

Bribie Tigers

Registration Fees 2020 – Explanatory Document

The registration fees for the 2020 season have increased across all player groups when compared to the 2019 fees but are roughly equal to that of 2018.

The 2020 committee felt that it would be useful to explain how the budgetary process works and why these increases have occurred.

How are fees set each year?

In the lead up to each season, the committee goes through a forward budget setting process to inform at what level to set member fees. Bribie Tigers is a not for profit organisation. All player fees are used to run and develop the organisation for the benefit of the membership.

When establishing the budget, costs are broken down into three different areas – administration, predicted maintenance and team specific costs.

Administration costs are those associated with the core running of the organisation. These include electricity for the Club house, postage, stationary, cleaning and IT related expenses. All players pay a proportion of this total cost equally.

Predicted maintenance costs are to those to maintain the infrastructure of the Clubhouse and ancillary buildings, such as the toilet and changing rooms, as well as line painting of the fields. All players pay a proportion of this total cost equally.

Team specific costs are allocated to each team individually, depending upon the predicted costs per team. This includes electricity for floodlights, end of year trophies, presentation day and referees costs. Fees are only proportioned to teams that incur that expense. For example, the U6/7 teams are not allocated any referee fees since official referees are not required at their matches, floodlight electricity costs are only allocated to teams training or playing matches under floodlight. Referee costs vary from U12 upwards, increasingly incrementally with each age group and does vary between senior teams.

Once the total costs have been established, a prediction is made about the total number of player registrations that are expected to register for the coming Season. Fees are then divided, taking into account team specific variances, by this total number to reach a per player cost. These are then added to the affiliation fees, which are charged to each player by Football Federation Australia, Football Queensland and Sunshine Coast Football, to make the total registration fee per age group.

Why have costs risen this year?

The reason that fees have increased compared to the 2019 season is three fold -

Lower than predicted numbers during 2019

During the 2019 season, it was predicted that 286 players would register with the Club so per player costs were proportioned accordingly. In the end though only 232 players registered, which meant the

budgeted income to cover core costs was significantly lower than expected. To fund this shortfall the Club had to undertake a cost recovery exercise to cover some Club running costs that would have been contributed to by these 54 players.

For the 2020 season, 232 player registrations have been predicted. A similar cost base that was proportioned between a predicted 286 players in 2019, has to be proportioned between a predicted 232 players for 2020.

Volunteer Shortage

In recent years the various Club committees have tried very hard through a number of strategies, to increase the volunteer numbers without success. Aside of the Club's amazing volunteer coaches and team managers, volunteers are desperately needed to run other essential areas of the Club, including the canteen/bar facility and grounds maintenance.

Due to this shortage, over the past 2 seasons, casual employed staff have had to be used to run the canteen/bar on Friday evening/Saturday morning and undertake ground maintenance activities. There are obviously costs associated with this which have to be included within registration fees.

During the 2020 season the committee has budgeted for 2 casually employed staff members being available to operate the canteen/bar facilities for home games every Saturday morning of the season. The committee have committed between them to run the canteen/bar on Friday evening in addition to their varied committee responsibilities. It is hoped that volunteers from member families will also offer time to man the canteen and support game day operations. The staffing costs for Saturday mornings are included in the registration costs.

As a committee we are hoping that we might be able to encourage a higher level of volunteering from parents, families and friends during 2020. If this occurs then any unused employment costs will be reinvested into the Club facilities. If volunteer numbers and commitment is sustained, then it is possible that these costs could be removed for the 2021 season.

If you are prepared to offer time voluntary to support your Club, even an occasional shift in the canteen, you would be most welcome. Please contact Stuart Cooper, Club Treasurer in the first instance via treasurer@bribieislandfc.com.au

Additional GST

Some items in the registration fee for previous seasons was felt could be charged free of GST. Unfortunately, the Club accountant advised this year that this shouldn't have been the case. The Club is now therefore required to add the GST onto these items.

Summary

In summary, there has been an unavoidable increase in registration fees for the 2020 season due to a fall in player numbers and employed staff costs.

The Club makes no profit from registration fees, which are used to cover the core costs associated with running and developing the Club for the benefit of members.

Stuart Cooper

Club Treasurer on behalf of the 2020 Club Committee