



## 2024 Registration with Epping FC Open January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Registration fees for Epping Football Club for 2024 have been set. The governing bodies in Football NSW and North West Sydney Football have both increased fees for 2024. Increases range from \$10-\$30 depending on the age group however Epping Football Club recognises that the cost of living continues to increase and have agreed to absorb all increases and keep our registration fees the same as 2023 to make football accessible to all our loyal members in the community.

AGE GROUP	2024 PRICING	If paid before 31/1/24
Under 6	\$199	\$179
Under 7	\$210	\$190
Under 8	\$210	\$190
Under 9	\$210	\$190
Under 10	\$245	\$225
Under 11	\$245	\$225
Under 12	\$245	\$225
Under 13	\$255	\$235
Under 14	\$255	\$235
Under 15	\$255	\$235
Under 16	\$255	\$235
Under 17/18	\$255	\$235
Under 21	\$399	\$359
All Age	\$399	\$359
Over 30/35	\$399	\$359
Over 40/45	\$399	\$359
Premier / Super League	\$420	\$380
Masters	\$199	\$199
Social womens football	\$199	\$199

## **NSW Government Active Kids Program**

The NSW Active Kids voucher program has changed significantly for 2024. Active Kids is a program to help NSW families meet the cost of getting their kids into sport and active fitness and recreation activities. The NSW Government will provide a \$50 voucher to qualifying parents/guardians. The voucher can be used for registration or membership fees for structured activities such as playing football. The rebate was reduced in 2023 from \$100 to \$50 and in 2024 the rebate will be means tested.

From the start of Term 1 2024 and Term 3 2024, eligible families will be able to apply for a new Active and Creative Kids voucher value at up to \$50, however only families eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A will be eligible for the new program in 2024.

It is important to note that the existing Active Kids voucher program provided a \$50 voucher from 1st July 2023 and this voucher can be still used until 31st January 2024 to register for winter 2024. If parents have not yet used their Active kids voucher they should ensure that they apply for their voucher and make use of it before it expires.

We have provided a link below to the Active Kids program where you can find more information – note you must apply for vouchers and have them available when you reach the payment page of your 2024 registration in order to use them.

<http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-an-active-kids-voucher>

### **When does the season start?**

Team organising and player grading for ages Under 9 and up will then take place early February 2024 with pre season training and trial games getting underway in March before official season kick off in April 2024 with games running through to end of August.

### **What is my age group?**

To be eligible to play in “under age” grades, a player must be under the relevant age on the 31st December of the previous year – eg to play

- Under 6 in 2024 you must be 5 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 7 in 2024 you must be 6 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 8 in 2024 you must be 7 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 9 in 2024 you must be 8 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 10 in 2024 you must be 9 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 11 in 2024 you must be 10 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 12 in 2024 you must be 11 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 13 in 2024 you must be 12 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 14 in 2024 you must be 13 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,
- Under 15 in 2024 you must be 14 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,

Under 16 in 2024 you must be 15 or younger on 31stDecember 2023,  
Under 18 in 2024 you must be 17 or younger on 31stDecember 2023.

To be eligible to play in “over age” grades, a player must be over the relevant age on 31st December in the previous year – eg to play Over 35’s in 2024 you must be 35 on 31st December the 2023.

### **Player Grading / Team Organising**

Epping Football Club will grade players in mixed teams from U9-U18 to ensure players are in a team with players of equal ability and that the team is entered in a suitable level with teams of similar ability. Check our website for [further info](#) as to how and why we grade players. Our player grading sessions will be held Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at West Epping park – registered players will be sent further info closer to this date.

For mini teams in U6-U8 we encourage players to form teams with friends and will assist in this process where required.

For our all girls teams who play Sunday games, we are generally not required to grade players into teams as we have lower player number and only one team in most age groups – additionally the all girls competition usually has only one or two divisions so there is less need to manage teams based on player ability.

### **Playing Formats**

To assist with planning your teams please see below the different playing formats for different age groups.

AGE GROUP	Playing Format on field	Preferred team size	Field size
Minis U6, U7	4 a side - no goal keeper	6	30mx20m
U8, U9	7 a side with goal keepers	10	40mx30m
U10,U11, U12	9 a side with goal keepers	12	70mx50m
U13 to seniors	11 a side with goalkeepers	16	Full Field
Masters men and women	9 a side with goal keepers	Dec-14	70x50m

### **Who coaches the players?**

All teams require a coach. Our club is run on volunteers and we ask parents of players to consider coaching or managing their child’s team. Coaching is a great experience as a parent and you only need some basic knowledge of football to be able to perform the coaching role. The club will support new and existing coaches no matter what their experience levels and have various online resources to assist as well as offering FFA accredited coaching courses free of charge to our club coaches.

For our youngest players in Under 6 and Under 7 where coaches are more often new to the role we employ a cooperative training program where all teams in these ages train at the same time with experienced players and coaches from the club employed to assist in setting up and running the activities and ensuring the coach is supported in their role. Our cooperative training sessions are lots of fun and have become quite a social night for players, coaches and parents.

### **When do teams train?**

Teams train once a week, generally for an hour or hour and a half. Under 6 - Under 8 teams train Fridays afternoons / evening. Under 6 at 5-30pm and Under 7 at 6-30pm in our cooperative training program.

Outside Under 6 - Under 8 ages the team coach once decided will liaise with the team to organise the most convenient training night for the coach and all players subject to the club being able to allocate ground space at the preferred time.

### **When are games played?**

Competition games take place as follows:

- Saturday mornings for youth ages Under 6 - Under 18 mixed / boys teams
- Saturday or Sunday afternoon for adult mens with some potential Friday night games
- Sunday mornings for youth ages Under 6 - Under 18 girls teams.
- Sunday afternoon generally for adult women
- Kick off times vary from roughly 8-30am to 11-30am for youth and 1pm, 3pm and 5pm for adults – a full draw will be made available showing all game times and venues late March / early April.

### **Club Contacts**

Queries relating to 2024 winter registration can be directed to our club contacts below

Mens / Mixed competition queries – [president@eppingfootballclub.com.au](mailto:president@eppingfootballclub.com.au)

Womens competition queries – [womens.registrar@eppingfootballclub.com.au](mailto:womens.registrar@eppingfootballclub.com.au)

Mini player U6-U8 queries - [mini.coordinator@eppingfootballclub.com.au](mailto:mini.coordinator@eppingfootballclub.com.au)