



2022 PLAYER OFFER INFORMATION GUIDE

Congratulations on being selected to play for SWQ Thunder Football Club in 2022. This information guide will provide you and your families with all of the information you need to know prior to accepting or declining your player offer. It is important that you read this guide carefully and understand your commitment.

2022 COMPETITION FORMATS

SWQ Thunder FC teams will play in the following competitions in 2022. The [Football Queensland website](#) contains information about the SAP, NPL and FQPL1 competition formats.

Competition Name		Teams
Skills Acquisition Program	SAP	U9 & U10 SAP teams (Toowoomba Football League competition). U11 & U12 SAP teams (South East Queensland SAP competition).
National Premier League	NPL	U13, U14, U15, U16 & U18 Boys U14 & U16 Girls
FQ Premier League 1	FQPL1	U23 and Senior Men's teams U23 and Senior Women's teams

2022 PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES

Player registration fees are set by the SWQ Thunder Board prior to the start of each season. Fees vary for each age group as stated in the table below. The Board considers a range of factors when determining fees. Player registration fees are the main source of income for the club.

Competition	Team	Player Registration Fee
FQPL1 Men & Women	U23 & Seniors	No fee
NPL Boys	U13 to U18	\$2475 incl GST
NPL Girls	U14 & U16	\$2475 incl GST
SAP	U9 & U10	\$1090 incl GST
SAP	U11 & U12	\$1540 incl GST

Your player registration fee represents excellent value for money when you consider the full extent of what you are paying for.

- 3 training sessions per week during a 35-week season
- Qualified paid coaches who attend training session and games
- Technical Director/s and SAP Coordinator who oversee the football program and coach development
- Access to fields, lighting and specialist football equipment
- Use of match day playing strip and alternative playing strip
- Season launch and end of season presentation functions
- Team photo and end of season club magazine
- Club organisation and administration, including Majestri player management system
- Club marketing through website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Flickr and Twitter





- Club membership and supporters pack for the registering parent of Under 18 players
- Club membership for players 18 years or older

CHANGES TO TEAM OFFER

Our Senior Men's and Women's teams continue to take shape well into the new year as new and existing players are offered senior playing contracts and other players move into higher squads. Players in Under 18 NPL (Boys), 23 (Men) and Under 23 (Women) may be offered a place in a higher-level team, including potentially being offered a Senior contract. Players will be refunded any monies owing if the fee associated with their new team is lower than that of their initial team offer.

2022 TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

SWQ Thunder FC teams will train on the days, times and venues as outlined below. Training will commence for each team as indicated. Minor changes may occur to these times from time to time and will be communicated to players and their families as required. Each manager will set up a communication group (Facebook, WhatsApp etc) to communicate important messages to their respective teams.

From time to time training will be cancelled due to wet weather. The club informs team managers of this decision and team managers advise players and families of the cancellation and any alternative training arrangements. This could include training at an indoor sports venue.

Teams	Training Days	Training Times	Training Venue	Training Commences
FQPL1 Senior Men	Monday Wednesday Thursday	6.45 pm Warm Up 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Highfields Sport & Recreation Park	Monday 3 January 2022
FQPL1 Under 23 Men				
NPL Under 18 Boys				
NPL Under 16 Boys	Monday Wednesday Friday	5.45 pm Warm Up 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm	To Be Advised	Monday 17 January 2022
NPL Under 15 Boys				
NPL Under 14 Boys				
NPL Under 13 Boys				
FQPL1 Senior Women	Monday Wednesday Thursday	6.45 pm Warm Up 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Kratzke Oval, Highfields	Monday 10 January 2022
FQPL1 Under 23 Women				
NPL Under 16 Girls	Monday Wednesday Thursday	5.15 pm Warm Up 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Kratzke Oval, Highfields	Monday 17 January 2022
NPL Under 14 Girls				
SAP Under 12	Monday Wednesday Friday	4.15 pm Warm Up 4.30 pm – 5.45 pm	To Be Advised	Monday 31 January 2022
SAP Under 11				
SAP Under 10				
SAP Under 9				





2022 COMPULSORY CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Club clothing is purchased through the [Majestri Online Shop](#) during the registration process. Every player is required to wear the compulsory clothing items required for their team as shown in the table below. All clothing purchases must be paid for in full at the time of purchasing and are not able to be included in payment plans.

The club holds limited stock of common clothing items during the year. Parents and players should consider their clothing needs for the entire season when making their initial order, including purchasing multiple/spare clothing items and items that will be required for the cooler winter months. Parents and players can place additional orders during the year through the [Majestri Online Shop](#), however delivery can take up to 6 weeks if the club is out of stock and need to place an order through KAPPA.

The table below shows the compulsory clothing items required by players of each team. Optional clothing items can also be purchased. New players to the club must purchase all compulsory clothing items. Returning players only need to purchase the clothing items that they require to supplement their 2020 club clothing kits.

This year when ordering in the Majestri Online Shop, you will need to add each individual item (selecting correct size for each) one item at a time to your shopping basket. This is different to the kit ordering process used last year.

Club Clothing Description	Size	SAP U9 – U12	NPL U13 – U18	FQPL1 U23 - Senior
KAPPA Training Shirt	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Training Shorts	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Training Socks	Youth 9-2, Adult 2-7, 7-11, 11-14	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Warm Up Jumper	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Zip Up Jumper	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Coaches and Managers only		
KAPPA Spray Jacket	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Track Pants	6 - 14, XS - 5XL	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Playing Socks	Youth 9-2, Adult 2-7, 7-11, 11-14	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Travel Polo Shirt	XS - 5XL	Not Required	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Travel Shorts	XS - 5XL	Not Required	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Crew Socks	Youth 9-2, Adult 2-7, 7-11, 11-14	Not Required	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Medium Back Pack	each	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
SWQ Thunder Water Bottle	each	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
SWQ Thunder Cap	each	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
KAPPA Coach Jacket	XS - 5XL	Coaches only		
SWQ Thunder Polo Shirt	10 - 14, XS - 5XL	OPTIONAL - Parents and Supporters		
SWQ Thunder Scarf	each	OPTIONAL - Players, Officials, Parents and Supporters		
SWQ Thunder Soft Shell Jacket	10 - 14, XS - 5XL	OPTIONAL - Players, Officials, Parents and Supporters		

If you have any questions about player clothing requirements or ordering processes, please email Karen Miller at karenmiller@swqthunder.com or 0466 874 062 (after hours only please).





CLOTHING SIZING DAYS

The Club will hold two clothing sizing days for players to try on uniform sizes before ordering. It is strongly recommended that new families take up this opportunity. A [KAPPA Sizing Chart](#) is also available for families that are unable to attend.

Clothing Sizing Days will be held downstairs at the Toowoomba Indoor Sports, 31 Spencer Street Harristown on the following days:

Clothing Sizing Day 1 (Retained Players) 9.00 am to 12.00 pm on Saturday 23rd October 2021
Clothing Sizing Day 2 (Selected Players) 9.00 am to 12.00 pm on Saturday 20th November 2021

NPL FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SWQ Thunder FC offers full and part scholarships for U13-U18 NPL Boys and for U14-U16 NPL Girls. Information and application forms for the [SWQ Thunder Football Scholarship Program](#) can be downloaded from the club's website. Scholarship applications must be submitted to Janelle Sothmann at swqthunderfc@gmail.com by **Friday 19th November 2021**.

Families who submit a scholarship application are still required to complete the Majestri player registration, set up a payment plan and pay the 15% up-front deposit by the offer acceptance due date. A refund will be provided if your child is awarded a scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email in early December 2021 and will need to sign and return a Scholarship Agreement.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM

Families are able to seek individual player sponsorships from a local business or sponsor their own child through their own business. Information and application forms for the **SWQ Thunder FC Individual Player Sponsorship Program** can be downloaded from the club's website.

- [SAP \(Under 9 & 10\) Individual Player Sponsorship](#)
- [SAP \(Under 11 & 12\) Individual Player Sponsorship](#)
- [NPL \(Under 13 – 18\) Individual Player Sponsorship](#)

Families intending to submit an individual player sponsorship application are required to complete the player registration in Majestri, set up a payment plan and pay the 15% up-front deposit **by Tuesday 26th October 2021**. A refund will be provided once the club receives the scholarship payment from the relevant business.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a Fair Play voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees with registered activity providers. More information about [how to apply for Fair Play vouchers](#) can be found on the Queensland Government Sport and Recreation website. Vouchers are offered in various rounds throughout the year and you are limited to 1 voucher per child per calendar year. Once you have obtained your voucher, email this the voucher to the club at swqthunderfc@gmail.com.





CURRENT SWQ THUNDER FC BOARD DIRECTORS AND PORTFOLIOS

Chairman	Luke Stenhouse	lukestenhouse@swqthunder.com
Director (Football Operations)	Janelle Sothmann	swqthunderfc@gmail.com
Director (Football Performance)	Stef Hlaca	stefhlaca@swqthunder.com
Director (Facilities, Planning & Infrastructure)	Michael Clarkson	michaelclarkson@swqthunder.com
Director (Uniform, Sponsorship & Events)	Karen Miller	karenmiller@swqthunder.com
Director (Media Operations)	Laurie Passante	media@swqthunder.com
Director (Finance)	Nicole Rametta	accounts@swqthunder.com
Director (Governance)	Danny Clifford	dannyclifford@swqthunder.com

2022 TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Mike Mulvey is the club's Technical Director. As outlined in his [Wikipedia profile](#), Mike is a very experienced football coach and technical director having coached successfully in the A League, W League, Queensland Academy of Sport and at other overseas football clubs.

The Technical Director is responsible for designing, overseeing and quality assuring the club's male and female football programs. He supports the ongoing development of coaches so that players and teams are being fully developed in alignment with the Club's Player Development Plan and FFA's National Football Curriculum.

Club protocol is that all enquiries by parents of players are to be made through team managers. Team managers respond to enquiries and, if necessary, seek information from coaches, the technical director and board members. If necessary, Mike Mulvey can be contacted at mikemulvey@swqthunder.com

2022 SAP COORDINATOR

Natalie Lawson is the new SAP Coordinator. Natalie oversees the operations of the SAP program and keeps coaches and managers informed about training and competition arrangements. If necessary, Natalie Lawson can be contacted at lawsonfamily@bigpond.com

2022 TEAM COACHES

The club is still finalising coach appointments. The club will announce the successful coach appointments via social media after the Board has ratified these appointments at the October Board Meeting. Qualified coaches interested in being considered for any vacant coach positions should contact Mike Mulvey at mikemulvey@swqthunder.com

2022 TEAM MANAGERS

Managers are appointed by the SWQ Thunder Board, in consultation with coaches. Managers communicate information from coaches and the club in a timely manner and coordinate the participation of players and families in football activities. This is usually done via a team social media group (eg Facebook or WhatsApp) set up by the Manager. Managers are volunteers and rely on all parents to assist with various tasks throughout the year. It helps everyone if Managers:

- Are well organised
- Communicate clearly face to face and in writing
- Able to regularly attend games and most training sessions





- Are able to receive and pass on messages in a timely manner (eg cancelling training)
- Work well in partnership with team coaches and club officials

Parents interested in nominating for a team manager position should complete the [2022 Team Manager Expression of Interest](#) in Majestri **by Friday 19th November 2021**.

Team managers will be advised by email in early-December 2021. This email will include instructions for new Managers to order a free, compulsory club Managers' clothing kits.

PREPARATION FOR PRE-SEASON TRAINING

All players are expected to commence pre-season training with a base level of fitness that provides a solid foundation for further fitness development and avoids the likelihood of early season injuries. This can be achieved through general fitness training or participation in other active sporting and recreational activities.

Some players may be ending a season of another sport when pre-season training begins. Please advise your team manager if you are unable to attend training sessions or pre-season games due to these commitments.

COMPULSORY CLUB INDUCTION EVENING

Early every year, the SWQ Thunder FC gathers all players, parents and officials together to provide important information and expectations about the season ahead. Parents will be notified of the date and time of this compulsory club event. Families new to the club may be interested in viewing the [2021 Club Induction presentation](#), located on the Club's website.

SEASON OPENING EVENT AND CLUB PHOTO

Prior to the season commencing, the club holds Season Opening event and Club Photo. Senior men and women players are presented with their playing jerseys. Parents will be notified of the date and time of this compulsory club event.

EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

South West Queensland Thunder FC has high standards and behaviour expectations of all players, supporters and officials associated with the club. We have a proud reputation for playing and watching football with great sportsmanship. The club values the process of playing good football in the right spirit rather than focussing solely on the final result.

Everyone involved in our club must act within club's Codes of Conduct, Football Federation Australia's [National Code of Conduct](#) and [National Spectator Code of Behaviour](#). Players, officials, parents/guardians and spectators are encouraged to become familiar with codes and enact these during their participation all football activities.

COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT

From time to time, problems or disagreements occur that require the club to manage minor complaints to achieve a satisfactory outcome. The following is an excerpt from the club's Complaints Procedure

- 1. If a minor disagreement or minor complaint surfaces within the team regarding your son/daughter, another player, Coach or Manager, the complainant shall initially attempt to resolve this situation within your team.*





- i.e.- If you have a complaint regarding players, you are required to contact your Manager*
- If your complaint is with your Coach, you are required to contact your Manager*
 - If your complaint is with your Manager, you are required to contact your Coach*

If that attempt does not provide a satisfactory or reasonable outcome, the complainant may notify the Football Operations Manager and make an informal complaint.

2. If the complaint is of a serious or sensitive nature, the complainant shall notify the Football Operations Manager and make an informal complaint.

KEEPING CONNECTED AND UP TO DATE

SWQ Thunder FC communicates regularly with our families, supporters and broader football community through our various social media sites. Please connect with us on your favourite social media site to keep up to date with all things Thunder.

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- [SWQ Thunder FC website](#)
- [SWQ Thunder FC Facebook](#)
- [SWQ Thunder FC YouTube](#)
- [SWQ Thunder FC Twitter](#)
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