

CIRCULAR

01/2026 Player and Team Registration 2026

Attention	Club Presidents, Directors of Football, Treasurers, Club Administrators
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Action Required	Circulate the advice contained in this circular to club members
Summary	Outlines the Player Registration Fees and Team Registration Fees applicable for the 2026 winter season. A 3.4% increase has been applied to Capital Football’s Member Federation Fee component of the Player Registration Fee for 2026, consistent with inflationary pressures. The Team Registration Fee remains unchanged.

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Overview of Fees Applicable in 2026

For the 2026 season, two categories of fees apply:

- **Player Registration Fees**, paid by individual players at the time of registration. Player Registration Fees comprise three components set by different football bodies:
 - National Registration Fee (Football Australia)
 - Member Federation Fee (Capital Football)
 - Club Fee (set independently by clubs)
- **Team Registration Fees**, paid by clubs based on the highest level of competition in which a team from the club participates.

Player Registration Fee – Structure and Components

A Player Registration Fee is collected from players at the time of registering for a sanctioned football activity. The fee is then dispersed to the various organisations who are responsible for growing, developing, promoting and delivering football.

National Registration Fee

Football Australia (FA) has confirmed the 2026 National Registration Fee (NRF) as follows:

- Juniors \$18 inc. GST, per registered player.
- Seniors \$42 inc. GST, per registered player.

The mandated NRF is to be paid directly to FA through PlayFootball (the national registration platform).

FA is responsible for the organisation, promotion and administration of football throughout Australia. FA employs professionals who lead the growth, development and promotion of the game nationally and internationally. The NRF supports the participation of the Socceroos, Matildas and other national teams on the world stage. FA also leads player recruitment, coach and referee development, club development, player development, inclusion and diversity nationally. Further information about Football Australia and its role and responsibilities is available [here](#).

Member Federation Fee

Capital Football (CF) is responsible for the organisation, promotion and administration of football throughout our region and has jurisdiction to stage or sanction competitions or matches within our own boundaries. An overview of the programs, services and competitions implemented by CF is available on our website [here](#).

The Member Federation Fee can be further broken down into:

- **Football Operations Fee**, which contributes to the cost of delivering winter football competitions, year-round community inclusion programs (including powerchair football and the all-abilities academy) and referee development. Part of this levy is applied to the digital systems required to support these activities.
- **Insurance Fee**, which is the amount we collect from each registered player to cover the cost of the Capital Football Insurance Program which provides benefits including Personal Accident cover as well as managing risk and protecting the game's stakeholders from litigation. Approximately 14% of

the money collected from players is used to pay a myriad of essential insurance premiums.

- **Football Infrastructure Levy (FIL)** which is a fee that contributes to the development of facilities in the region, including the maintenance of the Hawker Football Centre.

Club Fee

Clubs determine the fees imposed on their players. Clubs are run independently and incur different costs which must be absorbed. The National Registration Status and Transfer Regulations (NRR's) allow clubs to charge a reasonable fee provided it discloses all fees, levies and charges in the National Online Registration System and reflects actual expenses related to a player's participation in a competition.

This fee typically comprises costs including ground hire, referee fees, equipment, apparel and other costs associated with the individual club programs.

Please contact your club if you have any questions about how the club fee is determined and inclusions.

2026 Member Federation Fee

Capital Football has applied a 3.4% increase to the 2026 Member Federation Fee, consistent with inflationary pressures.

Compared with 2025, the increase equates to:

- NPL competitions – an additional \$8.09 for senior players and \$3.34 for junior players
- Community Leagues – an additional \$7.74 for senior and masters players and \$3.17 for junior players
- MiniRoos – an additional \$1.59 per participant

All amounts include GST.

The table below outlines the breakdown of the Member Federation Fee for 2026.

Member Federation Fee					
Competition	Total Fee* Inc. GST	GST	Football Operations Fee	Insurance Fee	FIL
National Premier League					
1 st Grade	\$246.02	\$22.37	\$181.54	\$33.02	\$9.09
Reserves/U23	\$246.02	\$22.37	\$181.54	\$33.02	\$9.09
NPL Girls	\$101.71	\$9.25	\$66.88	\$16.50	\$9.09
NPL Boys	\$101.71	\$9.25	\$66.88	\$16.50	\$9.09
Senior Leagues					
Capital Leagues inc. Masters Leagues	\$235.37	\$21.40	\$171.86	\$33.02	\$9.09
Junior Leagues, SAP and MiniRoos					
U12 – U18	\$96.39	\$8.76	\$66.58	\$16.50	\$4.55
U5 – U11	\$48.46	\$4.41	\$33.53	\$8.25	\$2.27

Team Registration Fees

There are no changes to Team Registration Fee values for the 2026 season.

Clubs are required to pay a single Team Registration Fee based on the highest level of competition in which a team from the club participates.

Competition	Team Registration Fee inc GST
National Premier League	\$5,500 <i>includes a table of ten (10) at the 2026 Capital Football Awards night</i>
Capital League Open's / Women's Masters League Junior Leagues & SAP Minirooms	15 teams or less registered \$550 More than 15 teams registered \$1,100

The Club Affiliation process will open shortly and will require clubs to reaffirm their commitment to Capital Football and Football Australia policies rules, regulations and guidelines for the year ahead. Further details will be communicated in a separate circular.

2027 Team Registration Fee

Capital Football advises clubs that, from the 2027 season, the Team Registration Fee structure will transition to a per-team registration fee model. This change is intended to more closely align team registration costs with competition participation and delivery. Further detail, including fee values and implementation arrangements, will be provided to clubs in advance of the 2027 season.

PlayFootball

Football Australia player registration system, PlayFootball, is now ready for Clubs to establish their registration packages.

Once you have set up the Club products that make up your registration packages, Clubs will need Capital Football approval before opening player registrations – please contact Sanket Mishra (details below) if you have any issues with approvals.

Once approved by Capital Football, Clubs can start accepting registrations for all competitions.

Should you have questions regarding PlayFootball, please contact our Digital Services Coordinator, Sanket Mishra on sanket.mishra@capitalfootball.com.au.

Cost of Football

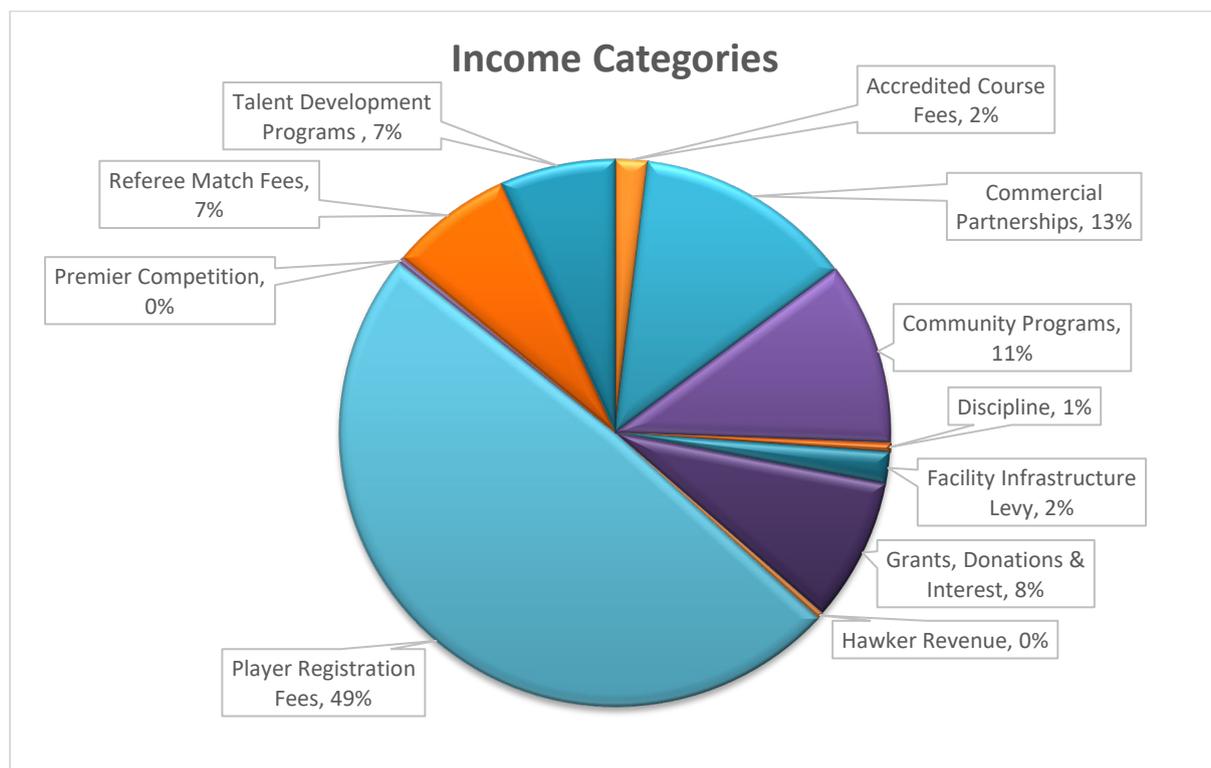
Capital Football recognises and respects the financial contribution made by players and their families and acknowledges the increasing cost pressures faced across community sport. We are committed to fostering transparency by providing clear, information about registration fees and insurance to better support clubs, players and other stakeholders.

Capital Football’s priority is to keep football as accessible and affordable as possible while meeting the essential costs associated with safely delivering competitions, providing insurance coverage and supporting the ongoing operation of the game across the region. We also recognise and greatly value the significant efforts of club volunteers in managing costs and supporting their local communities.

Income and Expenses

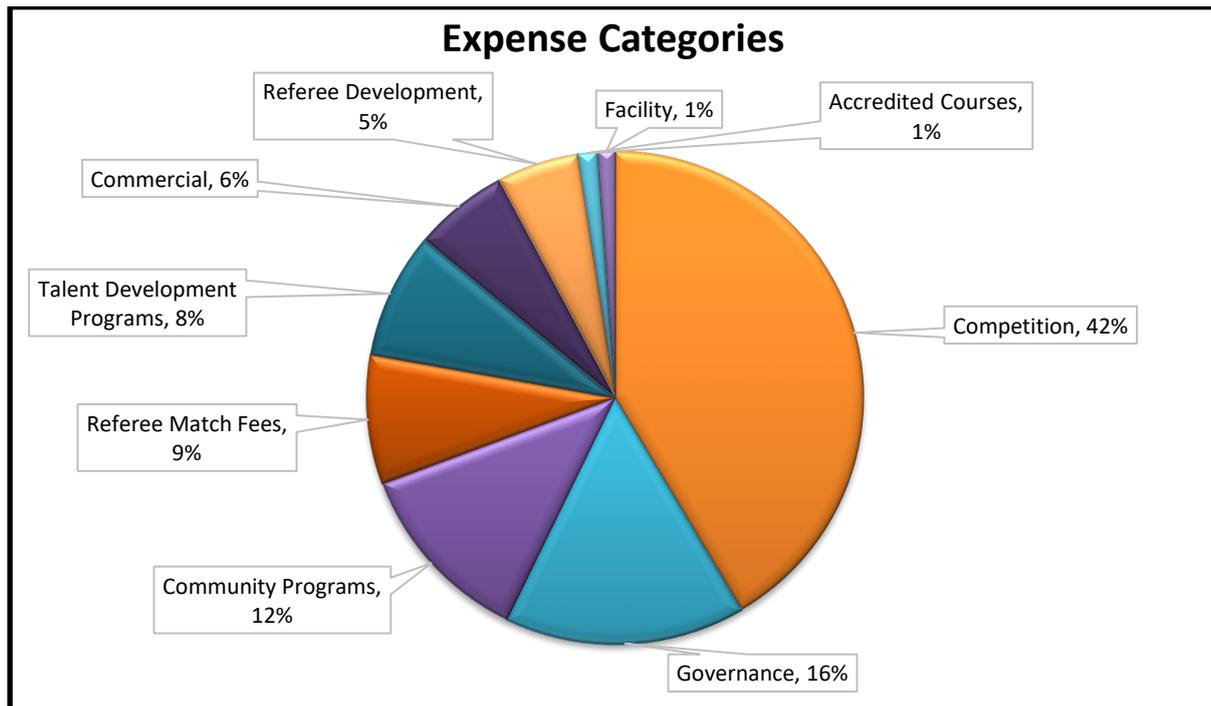
To provide transparency around how registration fees are applied, the following section outlines Capital Football’s primary sources of income and the areas in which those funds are invested to deliver football across the region. Canberra United income and expenses are not included.

The following charts reflect Capital Football’s 2024 financial results and are indicative of the expected income and expense distribution for 2026.



The three main sources of Capital Football’s income are:

1. Registration Fees (49%) comprised of member federation fees from players participating in winter and futsal competitions, as well as referee registration fees and team registration fees.
2. Commercial Partnerships (13%).
3. Community Programs (11%) including Kanga Cup, Australian Masters Games and Capital Football’s inclusion programs.



Capital Football’s expenditure is primarily allocated across the following categories:

1. Competitions (42%) which includes player insurance, commentary and streaming, staff wages, ground and facility hire, security, medical support, medals and trophies.
2. Governance (16%) which includes the operational costs associated with running Capital Football, such as information technology, contract services, rent, rates, key staff wages and business insurances.
3. Community Programs (12%) which while generating income, continue to operate at an approximate annual deficit of \$40,000.

Where does Registration Fee income go?

Registration Fees contribute about 49% of Capital Football’s total income, equating to approximately \$2.4 million annually. This income is generated through referee registration fees, member federation fees from players registered in winter and futsal competitions, and team registration fees.

The member federation fee funds a comprehensive insurance program that manages risk and protects the game’s stakeholders from litigation, with approximately 14% of player registration revenue allocated to essential insurance premiums.

Registration fee income is primarily applied to competition delivery costs (approximately \$1.9 million), with the balance contributing to referee match fees, governance and administration, inclusion programs and referee development.

In combination, registration fee income enables Capital Football to safely deliver competitions, support referees, meet governance obligations and invest in long-term participation growth.