



Sub-Junior Vikings

Welcome to Season 2023 at Happy Valley Football Club!

For those new to the club this year, there are a few things you need to know.

1. Training

Training is on Friday nights as follows:

Valley Kick (kids 2-4 years)	4.30pm – 5pm
Auskick (kids 5-6 years)	4.30pm – 5pm
Under 8s	5pm – 5.45pm (presentations 6pm)
Under 10s	5.30pm – 6.30pm (presentations 6.45pm)
Under 12s	6pm – 7pm (presentations 7.15pm)

Please also note that we do play and train throughout school holidays, except for Easter and the June long weekend.

Auskick and Valley Kick runs in Term 2 only and will begin on Friday the 5th of May for 10 weeks.

Training begins Friday night the 24-March for Under 8s & 10s but Under 12s will begin Friday the 3-March (possibly on the soccer oval – please refer to our Facebook pages for any updates)

Facebook Public Pages (please find and like for general updates). This is a good page for grandparents to follow too: **Happy Valley Football Club Sub Juniors**

Each team will have their own private Facebook page which is a closed group and by invitation only. Once your child has been placed in a team you will be invited to join the page relevant to their team

2. Game Day

Games are played on Sundays and the kids are required to arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to warm up and be addressed by their coach. Note games are not always at home so when playing Aldinga, Port Noarlunga and Old Noarlunga allow enough time to travel!

Under 8s	Game time: 9am	Arrive: 8.30am
Under 10s	Game time: 9.55am	Arrive: 9.25 am
Under 12s	Game time: 11 am	Arrive: 10.30am
U11 Girls	Game time: 9.55am	Arrive: 9.25am

Times will be confirmed when we receive a final fixture from the SFL

3. League

We play for the Southern Football League which means we play the following clubs:

- Flagstaff Hill
- Reynella
- Hallett Cove (Cove)
- Hackham
- O'Sullivan's Beach/Lonsdale
- Old Noarlunga
- Port Noarlunga
- Morphett Vale
- Aldinga (this is the furthest you will be required to travel)

4. Registration and Fees:

Because we play in the Southern Football League competition, you will need to register your child online with the Happy Valley Football Club in the SFL and pay your fees at the same time.

In previous years we have had paper registrations for the club but this year, all registration will be online (except for Sub-Junior player placement forms). The previous registration platform for the SFL was Sports TG, but this year this has changed nationally and is now known as PlayHQ. This is the national data base for sports registration.

This year there is a \$15 fee when registering with the SFL on PlayHQ which is a Community Football Levy. This levy is nothing to do with our registration fees, so it is an additional fee generated by the website. You will see it as part of the total fees at the end of the online process.

Please refer to additional "how to" documents available on how to register your child and pay registration online.

Sub-Junior fees for Season 2023 are \$180.

If using a Sports Voucher your fees will only be \$80 because the Sports Voucher is worth \$100. Sports Vouchers are claimed during the registration process online so don't forget to claim it if you have not used one already this year! You will be asked to provide your Medicare card number during this process. Please ensure you have it handy and include the reference number next to your child's name as the final number.



Medicare number must include the single digit at the end

Include the number next to your child's name as the last digit which is the Ref. No.

5. First Game

The first game for the season is on Sunday the 1st of May however we do not know where each team will be playing yet as the SFL are not able to give us a fixture at this time. As soon as we know we will be letting everyone know but based on previous years we may only find out that week! Games are played between our ground and the oppositions ground like senior footy so you will be required to travel to other clubs throughout the season.

6. Friday night Presentations

Once the playing season is underway, after training on Friday nights, we do presentations for the kids in the clubrooms where the coaches will talk a little bit about the previous week's game, and anything that is coming up. They also hand out some awards to kids that played well, trained well etc. that week. There are usually 3 awards per team, per week. We encourage everyone to come into the club for this.

This is also a time for me to let you know of any important information coming up so it is always a good idea to stick around so you can keep up with what is happening around the club when you can.

Whilst we understand it can be tough to keep children quiet (especially much younger siblings and at the end of a long week), we would appreciate it if you could reiterate the importance of being quiet whilst presentations are happening so that everyone can hear and the coaches and children receiving recognition are shown respect.

Parents often take photos or record their child receiving an award so it is appreciated if noise can be kept to a minimum if possible. It is very hard to do but all we ask is if you can keep this in mind. It is also good sportsmanship to remain in the club rooms to listen to all the kids from the same age group (all teams) also as a show of respect. We will be taking it in turns each week as to which team goes first in presentations so that everyone can be heard. Generally, presentations for each age group last no more than 20- 30 minutes at the most. It's a good opportunity to sit down and perhaps grab a meal from the canteen or a drink from the bar.

7. End of Season

The season usually finishes in late July/early August. The sub-juniors do not play for a premiership so instead of finals there is a Carnival which involves all the teams playing each other over the course of the day. This means they play 3-4 short games in the same day and it is all in the name of fun. It is usually a big day and the club sets up in the one spot so that all Happy Valley teams are together.

8. End of Season Presentation Day:

There is then a presentation day a few weeks later for all Sub-Juniors where your child will receive a trophy. It is a final get together and a chance to end the season on a high note. This date will be confirmed closer to the end of the season.

9. Team Placement:

During the registration process you had the opportunity to fill out a form and nominate children your child knows at the club and wishes to play with in the hope we may be able to put them in the same team. We do our best to place children with familiar faces and friends, but it is not always possible. The task of working out the teams is extensive and much more involved than it would seem, so being able to fulfill everyone's requests is very difficult. However, we try to please as many as we can!

Teams are determined also by siblings already playing at the club. For example, if a child has a brother or sister in the Under 10 or 12 Gold team then the younger sibling will automatically play in the Under 8 Gold team.

This is because the Under 8, 10 and 12 Gold teams will play at the same ovals every week, one after the other. We can't have a child playing for Under 10 Gold at Hallett Cove oval and then have their sibling play for Under 8 Black which might be playing at home that week on the same day. Parents can't be two places at once. Another reason that causes team placement issues can be transport (carpooling) or cousins playing for the same club and wanting to watch each other's games.

What to wear and what your child will need each week

1. Footy shorts – Our club wears black SFL shorts with gold logo available to purchase from the club. Generic/Standard black footy shorts purchased from sports stores will also suffice but it is preferred that your child be in the club shorts.

2. Guernsey/Jumper – The football club will supply your child with a guernsey to wear on game days. They do not get to keep the guernsey and are required to return it at the end of the season. If not returned, you will be charged a fee to replace it.

3. Socks – Our club wears black socks with our gold logo available to purchase from the club.

Sharon Nicolle is the Merchandise Manager and either she or another volunteer will be available most Friday nights for you to purchase these items. If you need to contact Sharon, please do so via email: merchandise@hvfc.com.au

4. During training the kids tend to wear footy shorts or track pants. There really isn't a rule for what they should wear. For a top, most kids wear black or gold T-shirts, AFL guernseys or training tops. The training tops can be purchased through the club and in recent years kids have ordered them with their name or nickname printed on them to personalise them. Your child is not obliged to purchase a training top.

If wearing a guernsey we would prefer it not be their game day guernsey so we can ensure they last a lot longer and stay in good condition. If they follow a particular AFL club and they own a guernsey from that club, they can wear that instead.

6. Other items such as Club jackets and Hoodies, umbrellas, scarves, beanies etc. are also available to purchase. Parents often buy these items for themselves. Please see Sharon as she will have examples of them to show you. If she does not have the correct size, she can order them in. EFTPOS is available and there are also other ways to pay.

7. Footy boots – of course your child will need footy boots to play and to train in. We do not recommend they train in sneakers as this can cause injury during winter if the ground is wet or even dewy so please have boots ready asap. The exception to this is the first two – three weeks of training when it is still the Cricket season (also less likely to rain) and Happy Valley Cricket club needs to maintain the oval in as good a condition as possible. The Football Club takes over the use and responsibility of the oval officially at the start of April so until then – no footy boots are allowed on the oval.

8. Drink Bottle: please provide a labelled drink bottle for your child. Due to Covid, all children are required to provide their own and only use their own. No sharing of bottles is allowed.

9. Finally – a mouth guard. Your child will need a mouth guard to train in and to play with. They cannot play or train without wearing one for risk of losing a tooth! Mouth guards can be purchased from sports stores and the salespeople will advise you the best one for your child. You can also get them through dentists, but this will be more expensive. For kids, the mouth guards available at sports stores are fine. You do need to set them up though as your child will be required to mould them to their mouth. Warning...discourage your child to chew on it through the season otherwise you will have to buy more than one.....!

There are often parents giving away or selling old club uniforms, training gear and jackets, as well as footy boots second hand so look out for this if you want to save some money.



If your child wishes to wear skins under their shorts on game day, they will need to be skin/flesh coloured (see pic above). Black is not permitted by the SFL during a match. They can of course wear black skins to training. We look forward to seeing you this year and we hope you enjoy your time at the club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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