

SEAFORD RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB



**SEASON 2027
PARENT HANDBOOK**

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all new and returning players and families for the 2027 season.

The past two years the committee has worked incredibly hard to move the club forward in difficult circumstances. We have steadied the ship and are now looking to drive the club forward and up through the leagues in senior, junior and amateur grades.

The club administration is always seeking motivated people to give us a hand with volunteer roles from small day to day jobs to larger tasks that can shape the future of the club. Please approach a member of the committee if you have skills you wish to use.

Enjoy the upcoming season and remember;

Players PLAY

Coaches COACH

Parents CHEER AND SUPPORT.

David Galloway

Club Chairperson

AGE GROUPS FOR SEASON 2027

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 - Kangaroos - Wallabies - Joeys.

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

NOTE:

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).

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 dedication to promoting youth from within our club with members of our U15 and U16 teams making U18 debuts in 2026 and U18 players getting the opportunity to train and play with the senior team

During trials 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 the two trials for the best chance for selection.

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. If you cannot commit to these trainings, it may be club soccer is not the best option for your child. Please discuss it with coach/technical director if you suspect an issue.
- **Game Availability:** 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.
- **Active Participation:** Participation in all training activities and games without disrupting teammates or undermining coaching.
- **Respectful Conduct:** 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.
- **Teamwork:** 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.

COMMITMENT

- We require all players to have a “Team Mindset”
- Be Ready – training time is the start time. Arrive earlier so you are on the pitch ready to go at the scheduled time with boots, on and tied.
- Give 100% Focus and effort at every single session
- Be A Teammate – Support each other on and off the pitch

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)

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.

CLUB FEES and UNIFORMS

CLUB FEES

All players, on acceptance of being offered a place, will be required to pay the Non-Refundable Deposit to secure the playing position within 7 days.

If payment is not received within 7 days, your position will be offered to someone else.

Our club fees **EXCLUDE** the FSA player registration which will be payable on FSA Play Football website at time of Play football registration approx. \$105.

Category	Club Fee	Less Deposit	Balance Payable
Mini Roo's U6-U7	\$300	\$100	\$200 payable
Mini Roo's U8-U9	\$500	\$200	\$300 payable
Mini Roo's U10-U11	\$600	\$200	\$400 payable
Juniors U12 to U13 YSL	\$700	\$300	\$400 payable
Juniors U14 to U16 YSL	\$700	\$300	\$400 payable
Junior Girls	\$600	\$200	\$400 payable
Juniors U13 to U16 YCC	\$900	\$300	\$600 payable
U18 and Reserves	\$1,100	\$400	\$700 payable

UNIFORMS

Kit Fit Out Day – 4th November 2026. If you are unsure of size, come along and try samples on.

Kit Packages **MUST BE** ordered direct from Macron online before **20th November 2026** to ensure delivery prior to season commencement.

Additional items can be purchased at any time before or during the season.

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

Players are expected to bring both playing kits 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.

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.

The same applies to U18 and Reserve matches.

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.
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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/s 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 - ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 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

VANDA GIEBEL
JUNIOR COORDINATOR

GARY MCREYNOLDS
JUNIOR TD

CASEY WOODS
MINI ROO COORDINATOR

ADELE BINNS
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER
MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER

ROBYN CURTIS
MERCHANDISE

NICKY MCREYNOLDS
CHILD SAFETY OFFICE

SEAFORD RANGERS COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON
DAVE GALLOWAY

SECRETARY
ROBYN CURTIS

TREASURER
NICKY MCREYNOLDS

COMMITTEE
KIERAN JACKSON

COMMITTEE
VANDA GIEBEL

COMMITTEE
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COMMITTEE
GAVIN YOUNG

CLUB MAP & PITCH LAYOUT

