



Dunoon United Football Club Member Welcome Kit

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President's Welcome

The Committee and members of the Dunoon United Football Club (DUFC) would like to welcome you to the club. We look forward to having you and/or members of your family at the club and enjoying the community atmosphere that the DUFC is renowned for.

The focus of the DUFC is on promoting the game of football for the Dunoon community and to provide the opportunity for players, spectators and the community at large to have a quality football experience.

No matter what your level of skill or experience we hope to be able to provide opportunities for you here at the DUFC. Whilst the focus of the DUFC is participation, we offer and support a wide variety of opportunities. Past and current players demonstrate that the skills they have developed have prepared them to play as high as national level football.

In this welcome kit you will find a little bit of general information about the DUFC. If you would like any other information about the club you should find it on our website dunoonunitedfc.org.au or please don't hesitate to give me or one of the committee members a call.

I trust that you will have a wonderful season and I look forward to seeing you on the park.

Liz Vickers

President
Dunoon United Football Club



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Members Fees

The DUFC strives to keep fees to a minimum at all age levels. The 2021 schedule of fees is:

Age Group	Fee
5 to 7	\$115
8 to 11	\$135
12 to 16	\$165
17 to 18	\$225
Senior Men & Women	\$355

If you would like to see a breakdown of where your fees go, visit our website at dunoonunitedfc.org.au. The fees can only be kept at these levels because members assist with the tasks required to run the DUFC, especially the canteen. We request that all members assist in the canteen when nominated as the income from the canteen is vital in contributing towards the running of the DUFC.



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Active Kids Program

The DUFC is a registered provider under the Active Kids Program. The program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use toward sport and active recreation costs each year.

All suitable participants will receive the opportunity to use their voucher during your registration.

Registration

If you haven't already done so you can register at:

<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?entityid=74449&id=76664>.

All details about how to register can be found at that site. If you need any assistance with registration please contact the Registrar.

Dunoon United FC Philosophy

Dunoon United FC is first and foremost a football club. We believe that football offers children and adults the opportunity to develop as individuals, not only from a physical and health perspective but also in respect to developing essential life skills, such as learning how to operate within a group/team environment and having lots of fun in the process. While it may often look like chaos on the pitch, players will be learning some great lessons just by being out there and trying to navigate the chaos both collectively and as individuals.

The coaching philosophy at Dunoon is based around the National Curriculum set by Football Federation Australia (FFA). As a club we focus on developing the individual player as a complete footballer and not on winning games. Our role is to play a part in preparing players with the skills to be the next Socceroo or Matilda legends and not simply to win games at all cost. Humans are naturally competitive and the desire to win is an innate characteristic of us all. We see our role as helping players develop a broader understanding of what winning means. Scoring the most beautiful goal rather than the most goals, making the most passes not scoring the most goals. We concentrate on coaching the "beautiful game" and let nature take care of the rest.

We believe learning and fun go hand in hand and whilst we are committed to fostering a love and passion for football we never lose sight of the fact that, for our goal to become a reality, fun needs to be an integral part of the learning process. As a club we are very committed to providing a fun but highly qualified learning environment for all players and we pride ourselves on the fact that we support and encourage all our coaches to become suitably qualified to ensure that we are delivering the best possible coaching experience for players of all ages. We currently have 13 FFA Certified coaches covering all age ranges and abilities including Miniroos, Junior, Senior and Goal Keeping and these are wonderful resources that are available to all players.

Mid Week MiniRoos (ages 5 - 7), boys and girls





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Dunoon United Football Club is excited to offer a unique program, especially designed for kids turning 5 to 7. The **Midweek MiniRoos** program offers a fun and engaging introduction to football. Every Wednesday from 5-6 pm, your child will be led by qualified coaches, through games designed to teach specific skills to young footballers. The children will then participate in small-sided games with teams established from within the group and based on skill, ability and confidence levels—to maximise your child's engagement and enjoyment. And that's it! With football sorted within the week, at Dunoon's beautiful Balzer Park each Wednesday, you reclaim your weekend!

DUFC will be offering a mixed program and a girl's only program in 2021. One training and game session per week with quality, experienced coaches, all held at one location – Balzer Park, Dunoon. No travel, no weekends and no uniform purchase required (long socks and shin pads must be worn). Each player will also receive a size 3 ball, and medallion for participating. This 10 week program will begin in Term 2 (21st April, 2021) and will cost \$115. If your child is enjoying football and you choose to continue, you can do so for the enormously discounted price of \$30 for the full 10-week Term 3 program.

The Midweek MiniRoos program is exclusive to Dunoon United Football Club. Registrations are via myfootballclub.com.au or for more information, feel free to contact us.



MiniRoos (ages 8 -11), boys and girls mixed

From age 5 – 11 children play in the Miniroos format, a modified version of the game played on a smaller field. Games are 4 v 4 (Grade 6 and 7), 7 v 7 (Grades 8 and 9) or 9 v 9 (Grades 10 and 11).

The focus is on having fun while learning new skills.

For more information on the Miniroos format see the national Miniroos [website](#)

Juniors (ages 12 – 17) and Seniors (ages 15 up)

From Grade 12 and above players play in an 11 a-side, full field competition. From Grade 12 there are separate girls only and mixed competitions available (pending enough clubs nominating in each grade). The DUFC nominates which division they would like each team to play, however the zone administrators, FFNC, have the final say on which division a team plays in.

Team Allocation and Grading

Miniroos and **Junior** teams are put together based on the age that players are turning that year. For example, a player turning 12 at anytime in 2021 should expect to play in the Grade 12 competition in 2021. Where possible we try to have players play in the appropriate age group, however there are times when it is not possible to form teams in all age groups or we have too many players in a particular age group. In these cases we will communicate with parents about children playing above or below their age group.

In regards to grading of junior competitive teams, DUFC is responsible for nominating each team into the division viewed most appropriate for that team, however FFNC determines the final grading of teams in all instances.



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In **seniors**, team allocation is based primarily on social/friendship considerations. If a player wants to play with a particular player/coach then where possible we try to facilitate this. Note that this process inevitably leads to teams of mixed ability and as such the club takes responsibility for nominating the division of a particular team based on the makeup of that team at the time of grade nominations. However, whilst DUFC may nominate for a particular division, FFNC determines the final grading of teams in all instances.

Team Allocation Process:

- Prior to the team nomination date set by FFNC, a subcommittee consisting of the club Registrar, Technical Director, Miniros Coordinator, Junior Coordinator and Senior Coordinator will meet to draft team allocations.
- Only players who have registered and paid by the relevant team nomination date will be considered in team allocations.
- The Technical Director recommends suitably qualified coaches for all teams.
- The proposed teams and coaches are then presented to the Committee for approval, along with grading recommendations for competitive teams.
- After the Committee approves the teams and coach allocations any issues in regards to team allocation are to be handled in the first instance by the relevant grade/level coordinator and then the Committee if necessary.

Important note on team allocation

Regrettably there may be some occasions where the club is unable to allocate a player to a team. For example if we have 20 senior men registered (the maximum number of players allowed in one senior team is 18). In such instances the club will communicate as early as possible with players likely to be affected. In such instances, priority will be given to players who register and pay on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Playing in multiple teams

There are times in the season when a player may be asked to play in another team within the club due to that team being short of players on a given weekend. FFNC rules determine player eligibility to play in multiple teams and DUFC has guidelines around when/how this should occur.

FFNC rules on players playing up and/or across include the following:

- Miniros players can play in any team in their age group.
- Junior competitive players can play up to 6 games in any team that is in a grade 2 years above the player's actual grade.
- Junior competitive players can play up to 6 games in a senior team once they have turned 14.
- Junior girls can play unlimited games across in the grade they are registered (e.g., from Girls competition to Mixed or vice versa), i.e., a girl registered in a Grade 12 Girls team can also play all the games in a Grade 12 Mixed team and vice versa.
- Senior players can play up to 6 games in a senior team in a division above the one they are registered in.

DUFC Guidelines for playing up/across:

The underlying principles for players playing up/across are:

- To ensure all teams have sufficient players for each game
- To provide development opportunities for interested players

Process:



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- The relevant level coordinator (i.e., Miniros Coordinator, Junior Coordinator or Senior Coordinator) provides the point of contact for team leaders, coaches, and/or players.
- Junior players (or parents of junior players) interested in playing up/across should notify their coach/team leader and junior coordinator at any time in the season.
- Senior players should nominate their interest with the Senior Coordinator in playing up at the start of the season.
- Coaches or Team Leaders who need players for a particular game during the season should liaise with the relevant grade level coordinator.
- On every occasion, the Coach/Team Leader of the team the player is registered in should be consulted prior to that player playing up/across.

Training Times

Training times for each team will be established once teams are finalised and the coaches nominated by the coaching coordinator. Your coach will contact you once training times have been decided.

Parents Responsibilities

Parents or carers remain responsible for their child during training sessions and games. Coaches and managers are volunteering their time to train the children and appreciate it if you can ensure that your child behaves appropriately to allow all members of the team to enjoy their football. If you see that your child is disrupting training or games please work with the coach to implement strategies to manage any disruptive behaviour during training and games.

First Aid

A first aid kit is available in the canteen. Ice is also available from the canteen or, if the canteen is closed, from the Sports Club.

If your child is injured during a game the child's carer will be asked to undertake the first aid. If the carer is not available, the coach may act on behalf of the carer and administer first aid. That action may include calling of an ambulance if the coach believes it is necessary.

There is also a defibrillator in the club store room (sign on the outside of the building).

Let the Children Play

Dunoon United FC has introduced our own concept called "Let the children play", which is based on a concept called "Silent Saturday". The idea behind this is that kids play football for fun, it is their game and should be all about them and not the coaches and parents. Coaches have the chance to coach during training sessions and all parents are welcome to attend these training sessions to provide assistance and to contribute to the development of the kid's football abilities.

However Game Day is intended to be all about the kids enjoying themselves and putting into practice the skills and knowledge that they have learned at training, free from the pressure of overzealous coaching from the side lines. Coaches will be encouraged to coach on game days in a "quieter manner".

Parents and supporters are requested to refrain from attempting to provide any form of coaching or direction. All supporters are encouraged to enthusiastically support their teams in an exclusively



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positive manner with particular emphasis on endeavour. "Go Dunoon!", "great effort!" and "nice try" are the type of words that we would like to hear along with any cheering. Support and recognition for the opposition is also encouraged.

Player Welfare

The DUFC has adopted several strategies in support of player welfare. In addition to adopting the FFA National Member Protection Policy (available at [Football NSW Member Protection website](#)) the DUFC has appointed an Injury & Insurance Liaison Officer (Bruce Nixon). Bruce's role will be to assist with maintenance of first aid kits and insurance enquiries. For information about player insurance see the [NNSWF insurance website](#).

Merchandise

The DUFC plays in a green and gold strip. Your team shirt will be provided, however you will be responsible for providing shorts and socks. Club socks and shorts will be available for sale at the club canteen on game days once the season kicks off and at training nights leading up to the beginning of the season. The club also has a variety of other items including tracksuit tops, pants, club shirts and hats that will be available from the canteen.

Players 'Kit'

Players are required to attend training and games wearing boots and shin pads and long socks at all times. The stops (cleats or studs) on your boots must not be made of metal or be sharp in any way. They will be checked by coaches and game officials.

Players are also asked to remove all jewellery prior to training or games and players with long hair should have their hair tied back.

Due to the reduced visibility caused by peaked caps, we ask that players do not wear them whilst playing or training. When players are watching games we strongly recommend the use of a sun smart hat and sunscreen. Sunscreen should be worn at all times and will be available from the canteen on game days.

Our Ground

Our home ground is Balzer Park in Cowley Road, Dunoon. This is an excellent facility for a community club with two grounds under lights. This field is used for both home games and as the training venue. The field is council owned and the club has a strict policy of observing council closures of the ground. Please check the website if you are unsure if the ground is open and do not use the ground when closed.

While there is water available at the ground many players prefer to bring a drink to games and to training. There is however a 'No Glass' policy for the ground, so please make sure your drinks are in non glass containers.



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DUFC also supports the responsible service and consumption of alcohol and is fortunate to have a fully licensed sports club adjoining the field. We ask that all consumption of alcohol is undertaken within the licensed premises.

While you are welcome at anytime unfortunately your dog is not. Believe me you will appreciate it next time you do a sliding tackle.

The DUFC has a no smoking policy at the fields in line with NSW legislation.

Codes of Conduct

The club has adopted a series of codes of conduct for players, coaches and spectators. These codes are have been adopted from the Football Federation of Australia Code of Conduct

These codes are available on the website dunoonunitedfc.org.au or via the following links.

[Coaches Code of Conduct](#)
[Junior Players Code of Conduct](#)
[Senior Players Code of Conduct](#)
[Spectators Code of conduct](#)

Please ensure that you are familiar with the codes as they underpin the values of the club. Also ensure that spectators you have attending to watch you or your children play are also familiar with the Spectator's Code of Conduct.

COVID-19

The DUFC follows recommendations made by Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) in relation to the management of the club, training, and game days to address COVID-19. That guidance also reflects guidance provided by NSW Health.

Our duty officers and coaches are educated to ensure that the guidance provided by NNSWF is adopted and followed.

The club provides sanitiser for members and cleans, and wipes surfaces at the start of training and game day. Signage has also been posted around the club to remind everyone of the actions that will help keep our community COVID free.