

The background features a large, light grey watermark of the Seaford Rangers Football Club crest. The crest is circular, with 'SEAFORD RANGERS' at the top and 'FOOTBALL CLUB' at the bottom. In the center is a shield containing a lion's head and a bird (eagle or phoenix) above it. To the left of the shield is the acronym 'SSSC' and to the right is the year '1974'.

SEAFORD RANGERS SEASON 2026 PARENT HANDBOOK

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Hello all new and returning players and families for season 2026.

In the past 18 months the Seaford Rangers Football Club has taken significant steps forward both on and off the pitch.

On the pitch we continue to build a motivated team of coaches and players in the Federation space where the playing style and vision of Senior Coach, Andrew Calderbank, is heading in the right direction with a very young and talented squad. His new coaching curriculum and coaching support is being implemented this season to establish an identity that can be seen for years to come.

Our three Senior Amateur teams are coming off a very successful season gaining promotion into Division 2 for season 2026. The contribution in and around the club from the squads is very welcome and appreciated by the committee.

Off the pitch we are making consistent positive steps to a debt free future. The culture of the club is changing and there are some genuinely positive vibes on game days and for what the future of the club holds. It is great to see families with a connection and history at this club returning after many years away and offering their kind words and support.

My vision for this club is to bring back the strong community ties that were once synonymous with the club which saw it packed after games with people from the club and the community. Our club is a genuine pathway for young kids from the local area to play first team football and we want to harness this to make a push toward promotion in the near future.

All of this cannot be achieved without our committed team of volunteers behind the scenes that keep the cogs turning week in week out. That being said, we are always needing help. If you have an area of expertise or simply see something that you think could help in any way, be it a small task or something a bit bigger, please seek out a committee member who will point you in the right direction.

David Galloway
Club Chairperson

AGE GROUPS FOR SEASON 2026

The club is focused on making the strongest teams we can at each age group and to do this we require all players to sign up for their correct age group. If a player is deemed suitable for an older age group, this will be discussed either during or post-trial with the child and parent/caregiver.

The club may move players between age groups to assist with playing numbers, team allocations or other reasons as they determine appropriate.

COME & TRY FOR MINI ROOS

These sessions are a come and try and all mini roos will be offered a place irrespective of skill level and ability until we reach capacity.

Mini Roos will be allocated specific teams following sessions held pre-season (dates and times will be provided in due course) where our Junior TD, senior coaches and age group coaches will review all players and allocate teams based on player ability and attitude.

Team selection will follow the FSA guidelines for mini roo leagues - Kanagroos - Wallabies - Joeys.

Individual players will be assessed on their technical ability, historical performance (if applicable), behavior, player attitude and coachability.

Please note friendship preferences cannot be accommodated.

TRIALS FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

As a club participating in the FSA Club Championships we are required to have a team at each age level participate in the Youth Club Championship (YCC) and if the numbers are available we will have another team in the Youth State League (YSL). At this stage we anticipate a YCC and YSL team at U12 - U13 - u14.

As a club we have ambitions to retain talent at Seaford and offer an elite pathway for our youth to play Federation Football. This can be demonstrated with over 11 U18s making their debut at Seniors and Reserves in Season 2025. We also had 3 U15 players frequently called up to our U18 team, along with 5 or 6 of our U16s getting opportunity to play U18s.

Players are considered based on technical ability, historical performance (if applicable), behavior, player attitude and coachability. The primary factor is performance at trial hence all players must attend at least two trials.

There might be some delay in announcing squads due to waiting for players to accept the offer of a position.

Please note, some changes to the teams may happen from time to time, if players do not accept positions and vacancies occur.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS - ALL AGE GROUPS

- Consistent attendance at training
(1 x week for U6-U8 - 2 x week for U9-U16)
- Availability for Sunday games throughout the season with occasional mid-week games, or at other times as determined by the club/opposition provided sufficient notice is given.
- Participation in all training activities and games without disrupting teammates or undermining coaching
 - Willingness to be instructed by appointed coach regardless of coach's ethnicity, gender, religion etc. This includes receptiveness to constructive feedback and willingness to try changes based on coach's direction
 - Consistently enables strong team cohesion needed of a competitive team.

Desirable Attributes

- Availability for pre/post-season friendly matches and grading sessions
- Engagement in additional training programs or home practice to support development of football skills.

Players - Red and Yellow Cards

Should a child receive a red/yellow card due to back chat, disagreeing with the referee or dissent, whether warranted or not, the fine issued by the FSA will be passed on to the player. The player in addition to any suspensions issued by the FSA will not be allowed to play until the fine has been reimbursed to the club.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS - ALL AGE GROUPS

(Taken from Football South Australia Code of Conduct)

PARENTS /CARERS

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants always.
2. Never ridicule, criticise or unduly reprimand a junior player for making a mistake. They do not play intending to make mistakes.
3. Encourage your child to participate for their own interest and enjoyment.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Focus on encouraging your child to develop their skills, playing, and enjoying the game and doing their best. Take the emphasis away from winning.
6. Set an example by always role modelling respectful and positive behaviour. Applaud good play by all players and teams.
7. Accept decisions made by the Referees. They are trying to do their best.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical altercations at games.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.
10. Follow the 'Play by the Rules' guidelines at www.playbytherules.net.au

Team Officials/Parents - Red and Yellow Cards

When a parent whether acting as a team official or as a parent receives a red/yellow card due to back chat, disagreeing with the referee or dissent, whether warranted or not, the fine issued by the FSA will be passed on to the individual. The individual in addition to any suspensions issued by the FSA and the SRFC Committee will not be allowed to attend games/trainings until the fine has been reimbursed to the club.

FEES AND DEPOSITS

Non-Refundable Deposit to secure playing position (Oct 2025)

Mini Roo's U6-U8 \$100

Mini Roo's U9 - U11 \$200

All Juniors \$300

CLUB FEES (includes FSA player registration)

Payable on FSA Play Football website January 2026 and deposit to be taken off.

Mini Roos U6-U8 \$350 - less deposit - \$250 payable

Mini Roos U9-U11 \$550 - less deposit - \$350 payable

Juniors U12 and U13 (YSL & YCC) \$650 - less deposit - \$350 payable

Juniors YCC U14 - U16 \$850 - less deposit - \$550 payable

UNIFORMS

UNIFORM COSTS

New Players - Mini Roos \$230 - Juniors \$250

Returning Players - \$160

Kit Packages and additional merchandise to be order direct from Macron online

<https://macronstoreadelaide.com.au/collections/seaford-rangers>

We have a white home top, and a pink away top with black shorts and socks.

Players are expected to bring the opposite top to all games, to ensure if there is a kit clash, we can change tops and play the game. For those competing U12 and above, failure to have both kits could lead to a match being abandoned and a forfeit being given to the opposition team.

Players can wear previous season kits to training, as well as merchandise purchased from Macron.

TRAINING BALL

At the commencement of preseason every mini roo will be given a ball with their name on it. This is their responsibility, and they will be required to bring it to every training, and to take it home with them.

This exercise will help children with respect, and responsibility as well as encouraging children to practice outside of allocated training sessions
#noexcuses

The player must attend training with the club supplied ball and if balls are lost/damaged, they need to be replaced via the club directly. All replacement balls will be at the expense of the player/family.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Throughout the season we will have fundraising and events for all factions of the club and community. We are a community club and would ask for your support with these either with helping out, attending, donating prizes or just positively talking about them.

The more money raised through fundraising and events, the more we can put back into purchasing better equipment, maintaining some of the lowest and most competitive fees for a Federation club and putting on memorable days like end of season presentations and family fun days.

Support us to support you.

U12 TO U16 - LINESPERSON - REFEREE

Linesperson

U12 to U16 are usually required to provide a linesperson for each game. Their role is supporting the main referee by monitoring offside decisions, ball out-of-play situations, and signaling fouls or misconduct near the touchlines.

Referee

U12 to U16 may have to supply a referee for home games, where one is not appointed by the FSA.

The first priority for the Referee is to keep the game as safe as possible for the players. The referee is responsible for minimizing such risks from field conditions, equipment, spectators, and the players.

The Referee is responsible for enforcing the Laws of the Game in such a way as to keep the game Safe, Fair & Fun. The referee is expected to interfere with the game as little as possible, avoiding making calls for doubtful and minimal offenses.

For those who are keen to participate and volunteer in these roles please refer to the FSA website for information and short courses you can complete to assist with the rules and responsibilities of the linesperson and referee

<https://footballsaustralia.com.au/referee-resources>

MINI ROO GAME LEADER

(Taken from Football South Australia Rules and Regulations)

Each game is to be controlled by one Game Leader. The main role of the Game Leader is to keep the game moving fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match restarts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun, are learning the game and have maximum involvement.

The Game Leader can be a club official, parent, older child/player or beginner referee and should always be enthusiastic and approachable. Most importantly, remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient.

The Game Leader should:

- Encourage all children to have fun and different children to take re-starts;
- Ensure the correct number of players are on the field;
- Discourage players from permanently over-guarding the goal;
- Check all players are wearing shin guards;
- Use a "Ready, Set, Go" prompt to encourage quick decisions when restarting play;
- Encourage children to dribble or pass ball to team mates rather than kick the ball long;
- Ensure the opposing team is at least 5 metres outside the penalty area for all goal line restarts;
- Ensure team officials and parents create a safe, enjoyable and positive playing environment for the children;
- Encourage children to be involved in all aspects of the game, attacking and defending;
- Award free kicks as appropriate to help children learn the rules and consequences of committing fouls;
- Explain the rules to players and why a free kick has been awarded;
- Let the game flow and give instruction to all players on the run where you can;
- Praise and encourage both teams; and
- Be enthusiastic and approachable.
- Game Leaders are encouraged to undertake a free MiniRoos Certificate prior to start of the season.

GROUND STEWARD - "YELLOW VEST"

(Taken from Football South Australia Rules and Regulations)

The main role of the Ground Stewards is to ensure that they monitor the behaviour of their own players and spectators and to assist the match officials.

Requirements of the Club and Ground Stewards:

- The club must appoint the required number of people to act in the role of a Ground Steward. The name/s of the Ground Steward/s must be assigned to the team sheet prior to the commencement of each game.
- A person acting in the role of a Ground Steward must wear the Ground Steward vest as supplied by Football South Australia.
- A person acting in the role of Ground Steward must comply with the Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations.
- A Ground Steward must be 18 years and over.

Role of the Ground Steward:

- The Ground Steward/s is to ensure that only players and officials enter the player's race and/or changing room at all times.
- The Ground Steward/s from each team are responsible for ensuring that only the substitutes and nominated club officials are present in their team's technical area. Reviewed July 2023 FSA Ground Steward Policy -
- The Ground Steward/s is to accompany the match officials off the field of play at half-time and at the conclusion of the game. Once the whistle has been blown for half-time and full-time, the Ground Steward/s is to enter the field of play and accompany the match officials off the field.
- The Ground Steward/s is to be positioned in the areas that their own club spectators are located and ensure that the spectator's conduct is in accordance with the Football Australia and Football South Australia Spectator Code of Conduct.
- The Ground Steward/s is to follow the direction of the Match Officials.
- The Ground Steward is to continue in their role up until the match officials have left the field of play and are inside the changing rooms at the conclusion of the match. If requested the Ground Stewards may be required to escort the match officials from the dressing room to their car.

GROUND STEWARD - "YELLOW VEST"

Roles and Responsibilities of Ground Stewards:

- Prior to the commencement of the game, the Ground Steward/s is to introduce themselves to the match officials where the match officials will provide further direction.
- The Ground Steward is to wear the Ground Steward vest provided by Football South Australia, at all times, while undertaking the role.
- If the venue is fenced, the Ground Steward is to be positioned inside of the fence in the area that their own spectators are located or as directed by the match official.
- While acting in the role of Ground Steward, the person is not a spectator and consequently should not question the decisions of the match officials.
- A Ground Steward should at no time become involved in any verbal or physical altercations.
- A Ground Steward is not to approach opposition supporters and/or club officials regarding their behaviour, this should be undertaken by the opposing team's Ground Stewards.
- In the event that a spectator is neutral and does not align themselves with or support either team participating, then the Ground Steward from the home team will be responsible to monitor and enforce the Football Australia Spectator Code of Conduct in relation to these spectators. . If there are incidences that are not addressed by the relevant Ground Stewards of a club, these should be reported to Football South Australia.
- A Ground Steward must not at any time engage or become involved in any verbal or physical altercations and must attempt to de-escalate any occurrences of this nature.
- All Ground Stewards are responsible for spectators that align themselves with or support their team, Ground Stewards must not engage or become involved with the spectators who align themselves with or support the opposition team.
- While acting in the role of a Ground Steward, the person is not to consume alcohol or smoke (including vaping).
- If a person is appointed as a Ground Steward, this is the only role that they are to undertake on the day.
- A Ground Steward is not to enter the field of play during the match unless directed to do so by the match official or where there are exceptional circumstances such as an assault on a match official.
- If a Ground Steward does encounter any issues or concerns, the Ground Steward Incident Report Form is to be completed and provided to the club, the completed form is to be submitted into Football South Australia by the club. Please note that Football South Australia can only address issues if they are reported.

MINI ROO AND JUNIOR TEAM

MEG HANN
**JUNIOR
COORDINATOR**

**GARY
MCREYNOLDS**
**JUNIOR
TECHINICAL
DIRECTOR**

CASEY WOODS
**MINI ROO
COORDINATOR**

SEAFORD RANGERS COMMITTEE

Treasurer
Nicky McReynolds

Chairperson
Dave Galloway

**Secretary
(Merchandise)**
Robyn Curtis

Committee
Courtney Hanson

Social Media
Vanda Giebel

Committee
James Astley



**Cliff Ave
U10 - U12
Pitch**



**Cliff Ave
U8- U9
Pitch**



**Technical Area - access for
those on team sheet only**



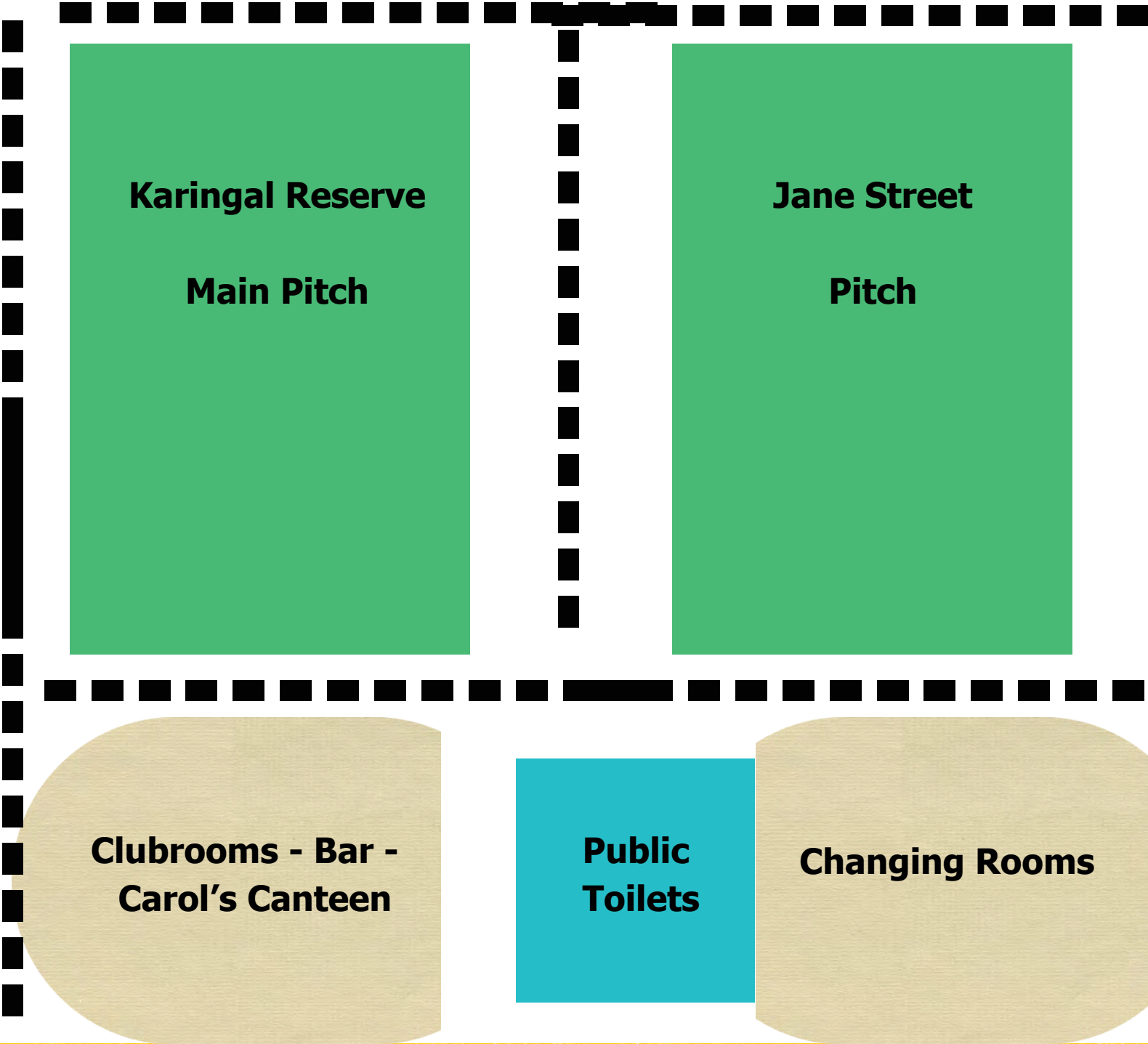
**Footpaths to walk round
pitches**

**AMBO
Access
Keep Gate
Clear**



Car Parking

**Please maintain
a safe speed
and watch out
for children**



**Karingal Reserve
Main Pitch**

**Jane Street
Pitch**

**Clubrooms - Bar -
Carol's Canteen**

**Public
Toilets**

Changing Rooms



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