



2021 Floreat Athena Football Club Juniors Player Registration

Established in 1951 the (now) Mount Hawthorn/Leederville based Floreat Athena has a long and proud history promoting the “World Game” here in Western Australia.

In 2021 the club is celebrating its 70th anniversary and there are some exciting events planned to commemorate this milestone.

Please read the below information for both new and existing players on what we offer and how to sign up and register for the 2021 season. If you have any questions please email Francesca Santoro our Miniroos Coordinator at junioradmin@floreatathenafc.com.au.

Online Registration is OPEN

We request that everyone please register [online](#) at playfootball by selecting **Floreath Athena FC** as your club and then proceeding to choose your relevant Age Group or Team. You will need the email address that you used to create your playfootball account last year. If you are new to playfootball you will need to create an account for yourself (as the guardian) and link your child or children to your account.

As a courtesy please also email junioradmin@floreatathenafc.com.au to confirm registration with Francesca, who will then advise when training commences and other important dates to keep in mind.

2021 Registration Fees

U6/7 Miniroos Cluster: \$250 per player

U8-11 Miniroos: \$300 per player

U12s: \$330 per player

U13-U16 JBL: \$380 per player

All fees include:

- Team Registration
- Individual Registration
- City of Vincent Reserve Hire (Britannia Reserve)
- Portion of Clubrooms Hire (Britannia Reserve Clubrooms)
- Individual Trophy
- Trophy Presentation Day
- Equipment: Pop up goals, cones and balls
- Line Marking
- One Standard FAFC Club Membership per registered child for one parent – Entitles families to discounted hall hire and other member benefits including voting rights at the AGM
- FREE Family Entry into all Senior Floreat Athena Senior NPL matches

Training Kit

Shorts, socks and training shirts will be available for purchase as a kit for approximately \$50 for all three items directly through our supplier [Onside Sports](#) Match strips are distributed to players to wear on game days by the Team Manager.

Volunteers

All clubs rely on volunteers to ensure they run efficiently and smoothly. We are all parents and understand that time is scarce however many hands make light work so we have many ways that you can assist the club in your voluntary efforts. When asked in the drop-down menu during registration please select one of the following:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Junior Committee Member
- Canteen
- Website and Social Media
- Sponsor
- Admin Duties
- Events co-ordination
- Sausage Sizzle

Throughout the season we will have rosters assigned for setup/packup of goals, canteen duty and ground marshals and possibly others. You may be required or rostered on 2-4 times in the season. Coaches and Team Managers are exempt from these duties.

Events

FAFC recognises its unique position in the heart of the community and run events that players, friends and families and the wider community can attend throughout the year.

These may include:

- Quiz Nights
- Bogan Bingo
- Stall at the Mount Hawthorn Street Fair
- Sausage Sizzles
- Food Themed Nights
- Team Dinners
- Attending Senior NPL matches as mascots and or ball kids
- End of Season Trophy Day

Please feel free to suggest any other event ideas to the junior committee at junioradmin@floreatathenafc.com.au

Football

All teams will play matches on Sunday morning and for the 2021 season, training days will take place as follows:

- U6/U7's to typically train Wednesday afternoons between 5-6pm on the main Litis Stadium pitch
- U8's and over to typically train Wednesday afternoons between 5-6pm on the northern end of Britannia Reserve. Subject to coach availability, teams will have the option to have a second training session on Monday afternoons between 5-6pm on the northern end of Britannia Reserve. Please note that other training days and times are strictly subject to coach and training area availability. All options available will be provided to your designated team following the player assessment period.

In addition for the 2021 season, Floreat Athena will be providing an optional Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) session. These sessions will be made available for Terms 2 and 3 and will be taking place on Friday afternoons inside on the main Litis Stadium. They will be run by our new Minirosos Technical Director, Dean Evans. The SAP sessions will be available to book per term at a cost of \$15 per session.

We follow the FFA curriculum and are excited to have our new Minirosos Technical Director Dean Evans on board. Dean is our First Team captain and also runs his successful football coaching business [The Football Centre](#) in Osborne Park.

Dean will oversee all coaching at the club from U6s to U11s and ensure coaches are adequately up to date with current teachings and provide guidance to our coaches. All our coaches will be accredited to the appropriate FFA levels in 2021.

The coaching of the U12's onwards will be overseen by our Technical Director Dr Fadi Ma'ayah. The U12's are seen as a key age group for Floreat Athena, as it is the age group that is used as a transition to the full-sized, 11-a-side game and rules. Dr Fadi has presided over the successful rebuilding of our NPL program and the next step is to maximise the number of Floreat Athena Miniroos players graduating into the NPL teams and developing a highly competitive Junior Development teams.

Girls Football

Last season saw us for the first time have a girls-only team in the Under 10 Football West All-Girls competition. With the Women's FIFA World Cup coming to Australia and New Zealand in 2023 we are actively expanding our girl's teams and hope to create more pathways for girls and women at FAFC. For Season 2021, we are hoping to field teams in both the Under 10s and 12s Football West All-Girls competitions.

We appreciate that girls need to be provided with choice in terms of whether they wish to play in mixed or all-girls competitions and plan to accommodate the choices our girls make in 2021. Within the playfootball registration you will find selections for Girls Only or mixed teams.

Player Assessment

At FAFC we understand that "player assessment" is a policy that some parents have strong opinions about. Please see below the player assessment policy for under 8's onwards at FAFC and the reasons behind why we do it this way.

- We do not grade u6's and 7's, these teams are mixed every week to allow the kids to get to know each other throughout the season.
- For U8s onwards, at the beginning of the season, the junior committee will register teams in different divisions based how teams performed the previous season. The amount of teams depend on how many children register, however we are expecting to split the children into three to four teams per age group and allocate those teams into divisions based on the team's ability levels. The children will not be told they are in division A,B,C etc, but we will use the Football West colour system for example Emus Blue, Emus Red and Emus Purple.

The player assessment process gives all players the opportunity to demonstrate their talents to a variety of unbiased club selectors, irrespective of the team they played with in the previous season. The Club considers this as important in providing equal opportunity to all players as young player's abilities can change dramatically during a 12-month period. A player who is assessed into a team in one season may change the following year. This is the best format to maintain equality of opportunity.

The two main reasons FAFC chooses to perform player assessments from U8's onwards are:

- The club believes it adds to the enjoyment of the child's game if they are playing with and against players of similar or equal ability. This gives each child the chance to fully participate, enjoy the experience and develop to his/her full potential as a player. Our past experience has shown that it is frustrating for any individual to play in a team which is clearly above or below their level of ability. While children may not always be able to play with their best friends, they will quickly form friendships and bonds with their new team mates, a skill that will help them later in life.
- The second reason is due to the fact that the other competing clubs across Perth perform a similar process so it is important to do the same to have a fun, fair and challenging competition for all. It will ensure that your child's involvement in the game, their contribution to the team, as well as their football skills are optimised.

Please note if you prefer your child not to partake in the player assessment it is not compulsory, however, your child will be placed in a team at the discretion of the Miniroos Technical Director.

If parents would prefer for their children to be placed together in a team, this would need to be confirmed by both children's parents via sending a request to junioradmin@floreatathenafc.com.au If two children wish to play together

they will be placed in the team of the player who was at the time of the player assessment placed in the weaker category.

We will do our best to fulfil requests, however, the final decision on what teams are formed is ultimately made by our Miniros Technical Director.

What can I expect from the player assessment process itself?

There will be a panel of unbiased selectors led by our Miniros Technical Director Dean Evans observing the children at player assessment training sessions over a two week period.

Selection will be based on the following assessment:

- Technical Ability – including controlling the ball, passing, dribbling and striking the ball.
- Team Play - including positional sense, getting into space to receive passes, looking to pass, working as a team.
- Ability to learn and have a growth mindset as well as being a good teammate.

Players will then be allocated to their respective teams.

Parent Guide to Miniros (covers age groups U6's to U12's)

For more information and an outline of the curriculum please see below:

https://www.playfootball.com.au/sites/play/files/2018-01/14701_football_aldi-miniros-collateral_parent-information-pack.pdf