BE ALLOCATED A DATE & TIME TO GET INDIVIDUAL & TEAM PICTURES. STAY TUNED FOR YOUR TEAMS DAY & TIME.

FRI, JUNE 13TH

<u>COMEDY NIGHT:</u> TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT SELL OUT FAST SO BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON OUR MOST POPULAR NIGHT OF THE SEASON. **STRICTLY 18+ ONLY!**

SUN, JUNE 22ND

CLUB & AWARDS DINNER #2: WE WILL COME TOGETHER AS A CLUB TO HAVE DINNER & CELEBRATE GAMEDAY AWARD WINNERS. DINNER, BAR OPEN & RAFFLES TO WIN.

SUN, AUG 10TH

CLUB & AWARDS DINNER #3: WE WILL COME TOGETHER AS A CLUB TO HAVE DINNER, CELEBRATE GAMEDAY AWARD WINNERS & CONGRATULATE TEAMS WHO HAVE MADE FINALS. DINNER, BAR OPEN & RAFFLES TO WIN.

SUN, SEPT 7TH

<u>PRESENTATION DAY:</u> LETS CELEBRATE ALL THAT OUR CLUB AND PLAYERS HAVE ACHIEVED THROUGHOUT THE 2025 SEASON. WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF SPECIAL AWARDS, FOOD TRUCKS, ENTERTAINMENT, BAR OPEN & GOOD VIBES! <u>DATE TENTATIVE</u>

TEAM PHOTOS & PRESENTATION DAY

TEAM PHOTOS

Each year SMJFC arranges club photos for each team.

Photos are made available at a great price with the options of team photo and individual photo.

Players must wear full game day uniform for their photos including clean game day jumper, playing shorts and playing socks (no training tops or non South socks).

We invite Team Officials to be in the team photos (Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager & Trainer).

Club photos are taken by GazzaB Photography.

PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day is held at the end of the season at Citation Reserve where we celebrate the season that was, present the Best and Fairest awards for each team along with an overview of their season. We will present Life Members & other important awards. It's a great family day with festivities provided for all ages paid for by the club as a thank you to our members.



INSURANCE & AMBULANCE COVER

All registered players & volunteers, with up-to-date fees, are covered while engaging in training and official games. It is essential that all injuries are reported to your Trainer or Team Manager as soon as practical during or after training or matches so this can be passed on to the Head Trainer. All incidents are to be reported (for the purpose of impending insurance claims).

For your own protection it is recommend that any family with junior sport participants ensure they have AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP cover. Accidents/injuries can happen even at training, so it is highly recommended all players have a membership in case an Ambulance needs to be called.

On home game days we engage the services of Medical Edge for medical assistance (if required) and for peace of mind for parents & trainers.

We follow the AFL Vic concussion policy & guidelines and this can be found at: https://play.afl/clubhelp/resources/afl-community-concussion-guidelines#article-0

Our trainers do multiple courses to be able to fulfill the role of Trainer for your child's team. First Aid, CPR & an online concussion course. Please support our trainers when they are assessing and caring for your child. They have their best interest at heart.







SMJFC SPONSORSHIP

SMJFC is always looking for sponsors whether it be game day sponsorship such as vouchers, donations for our raffle prizes, as well as general sponsorship.

We are currently in need of donations for our raffle prizes throughout the season. If you have anything to donate, please contact Lauren Ablett on smjfcsocial@gmail.com

If you own or work for a business or are an individual who would like to sponsor the club, please contact us on: smjfcsponsorship@gmail.com

With electronic scoreboards in at both the top and bottom ovals we can expand our sponsors exposure with more digital advertising. We do recommend and encourage our members to support our sponsors and be sure to mention the South Mornington Junior Football Club.

Sponsors are the backbone of our club and we rely on their support to be able to continue to offer great facilities & programs. Please consider jumping on board as a Sponsor for Season 2025.



2024 SPONSORS



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our 2024 Sponsors. With their help we were able to field 2 girls football teams and supply them with free shorts, socks, gameday jumpers & registration. Provide all teams with a pizza night. Put on a night of celebrations to congratulate all 5 of our Grand Finalist teams and so much more.

































SMJFC CLUB SONG



Oh we're from Tigerland
A fighting fury we're from Tigerland
In any weather you will see us with a grin
Risking head and shin
If we're behind then never mind
We'll fight and fight and win
Oh we're from Tigerland
We never weaken till the final sirens gone
Like the Tigers of old
We're strong and we're bold
For we're from tiger

YELLOW AND BLACK

Oh we're from Tigerland.

THANK YOU

GO TIGERS!



HUMBLE IN VICTORY, GALLANT IN DEFEAT