

North Hobart Junior Football Club Inc – Policy Document N° 8

JUMPERS - Policy Document N° 8

The Club has two jumper styles - an older acrylic wool style and a modern polyester style.

The Club is progressively replacing the older style with the modern polyester style and will complete the transition in 2008.

The colours for the polyester jumpers are consistent with Melbourne FC colours.

The Club currently sources jumpers from Sherwood Knitting Mills, Yarraville Victoria but is investigating other suppliers.

Current jumper sizes range from adult size 6 to 30, which are equivalent to chest size 28" (70cm) to chest size 52" (130cm). Corresponding child sizes start from size 8/10 for chest size 28", then size 12 for chest size 30" and so on.

Club policy is to issue long sleeve jumpers only to Junior teams (U08-U12). Youth teams (U13-U15) have a choice of long or short sleeve.

Auskick are not issued jumpers for normal sessions but may be issued jumpers for special events and games.

The Club has from time to time issued jumpers on loan to local schools (New Town High and Sacred Heart College) for school competitions and will continue this policy on an occasional basis where resources allow.

The Club responsibility is to issue a jumper of suitable size, in good repair and condition and with a number attached, to every registered and competing player from U08 to U15.

New jumpers are ordered where the existing stock of jumpers cannot meet current requirements. A player is not guaranteed a new jumper if an existing jumper is satisfactory.

Where jumpers are being replaced, a mix of new and used jumpers may be issued to players in the same team according to the availability of sizes, sleeve length and jumper numbers.

The Club will attempt to issue preferred numbers where possible. Where a preferred number is not available a player may obtain the agreement of another player in the same team to use that player's preferred or traditional number. Players in the same junior team may be issued with identical numbers if unique numbers are unavailable. Youth teams must be issued (and wear) unique numbers.

The purchase cost of jumpers is mainly met from fundraising and sponsorship and is not factored into registration fees. The average cost of a jumper is currently \$10 per year for a 5 year life.

Players may request to buy and wear their own jumpers. The Club will consider any request and may agree if the jumper is identical to the Club jumper and the number is the player's usual number or the requested number is not the preferred or traditional number of any other player in the same team. The player making the request may obtain the agreement of another player in the same team to use that player's preferred or traditional number. A player may wish to sell the jumper (e.g., if they grow out of it) to the Club. The Club will consider purchase at an agreed price based on age and condition of jumper and relevance to the Club's current requirements

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A player will not be issued a new jumper until a previously issued jumper is returned or the replacement cost is paid. Players delaying the return of a jumper (eg. returning at start of a new season) may experience delays in getting a new jumper and may not get their preferred type or number.

Jumpers are issued by the Club on loan for the season and always remain the property of the Club.

Jumpers must be returned after a player's last game of the season.

The Club maintains a register of jumpers to keep track of stock and issued jumpers. The Club uses this information to assist planning for future seasons such as organising repairs, replacing worn jumpers and placing new orders.

Parent and player responsibilities are to maintain, use and return jumpers according to Club requirements. These are detailed in the notice below.

This notice must be issued to all parents and players (one per family) when jumper is issued.

The Committee is to update the notice at the beginning of each season.

A player is not to be issued a jumper at the start of a season or later if they register after the start of the season, until all outstanding fees from previous years are settled. Refer to Registration Fees - Policy Document No 4 for procedure.

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Jumper Information for Parents and Players

1. **Sizing** - will occur at training sessions and be completed before a player's first game
2. **Issue & Type** – the Club issues a red and blue Club jumper (acrylic wool or polyester) with a number attached
 - a. the jumper is issued on loan and remains the legal property of the Club
 - b. player and parents are responsible for issued jumper
 - c. the jumper is not to be lent or reissued to another person
 - d. U08 to U12 are issued with long sleeve jumpers only
 - e. U13 to U15 have a choice of long or short sleeve
3. **Identification code** - each jumper has a unique Identification Code which must not be defaced or removed
4. **Preferred numbers** - players can nominate preferred numbers but allocation will depend on availability, precedence and team allocation
5. **Changing numbers** - numbers are attached by the Club and must not be changed without permission of the Property Officer
 - a. permanent (sublimated/unremovable) numbers cannot be changed
 - b. if permitted removable numbers must be sewn on
 - c. iron-on numbers are not allowed unless sewn on, as they are difficult to remove or change
 - d. the Club will provide appropriate numbers on request
6. **Wear** - jumpers are issued for wear during games and Club events and are not intended for wear at training, for everyday wear and for school games without prior permission of the Club
7. **Care** - jumpers should be washed and properly maintained and handed back in good condition allowing for normal wear and tear
 - a. do not remove labels or identification markings or make unauthorised alterations
 - b. do not bleach or use strong detergents or soakers
 - c. washing instructions from label:
 - i. warm machine wash
 - ii. do not bleach
 - iii. do not soak
 - iv. may be tumble dried warm
 - v. warm iron
8. **Return** - jumper is on loan for season and must be returned after player's last game
 - a. if player withdraws before the end of season the jumper must be returned immediately
 - b. if a jumper is returned in a damaged condition the Club may require reimbursement of the cost of repairing the jumper or the current replacement cost if the jumper is unusable
9. **Not returned** - if jumper is not returned or is lost the Club may:
 - a. require reimbursement of the current replacement cost of a jumper
 - b. decline future registration with the Club
 - c. oppose future registration with other clubs in AFL & STJFL competitions
 - d. take other appropriate action
10. **Cost of jumpers** - mainly met from fundraising and sponsorship and is not currently factored into registration fees. The current replacement cost of a jumper is between \$45 and \$55, in 2007 and the average cost is \$10 per year for a 5 year life.

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