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Welcome to another season of Fitzroy football... our story is only just beginning!

Thanks to our A-Grade Premiership victory in 2019, Fitzroy is heading to Division 5 in 2020. Promotion presents the opportunity to play against a whole host of new opponents, at different grounds, and a variety of new challenges. Our goal is to firmly entrench ourselves at this higher level, further rewarding all our players, sponsors, coaches and volunteers who dared to dream a little last season.

For many weeks now, the executive committee has been working towards next season, sounding out some quality player recruits for 2020, interviewing a number of well credentialed coaching applicants, and meeting with the league, the local government and sports consultants to establish a brand-new strategic plan for the club.

We've also seen a couple of new faces taking charge in other key roles around the club and plans are already under way for an exciting calendar of social events throughout 2020.

But first, let's get some important stuff sorted...

## PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Pre-Season Training is likely to begin in the **second week of January**, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm at the club. Stay tuned to our Facebook pages or TeamApp for further details about our plans for our program for Pre-Season Training as soon as they come to hand.

## ROUND ONE IS SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

In-season training will continue on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the club, with meals served after Thursday training throughout the season. Details of post-match functions will be confirmed as soon as the draw becomes available, but please set a little time aside each Saturday evening during the season for presentation of awards, a meal and drink with your team-mates, and of course, our big social events such as Mouse Cup and the Heritage Round.

## **YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Do your bit and head to [bit.do/fitzroyrego2020](https://bit.do/fitzroyrego2020) and enter in all your details.

**Note:** SportsTG will request a payment of **\$15 for all registrations** this season. This year, all football players across the state will need to pay the \$15 processing fee to the league before they can take to the field. The fee has nothing to do with the club, and the proceeds go directly to the league.

If you have any trouble registering, track down **Aaron Burgess** (0433 790 730) and he'll talk you through it.

## **CLUB FEES 2020**

Fees for season 2020 are **\$325** per player, which, as always, includes the \$30 fee to membership of the Fitzroy Community Club, permitting you voting rights at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday November 28<sup>TH</sup>.

Fees are set to ensure that the FFC meets our financial obligations such as the league affiliation fees, umpire payments, medical supplies and player insurance. (Note that coaches honorarium, guernseys and equipment, ground hire and club maintenance are all covered by fundraising and sponsorship activities).

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the club's canteen or bar. For direct transfer of fees, to the club account, here are the details:

**Account Name:** Fitzroy Community Club

**BSB:** 065-106

**Account Number:** 10082584

**Use reference** "2020PF\_*Lastname*"

**IMPORTANT: Fees must be paid before Round One to be eligible for selection.**

If you would like to create a payment plan with the club, please contact **Giannina Taeger** (0403 286 218).

Another option for payment is to find yourself a player sponsor – please turn over for more details.



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## SPONSORSHIP

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the club, there are many ways to become part of the Fitzroy team! There are a number of packages available and we'd encourage you to pick up a sponsorship flyer available now from the club.

You might also like to ask a friend, relative, employer or local business to sponsor your efforts on field this season. For **\$395**, your sponsor will cover your club fees for 2020 and receive a framed photo, player badge to wear on match days and plenty of advertisements around the club and throughout our social media pages.

FFC Player Sponsorship Flyers are available from the club, and don't worry, if you manage to find a sponsor for yourself after Round One, the club is happy to refund your club fees upon receipt of your sponsor's payment.

## UNIFORM

All players are required to purchase playing shorts and socks for the season (if you don't own some already) and it is your responsibility to ensure that you bring them with you on match days. Shorts and socks are available from the merchandise shop at the club, which will be open during Thursday evening training as the season draws near.

Guernseys are supplied by the club and cleaned each week by a club volunteer in preparation on game day. Your guernseys must be returned to the club kit after each game, unless you are willing to purchase one.

## MERCHANDISE

As well as game day socks and shorts, various club merchandise such as polos, training tops, caps, beanies, jackets and kit bags can be purchased from the merchandise shop at the club.

In 2020, FFC's preferred supplier will be JS Sports and efforts are underway to establish an online store, with details to follow soon. The club strongly suggests that all players purchase a polo shirt for wearing to and from games on match day.

## TEAMAPP: STAY IN TOUCH

Make sure you download TeamApp and join the *Fitzroy Football Club (SA)* TeamApp group, which makes you eligible for Best & Fairest Votes throughout the season and keeps you up-to-date with all the news from around the club: [bit.do/fitzroyteamapp2020](https://bit.do/fitzroyteamapp2020)

## ONE LAST THING

**All players are expected to abide by our club rules** – a copy is available from the club upon request. Furthermore, all players are expected to regularly advise coaching staff of their availability for training and match day... **don't let the team down!**



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