

Penno FC

A Club Like No Other



Dear Players, Parents and Carers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Season 2019 at Pennant Hills Football Club, A Club Like No Other, one of the most successful clubs and Premier League teams in the history of the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association; and regularly feature at the top of the GHFA's annual best and fairest. We are a proud Club and believe in our Community.

We have online registration and payment (instructions are available on the Player self-registration guide link). Please attempt registration or re-registration online before Registration Day. (**Note:** The demand on the FFA servers is extreme on Registration Day and we encourage online registration either in advance or after Registration Day at your convenience.)

If you would prefer to register in person, you are more than welcome to do so. **Our Registration Day on Saturday, 2 February at Hotel Pennant Hills between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.** We'd love to meet and have a chat.

As well as around 40 mixed Saturday teams, including Juniors, All Age, O35 and O45, we expect to field teams in the Women's competition in 2019. Currently, we have a very successful U18 team, comprising girls as young as 15. Girls (from U6s) can play in either the mixed competition (Saturday) or the Women's competition (Sunday). Prospective female players who are not sure whether a female team will be formed in their age group should contact Chris Matthews on 0448 803 377.

Walk Football (Over 50s – male/female)

This season, GHFA are seeking to introduce Walk Football, a slower-paced version of the beautiful game aimed at over 50s (male and female). Matches are played on Friday nights with modified formats (6v6) on smaller pitches with shortened game times. Walk football is well established in the UK and offers O50s and opportunity to continue team sport and the camaraderie that goes with it.

We are seeking expressions of interest. If you (or someone you know) are interested, let us know.

NSW Government Active Kids Scheme

For those planning on using The Active Kids Voucher, please note that you MUST have applied for it and received the unique ID number BEFORE beginning the registration process.

In order to claim a voucher you will need to be registered with Service NSW. Go to Service NSW

<https://my.service.nsw.gov.au/MyServiceNSW/Register>

Apply for your Active Kids voucher via the following link.

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

Introduction to Football

This season, we are offering **FREE Registration** for our U6 (4x4) and U7 (4x4) teams when using the \$100 Active kids voucher. **So, feel free to spread the word with regards to this special Penno FC offering.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register online, it is important that you read the rest of this information first.

There are some changes with regards to registering for 2019. Registration for 2019 is quite different to previous years. It is email address based and not FFA number based. You will need a new head and shoulders photo, which can be taken with a smart phone against a plain background, ready to upload from the device you choose to use for registration.

You can register online by going to **Online Registration** on our home page at www.pennofc.com.au.

Previous player/manager or coach

Login to your Football account link

<https://account.footballnetwork.com.au/>

New to football or forgotten your previous registration details

Create a Football account link

<https://account.footballnetwork.com.au/register>

FINALISING NEW REGISTRATIONS IN PERSON

WHERE: Registration Day will be on Saturday, 2 February 2019, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm at **Hotel Pennant Hills (HPH)**, in Station Road, adjacent to Pennant Hills Railway Station.

INDICATIVE FEES

Fee are NOW Age-based and NOT Team-based as previously. Discounts apply for early-bird payments and families with three (3x) or more players. Given the change in fee basis, the following table should be treated as indicative only, with fees within the new Play Football registration system age-driven.

Playing Age Group		Early Bird (paid by 6-Feb-19)	Payment after 06-Feb-19
Under 6 yrs	(2013-2014)	\$100	\$110
Under 7 yrs	(2012)	\$100	\$110
Under 8 yrs	(2011)	\$170	\$180
Under 9 yrs	(2010)	\$175	\$185
Under 10 yrs	(2009)	\$205	\$215
Under 11 yrs	(2008)	\$215	\$225
Under 12 yrs	(2007)	\$225	\$235
Under 13 yrs	(2006)	\$230	\$240
Under 14 yrs	(2005)	\$230	\$240
Under 15 yrs	(2004)	\$240	\$250
Under 16 yrs	(2003)	\$240	\$250
Under 17 - 18 yrs	(2001-2002)	\$280	\$290
Under 19-21yrs FT Student	(1998-2000)	\$335	\$345
Under 19-21yrs Worker	(1998-2000)	\$360	\$370
All Age FT Student		\$350	\$360
All Age Worker		\$375	\$385
O/35 yrs	Before 1984	\$375	\$385
O/45 yrs	Before 1974	\$375	\$385
Walk Football (Over 50s – male/female, combined)			Expressions of Interest Welcome
Premier League FT Student		N/A	\$350
Premier League Worker		N/A	\$375

Fees are the same for either the GHFA or NWSWF competition

PAYMENT

- If registering **online**, you will have the option of paying online by credit card (Mastercard or Visa).
- If completing registration **in person**, you can make payment by credit card, cheque or cash.

Fees are payable upon registration. **Club policy is “No pay – No play”**. However, anyone experiencing genuine financial hardship is invited to contact Rob Curtis on 0419 738 521 for a confidential discussion about ways we can help.

NEW players to Penno will need to:

- Complete an online registration for the club “Pennant Hills Football Club” (for the mixed GHFA competition) or “Pennant Hills Women’s” (NWSWF women’s Sunday competition) **AND** attend Registration Day **in person**. *(We need you to come in person because we need proof of age and a digital photo to complete registration.)*
- If unable to attend on Registration Day, please contact our Club Registrar whose contact details are set out below.
- Complete an online registration (include play with requests in the final section) prior to attending.
- Bring documentary proof of age (e.g. passport, birth certificate, driver’s license).
- Bring the player involved - a digital photo (head and shoulders) will be taken at the registration venue.
- If you are over 18 and did not play within GHFA in 2018, you will need to complete a “Statutory Declaration” form as supplied at the registration venue.

What you will need to do if you played for Penno in 2017 or 2018:

- Complete an online registration (including a photo upload).
- Pay on-line (then there will be no need to attend registration day).
- All players, coaches and managers are required to supply a current photo for 2019 on-line or at Registration Day. If you are unable to attend in person, take a digital photo (head and shoulders) with a smartphone against a plain background and we can do an identity check at Team Allocation Day.

I AM HAVING TROUBLE REGISTERING

If you are having trouble registering on-line, please **contact the FFA support centre on (02) 8880 7983**

If all else fails, please contact our Club Registrar whose contact details are set out below.

Family discount (three or more players)

A **family discount** comprising a **cashback discount of \$75** in respect to each of the third (3rd) and subsequent players in any one family can be obtained via the Play Football on-line registration system or after payment **at the registration venue**.

Student discount (players U19 or older)

Students who **provide proof of full-time student status** are eligible for the student rate. Proof needs to be provided at Registration Day or to **your age manager before the season commences or full fees will be expected** and or you will be ineligible to play, as fees have not been deemed to be paid.

TEAM ALLOCATIONS

If your child is 9 years old or younger and you wish to request for a particular team or group of players then please let the Age Manager know or indicate this in the final section of the registration process (form).

Please note, however, there can be **NO** guarantee that such a request can be granted. Numbers in teams are limited. So, in order to take advantage of our early registration discount and to avoid missing out on a place, please register early and ensure we know your team request.

TEAM ALLOCATION DAYS

Team allocation days will be held on three (3x) Sundays during **February 2019**, and will be held at the Pennant Hills Synthetic field (Penno No 3) Britannia Street, Pennant Hills with Juniors in the mornings and Seniors in the evenings.

Team allocation will proceed regardless of weather, unless there is a high risk of lightning, hail or extreme temperature.

Because of extreme heat, we have limited ability to hold Allocation sessions before it gets too hot. Accordingly, we may seek to arrange some Allocation sessions in the evenings during the week.

While Age Managers will attempt to get in touch with their respective age-groups, please also check our website www.pennofc.com.au **regularly for updates**. We aim to have a schedule on the website and on our various social media platforms shortly.

Team allocation will occur with assistance from Premier League players and coaches. There is an expectation that players will attend ready to play with shin guards and boots. It will be hot, so wear sunscreen and also bring a drink. There are toilet and canteen facilities.

Please refer to our website www.pennofc.com.au for further details on allocation times closer to the dates.

TRIAL GAMES

Will be held on four of five Sundays during March, subject to field availability.

Our plan is to commence with an in-house trial day on the first weekend in March, followed by three (3x) Club v Club weekends – as follows:

- o Sunday, 3 March – In-house
- o Sunday, 10 March – Castle Hill United
- o Sunday, 17 March – Ground allocated for GHFA use
- o Sunday, 24 March – Epping FC
- o Sunday, 31 March – Thornleigh Thunder
- o Sat / Sunday, 6/7 April - Formal commencement of GHFA / NSWFC matches

Note: It is important that you make yourself available for these trials as it assists with Club and team development. Importantly, if we are to continue to organise trials with other clubs, we need to be prepared to show up.

We are fortunate this year to have three Club v Club opportunities. Every effort will be made to try and ensure that each team has at least two (2x) trial games during March.

If your team cannot meet its allocated schedule, there is **NO** guarantee that a substitute game will be offered at another time. It takes a fair bit of effort to make these things happen – such effort should not be underestimated.

TRAINING NIGHTS

Will be decided by coaches in consultation with each team. If you know who your coach is then you can contact them for interim times.

Unlike other grounds, football boots are allowed for all training on our synthetic field prior to commencement of the season in April. Football boots are not allowed for training on grass fields before the season commences.

Minis Academy

In 2019, Penno FC will be launching a new training and development programme on Monday evenings. The “Penno FC Minis Academy” will be designed and implemented by our experienced coach educators, and will have a renewed focus on BOTH player and coach development.

This programme will provide our minis-players with fun and challenging training environments, with an emphasis on skill development. It will also provide opportunities for players within the Club to gain coaching experience under the leadership of our senior coaches.

Our goal for this new programme is to provide our coaches with the skills and confidence to implement training sessions that allow players the greatest opportunity for growth, and provide them with coaching tools that will support them as Penno FC coaches from 2019 onwards.

Subject to confirmation on Allocation Day, we will aim to commence the Penno Minis-Academy on Monday, 18 February with a fun session as part of our “come and try” initiative to help recruitment. So encourage your friends to come and try football and join us at Penno (and remember registration is effectively free for U6 & U7 (4 a-side teams).

It is intended that the cost of the Penno Minis-Academy programme will be subsidised by the Penno Junior BBQ, held on Ern Holmes every Saturday morning and, accordingly we plan to charge only a small fee of \$35 for what will be a minimum 12-week programme. Further details will be available on Allocation Day.

COACHES

All teams require a coach to proceed for the season, if you are interested in coaching or managing or to continue from last season, please answer this question in the online registration and / or contact your Age Manager (see contact details on our website www.pennofc.com.au). ALL volunteers MUST be registered to be covered by the Club’s insurance arrangements, and where applicable, Working With Children clearance will also be required.

In order to develop our coaches, Penno FC will pay for new and existing coaches (and managers) to attend appropriate accredited coaching courses. If interested, and I would encourage you to take up this offer (it is fun and enjoyable and nothing to feel apprehensive about), speak to your Age Manager or our Director of Coaching.

In addition to the above, a Coaches & Managers evening will be arranged for mid/late March, when coaches and managers can meet each other and Committee members as the final part of our preparation for the 2019 season.

REFEREES COURSE

We would love to encourage our younger players to consider becoming a referee. Courses are usually held in February and March. The minimum age is 13yrs by 1 April 2019.

Refereeing is a great way to earn money, learn more about the rules of the game for young and old, and give something back to your Club. To encourage take-up, Penno FC will waive new referee Registration fees (by way of refund) on confirmation of regular participation.

Course dates have been set and can be accessed via Gladesville Hornsby Football Referees’ website.

See full current details on the GHFRA website at: www.ghfra.com.au If you are interested in refereeing, please contact your Age Manager or our Referees Coordinator, Bruce Thomson on 0402 404 226.

UNIFORMS

Shorts and socks will be on sale at Hotel Pennant Hills on Registration Day and at the Pennant Hills Home Ground Canteen off Britannia Street, Pennant Hills on Team Allocation days. In addition, the Canteen will be open for gear sales during the pre-season Penno Minis-Academy sessions.

Game jersey will be supplied once teams have been sorted.

BBQ Service

Our Junior members introduced a BBQ service to Ern Holmes Oval a couple of years ago. This initiative has proved to be very successful and accordingly, we will be running this again this season, with a brand new BBQ. This helps our PHFC community to raise funds (e.g. for the new kit introduced in the 2018 season) as well as providing a welcomed BBQ service. This season, funds will go toward training equipment and to subsidise the cost of coaching services.

The BBQ service will commence at Ern Holmes Oval from Saturday, 6 April 2019 during the Minis games. We have also appointed a BBQ Coordinator, Andrew Passe-de-Silva. You can contact Andrew on 0410 653 878.

All Junior and Minis members will be expected to assist with the set up and running of the BBQ at some stage during the season. Team rosters will be published once draws are confirmed.

TIME TO REGISTER

To register for Season 2019 go to www.pennofc.com.au NOW and select the Online Registration link(s). Should you have problems registering, please contact our Registration team:

Registrar	Jonathan Lidbetter	29a George St, Pennant Hills NSW 2120
		Email: pennoregistrar@optusnet.com.au
		Mob: 0477 378 549
Assistant Registrar	Bruce Thomson	Email: thomsons@bigpond.com
		Mob: 0402 404 226
Assistant Registrar	Jake Ghalloub	Email: jakeghalloub@gmail.com
		Mob: 0412 495 552

Welcome aboard and get set for another great year at Penno.

Tony Macko

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Club President
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