



# REGISTRATIONS PLAYER MOVEMENTS POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

- a) This Player Movements Policy applies only to Players designated as Amateur under the National Registration Regulations of the Football Federation Australia.
- b) This Player Movements Policy does not apply to Players who are discontinuing playing football for the current season. For discontinuing players please refer to the Football Queensland Refunds Policy.
- c) For the purposes of this document the total fee paid by an Amateur Player is assumed to consist of any of the following:
  - National Registration Fee (NRF);
  - Insurance Fee;
  - Member Federation Registration Fee (MRF);
  - District Association Fee;
  - Competition Administrator Fee; and
  - Club Fee.

### 1.1. Definitions

The following definitions apply for the purposes of this document.

#### **Club**

An entity registered with FFA to field a team in a Competition as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

#### **Competition Administrator**

Entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

#### **Competition Fees**

The fees designated by a Competition Administrator as payment for their conduct and staging of any competition, tournament or league sanctioned by Football Queensland.

#### **District Association**

Zone or Regional body that is a member of a Member Federation as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

#### **Member Federation**

State or Territory governing body as defined in the National Registration Regulations.

#### **Insurance Fee**

The premium paid by a Member Federation to the FFA National Insurance Programme to provide Personal Injury and Association Liability (Public and Products Liability, Professional Indemnity, and Management Liability) cover.

### **Previous Club**

The Club the Amateur Player was registered via the National Registration System to before they registered with their current Club.

### **New Club**

The Club the Amateur Player is currently registered (status of 'Active') with via the National Registration System.

### **Governing Body Fees**

The combined fees comprising the:

- National Registration Fee (NRF);
- Member Federation Registration Fee (MRF), excluding Insurance Fee;
- District Association Fee; and
- Competition Administrator Fee.

## **2. Player Movement Registration Reimbursement**

(a) Under this policy

- i. the Amateur Players Previous Club is reimbursing the Amateur Player for their Governing Body and Insurance Fees;
- ii. the Amateur Players New Club is charging the Amateur Player for these Governing Body and Insurance Fees;
- iii. Football Queensland, District Associations and Competition Administrators will not invoice the Amateur Players Previous Club for their registration in the National Online Registration System; and
- iv. Football Queensland, District Associations and Competition Administrators will invoice the Amateur Players New Club for their registration in the National Online Registration System.

### **2.1. Eligibility for Reimbursement**

(a) Notwithstanding requirements by statute (such as in accordance with state and/or federal consumer protection legislation), Football Queensland, its District Associations, Competition Administrators, and Clubs are only required to reimburse registration fees (or parts thereof) to Amateur Players where:

- i. the Amateur Player has been de-registered in the National Online Registration System from the Previous Club they registered for in the current season in accordance with the National Registration Regulations; and
- ii. the Registration Status of the Amateur Player has been made "Active" in the National Online Registration System for a New Club within the same football type in the current season in accordance with the National Registration Regulations; and

- iii. the Amateur Players provides an invoice issued by the National Registration System showing payment of fees to the New Club within the same football type in the current season; and
  - iv. the Amateur Player requests reimbursement of fees from the Previous Club in accordance with the Registration/De-Registration Periods notified by Football Queensland, its District Associations, or Competition Administrators.
- (b) At their complete discretion, Football Queensland may deem exceptional circumstances and provide a proportionate reimbursement of registration fees in certain no fault circumstances.

## **2.2. Composition of Reimbursement**

- (a) Amateur Players only need to pay Governing Body and Insurance Fees once for each season and football type.
- (b) As the original point of payment for the full Registration Fee Package (i.e. Governing Body, Insurance and Club Fees, the Amateur Players Previous Club is responsible for reimbursing all Governing Body Fees in full.
- (c) At their complete discretion, the Amateur Players Previous Club may provide a proportionate refund of Club Fees to the Amateur Players.

## **2.3. Procedure for Recovery of a Reimbursement**

- (a) For an Amateur Players be considered for any reimbursement of Governing Body and Insurance Fees, they must follow the Football Queensland Reimbursement for Player Movement Procedure before the closure of any notified Registration/De-Registration Periods.

## **2.4. Payment of Reimbursement**

- (a) Once the Reimbursement for Player Movement Procedure has been complied with the Amateur Players Previous Club will:
  - i. reimburse full Governing Body and Insurance Fees to the Amateur Player; and
  - ii. notify the District Association of the reimbursement of Governing Body and Insurance Fees.

## **2.5. Form of Reimbursement**

- (a) Reimbursement will be paid in a form at the discretion of the Club; however Clubs will use their best endeavours to provide the reimbursement in the form requested.