

## Frequently asked questions?

### At what age can I play soccer?

You must be turning 5 in 2023 or older to register for soccer.

### What age group should I play for?

You play in the age group you are turning this year i.e. if you are turning 7 in 2023, you play in the under 7's.

You are not allowed to play in a younger team but can request to play in an older team up to 2 years above your age i.e. U9 could play U11. Please note suitability to do so will be considered.

Under 6's is the youngest age group so if you are turning 5 this year you would play in the under 6's.

If you are 35 or over on 1/1/23 you are eligible to play in the over 35's

### Colo SFC accepts Active Kids Vouchers

#### U5-U9 will have not need to pay any registration fee if they use the Active Kids Voucher

If your child is starting school, or have already commenced school they are entitled to an Active Kids Voucher (AKV) to help cover the costs of registration.

Apply online for your voucher before commencing the registration process as the voucher number can be applied during the process to cover the entire fee U5-U9 or most of the fee for U10-18 years of age players.

To apply for the Active kids Voucher link through to the Service NSW website please ensure you have the players medicare number available before applying:-

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

### What are the match fees?

U5 to U9 \$6 per game

U10 to U14 \$7 per game

U15 – U17 \$8 per game

All age \$10 per game

O 35'-O45s \$10 per game

**If you don't play any of the game you don't pay the match fees.** If you help out another team you do not pay any extra game fees. Match fees are used towards referee fees (including cadet refs), canteen and admin staff, grounds and equipment maintenance.

### When will I be playing?

Teams up to and including U16's play on Saturdays only exception is 16 Girls who play on Sundays. However occasionally your game might be changed to Sunday or a night game

Teams U16 Girls, U17's – O/45's play on Sundays. In the event of wet weather a makeup game might be played on a Saturday or a night game

### Where is my home ground?

The home ground for all our teams is Cougar Park, Inalls Lane, North Richmond.

### How far do I have to travel to away games and how often?

U6 & U7 all games are at Cougar Park, Inalls Lane on Saturdays

U6 play at 9am every week (be there at approx 8.40am)

U7 play at 10.30am every week (be there at approx 10.10am)

U8 –Over 45 play home and away games however this is subject to the draw, which is prepared by the Nepean Football Association.

Teams will have home and away games.

U/8 –U9 will only travel in the local district i.e. furthest away being Pitt Town and Wilberforce. Under 8 and

Under 9 girls teams travel within the Nepean Association

U/10-O/35 can travel all over the Nepean/Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury areas. Examples are Penrith, St Clair, Wentworth Falls and Wallacia. This depends on which teams are in your division

**What teams are graded?** U/10's and above only need attend if they wish to try out for the highest-level team in their age group or they wish to play Division 1 level. **Any player that wishes to play Division 1 must attend grading and go through the grading process**

**Uniform/Equipment**

Colo SC provides the shirts that the players wear. The shirts are kept together in a kit bag and you will be asked to wash them once or twice a season on a roster basis.

For insurance purposes all players must wear shin pads. Soccer boots are not compulsory but they do help to grip the ground.

If the player is not in full uniform the referee can refuse to let the player take the field.

**Canteen**

There will not be canteen duty in 2023, however volunteer helpers are always welcome!! Due to insurance requirements anyone in the canteen must be age 16 years or over.

**Field set up**

U5-U11 If your team is the first team on the field that day you are expected to put out the goals/markers whilst the Coach warms up the players. Failure to do so can mean a fine for the club and a possible forfeit of the game.

Under 5/6 teams are required to setup the pop up goals and the under 7's teams to pack them away.

If your team is the last team on the field for the day (under 8-11's) you are expected to put away the goals and corner markers.

If you are the last team to play on a Sunday please bring in the corner flags.