

ALTONA VIKINGS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

2026 CLUB HANDBOOK



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WELCOME TO THE VIKINGS FAMILY

Welcome to Season 2026 with the Altona Vikings Junior Football Club (AJFC). Whether this is your first season or you've been with us for years, we're excited to have you involved.

Our club is built on teamwork, respect, commitment and community. We want every player to enjoy their football, build their skills and feel proud to wear purple and gold.

The Vikings are more than a football club. We're a place where kids learn resilience, make friends and become part of a supportive community. Thanks to our parents, volunteers, coaches and sponsors who make it all possible.

Let's make 2026 another great year together.

Go Vikings!



We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we train and play. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

ABOUT OUR CLUB

Our Story

The Altona Football Club began in 1918 when locals came together to form a team that represented community spirit. The club colours, purple and gold, were chosen to honour the battalion colours of one of Altona's returning soldiers from World War I.

The junior club was formed in 1980 to give young people in Altona a place to learn and play football. Since then we've grown into one of the most respected junior programs in the Western Football Netball League. Many players have gone on to senior football and higher levels, but every player leaves with friendships, confidence and memories that last well beyond the game.

Our home is JK Grant Reserve, and today we field boys, girls and mixed teams across multiple age groups. Our teams play in the Western Football Netball League competition. We are proud to be known as an inclusive, family-friendly club that focuses on enjoyment, teamwork and development.

2026 COMMITTEE AND CONTACTS

Role	Name	Contact
Executive Committee		
President	Michael Haley	0423 380 258 president@altonajuniorfc.com.au
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Child Safety Officer	Andrew Ward	childsafety@altonajuniorfc.com.au
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General Members	Larissa Hurley Matt Taylor Melissa McVay Chris Huggard	

New Members are Welcomed

REGISTRATION AND FEES

As a not-for-profit community sporting organisation, the AJFC relies heavily on the funds derived from registration fees to ensure a high-quality, safe and structured environment for its players and volunteers. Please register ASAP to help us plan teams and recruit for critical volunteers such as the Coach, Team Manager and Trainers. The registration link will be shared through Team App, our website and social media channels.

1. **All players must pay the Western Football Netball League (WFNL) registration fee before they join pre-season training.** The WNFL registration fee is \$29.50 and provides player insurance, ensuring injuries at training and games are covered. Payment must be made through PlayHQ at the time of registering.
2. **All players must pay the AJFC registration fee before 27 March 2026.** This fee covers membership with AJFC, jumper hire, use of equipment, facilities and league associated costs. In the *Early Bird* period AJFC will send an invoice for payment by bank deposit. Contact our Treasurer to access the 3rd child+ family discount or arrange a payment plan ASAP as these options will only be available during the Early Bird period.

Failure to pay fees by the due date will mean players are ineligible to play.

Players who choose to keep their jumper at the end of season will be invoiced and must pay the additional jumper fee. Outstanding jumper fees will result in future registration being placed on-hold until the financial obligation is met.

Players who have outstanding fees will not be granted a clearance or be able to register with another club until all financial obligations to the Club are met.

AJFC Registration	Due Date	Amount per Child	Amount 3 rd Child+
Early Bird	27/02/2026	\$350	\$330
Full Price	27/03/2026	\$387	\$387

CODES OF CONDUCT

Registering your child with the AJFC means you agree to abide by the AJFC Code of Conduct. It also means you will support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions, including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct. Visit <https://www.altonajuniorfootballclub.com/club-policies/> to read the Code of Conduct in full so that you understand what is expected.

CODES OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS

- Understand and play by the rules.
- Respect umpires and other officials.
- Play for the “fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Control your temper.
- Be a good sport. Be a fair winner and a good loser.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. At all times show respect and manners.
- Listen to your coach and try to apply their advice at practice and in games.



OFFICIALS

- Officiate according to the rules.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Avoid any situation which may be perceived as a conflict of interest.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken. If you make a mistake, admit it.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all competitors.
- Emphasise the spirit of the competition rather than the errors.
- Ensure that your behaviour and comments are always positive and supportive on and off the field.
- Place the safety and welfare of players above all else.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

- Encourage playing according to the Rules.
- Remember that young people play for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach players to do likewise.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all footballers.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior football.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches and officials.
- Direct any grievances to the Team Manager or Coaches Coordinator.

COACHES

- Remember that football is for enjoyment.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and teach your players to respect the rules.
- Give all players a fair and reasonable amount of game time.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and the decisions of umpires and officials.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Role model good sportsmanship.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every child playing sport.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development in young people.

VOLUNTEERING

The AJFC relies on the active participation of members of the club and broader community. New volunteers are welcome to support all levels of club operations and activities. Football games are not possible without family involvement, and every family is expected to help during the season. Registering your child with the AJFC means that you agree to perform volunteer duties to the best of your abilities and remain loyal to the club's policies.

Expressions of interest will be issued for the following productive volunteer roles: Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Trainer and Runner. The Team Manager will operate a rotation system to allocate the following volunteer roles each week: Timekeeper, Goal or Boundary Umpire, Umpire Escort, Water, Snacks, Match Day Manager and Canteen / BBQ helper.



A valid **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** is required by volunteers in the following roles:

- Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Manager, Trainer and Runner
- Executive and General Committee members
- Any other roles deemed to have direct supervision of children

Provide your WWCC details when registering as a volunteer in PlayHQ. AJFC will maintain a confidential record for compliance purposes. If you do not have a WWCC you can apply for one by visiting workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

RULES, LAWS & POLICIES

Our Club enables participation in junior football consistent with the following league and national rules and laws which are publicly available:



- Laws of Australian Football 2025
- WFNL Rules and By-Laws
- National Community Football Policy Handbook 2025

Players, coaches, parents / supporters and Club officials are expected to abide by all AJFC Club policies. For the latest versions visit the [AJFC website](http://www.ajfc.org.au)

Altona Junior Football Club Strategic Plan

Vision

Altona Junior Football Club

"Be Your Best"

Mission

Create a safe and inclusive environment where
members play, develop and succeed

Strategic Imperatives

Overarching Objectives



Grow The
Club



Member
Satisfaction



United Sporting
Hub

Core Values

Inclusive


Competitive

Respectful

United

Resilient





**We are the Vikings, bred on the sea
We're hard to beat, as our followers agree
Purple and Gold are the colours we wear
And carry on high to victory, oh yeah
Onward to glory, Altona to the fore
We'll do our best and more
I love Vikings, Vikings love me
That's the way it ought to be
With a V I K I N G S
Vikings are the very best**

To the tune of "The March of the Toreador" (Geelong FC song)