



2025 Season Handbook



Mudgeeraba Soccer Club

Est 1979

Established in the heart of the Gold Coast hinterland, Mudgeeraba Soccer Club has been a cornerstone of the local community for decades. Located at the scenic Sid Bigg Park, the club offers a unique, family-friendly environment where players of all ages can enjoy and grow in the game of soccer.

Our club is built on a foundation of inclusivity, teamwork, and community spirit. We cater to players of all skill levels, from 3-year-olds starting their soccer journey to seasoned senior players competing in high-level leagues. Mudgeeraba Soccer Club is a proud participant in Football Queensland competitions, and we strive to provide a nurturing environment for both recreational and competitive players.

Our club is more than just a place to play soccer—it's a place to belong. Whether you're joining to kick your first ball, play competitively, or simply be part of a supportive community, Mudgeeraba Soccer Club welcomes you with open arms. Together, we grow, we play, and we celebrate every step of the journey.



1. Junior Development Plan – The Mudjee Way

The Mudgeeraba Junior Development Plan (The JDP) is designed to provide junior football administrators, committee members, and coaches with a simple and clear player development road map. Successful junior football organisations work from a central vision and philosophy that is supported by an engaged club administration, educated coaching staff, and a professional player development model.

Vision

To develop and implement the leading junior development program at Mudgeeraba Soccer Club. We also wish to be recognised for our style of football and playing philosophy, known as... *The Mudjee Way*.

We will achieve this vision by:

- Implementing the FFA National Curriculum and The JDP (across all junior teams)
- Maintaining a club philosophy and policy of development.
- Developing experienced and qualified coaches with an aligned coaching philosophy and values.
- Focusing on core Club Values which are just as important off the football pitch.
- Adhering to a playing style and philosophy of 'creative, and positive possession base football.

Club Values

- Respect - Yourself & Others
- Open communication - Collaboration is key to our success.
- Engagement - Sharing a responsibility is not dividing it but multiplying it.
- Positivity - Think –Act –Be positive.
- Honesty - In words – acts – feelings – thoughts
- Support – Feel supported and be supportive.
- Inclusiveness - We will be inclusive to all in our approaches.
- Self-awareness - Know your strengths and weaknesses.
- Learning attitude - Mistakes are lessons.
- Passion for achievement – Be passionate in everything you do. • Team - No single individual is bigger than the CLUB as a whole.



Playing Style

- A proactive brand of Football, based on effective possession with the cutting edge provided by creative individuals.
- Defensively the key components are quick transition and intelligent collective pressing.
- The playing style is underpinned by a strong 'team mentality', capitalising on Australia's traditional strengths.
- Introduce a uniform playing style and coaching style to develop skilful and creative players.
- A creative possession-based style of play is the best guarantee of learning and development. To develop creative players, freedom of expression is key.
- Players need to learn from their mistakes and should always be encouraged to try again. If young players are criticised for losing the ball, or discouraged from trying something new, they will not learn.
- Our philosophy sees the 1-4-3-3 system of play as the preferred format however all systems are encouraged to be utilised while developing young players.
- Coaches should encourage young players to play out from the back, through midfield, linking up with attack. The full Mudgee Way document can be found [HERE](#).



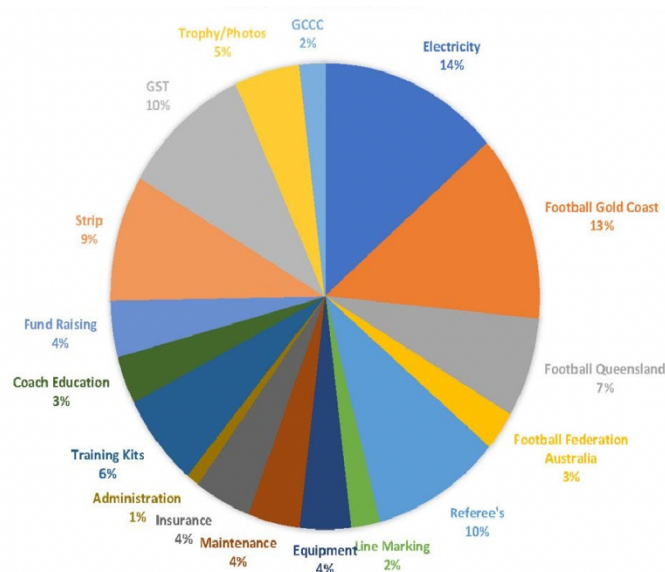
2. Registration Fee

Date of Birth	Age Group	Fees (Inc GST)
Born in 2020	U5	\$400
Born in 2019	U6	\$400
Born in 2018	U7	\$400
Born in 2017	U8	\$470
Born in 2016	U9	\$470
Born in 2015	U10	\$480
Born in 2014	U11	\$480
Born in 2013	U12	\$480
Born in 2012	U13	\$520
Born in 2011	U14	\$520
Born in 2010	U15	\$530
Born in 2009	U16	\$530
Born in 2008	U18	\$530
Born in 2007 or earlier	Seniors	\$550

What do my fees cover?

The attached graph is the breakdown of your fees.

- Equipment is football related repairs or purchase eg. pop up goals, goal repair, corner flags, training poles, etc.
- Training kit includes a team's training balls, cones, bibs and bag.
- Maintenance & running costs in relation to the clubhouse and surrounds.
- Football Gold Coast & Football Federation Australia Fees





3. Registering to play

Queensland Football has transitioned all registration to be completed via Squadi, including payment of fees. All returning members must register for the new season.

When registering for the first time please be aware –

- The first process will be to create an account. If you have multiple family members registering this will be your login account. Parents should use their details for the account.
- Once you create your account you can then add the players to that account and register them to play with Mudgeeraba Soccer Club.

When registering please check that all your details are up to date, in particular mobile numbers and emails (This is how we contact you) & update player photo.

For a step by step guide on how to use Squadi, see our [Juniors Page](#) on our website.



5. Come Try Day

Not sure if your child will enjoy soccer? Curious if our club is the right fit for your family? Join us at our *Try Out Day*! We're excited to host three sessions in the new year: Saturday 11 January, Saturday 18 January, and Saturday 1 February 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Our Director of Coaching, Aldo, will lead a fun and engaging training session. No need for boots—just bring a pair of shin pads if you have them. Committee members will also be on hand to answer any questions you might have.



6. Team Trials & Player Placement

Under 13 to 18 Trials :

Trials and grading play an important role in the development of players. By placing players in a team that will suitably challenge them as players will improve their playing abilities. Coaches can then focus on developing a team who have similar playing abilities, tailoring training to improve their teams football knowledge and skills.

Trials will be undertaken over 4 weeks with all divisions trialling together. During the first 2 weeks, impartial selectors will grade players according to their ability and they will be placed in an appropriate team. During the last 2 weeks the coaches of those teams will be invited to assist in finalising grading.

All player must be have completed the expression of interest form for Mudgeeraba Soccer Club, or completed the registration via SQUADI, for the 2025 season to be allowed to trial.

Once grading is complete all players will be informed of their team placement and the next steps to take. After players teams are confirmed, *ALL fees must be paid in full to secure your place in your selected team.*

Kangaroo Trials :

Kangaroo trials are for players in Under 9's, 10's, 11's & U12's. Kangaroo teams are for players with a higher skill level, that wish to be challenged and improve their playing ability. We strongly encourage all experienced players in these age groups to trial for Kangaroos.

Team Allocations (Under 6 to 11) :

For those players not selected for Kangaroos (Under 9 to 12) and the Under 6 to 8's you come down to your team allocation afternoon. Here we will place players into teams. We will try to place players with friends, where possible. We will also give last minute information to parents to ensure you are kept up to date.



7. Mini Roo's (Under 6 to 12) Preseason Games

Mini Roo Carnival :

In the Mini Roo Carnival, Under 6 to Under 12's teams will play their age group in short games. We are holding the carnival early to allow players to start playing games.

We understand that teams would not have had time to train, but this gives coaches the opportunity assess their teams and the players have fun doing what they signed up to do.

Intraclub Games :

Until the competition starts the following weekends will be intra-club games. These are games played against other Mudgeeraba club teams. These games are treated like season Saturday games, normal game lengths and start times.

During these games, the Director of Coaching, Aldo, will be looking at teams to see whether they are placed in the correct Mini Roo's Competition.



8. Training and Game Days

Training :

To align with the requirements of player education outlined in 'The Mudgee Way', each Coach is supplied a coaching guide for each week from the Director of Coaching. To assist the coaches, the Director of Coaching attends each training day.

More information about coaching in the 'Coaches' section of this guide. Once the number of teams are confirmed, a training map will be provided, which allocates training space for each team.

Game Days

Games are played home and away. For younger age groups the fixtures are usually locally, eg. Robina, Nerang, Burleigh, Palm Beach etc. The older age groups may need to travel a bit further, eg. Ormeau, Runaway Bay, Tamborine, Murwillumbah. This all depends on the number of teams in the local competition.

Some fixtures may have Mudgee v Mudgee games. To avoid a clash in playing strips, we encourage the away team on the fixture (the second team on the fixture) to wear their team's colour for that week's game. For example, Mudgeeraba U7 Blue vs Mudgeeraba U7 Red – Red is the away team and should wear that colour as their playing strip. For the next round the other team (Blue) will be the away team. For our competition aged teams, an alternative strip is available for loan from the clubhouse.

The Club will strive to supply referees for all games. However, if we cannot supply a referee, we will ask the coach to referee the game.

Age Group	Game Days	Wet Weather Catchup Days
Mini Roo's (U6 to U12)	Saturday's between 8.30am to 12pm	Sunday week or WWC (wet weather catchup)
Competition Age (U13, U14 & U15)	Saturday's between 8.30am to 12pm	Sunday week or WWC
Competition Age (U16 & U18)	Friday's between 6.15pm to 10pm	Monday week or WWC



9. Coaching

Player development through coach education

All our coaches are volunteers. The Club does not supply coaches for teams. Generally, they are the parents of players.

The Club supports our coaches through coach education. We do this by:

- **Coaches Meeting** – Once teams have been formed and coaches nominated, we have our Coaches Meeting (proposed dates are on the calendar). At the meeting we go through a wide range of subject. This is more an introduction to coaching, policies and procedures.
- **Holding compulsory coaching courses** – These are in the form of Grassroots (U6 to U8), Skill Training (U9 to U12) and Game Training (U13 to U18)
- **Running compulsory coaching workshops** – These will involve elaborating on a core skill, in depth explanation of the skill and why it is important. We will run these workshops with a junior team so coaches can see how a coach can run an effective training session.
- **Supplying training sessions weekly** – The DOC will email coaches the required train for each week. The email will include a session plan for each training day that week. Coaches are to follow the required session.
- **Director of Coaching assistance** – The DOC will be available to assist coaches at their training sessions. The DOC is not there to take the training session but to instruct the coaches.
- **Football Committee Meetings** – These meetings are held at least twice a year. Here we discuss the progress of 'The Mudgee Way' and improvement that can be made.

The Club is committed to assisting our coaches on their coaching journey. Our aim is to have every coach with us for many years to come.



10. Parents Responsibilities

We are all a part of Mudgeeraba Soccer Club, and it is everyone's responsibility to assist in the smooth running of the Club. We need everyone's help.

During the Coaches Meeting we will supply coaches with the Parents Handbook. In it we outline the roles and responsibilities of each parent.

Some of the key points are :

- **We are not a day care service** – Please do not drop your players off and leave. Your coach is a volunteer and is not there to babysit. This is especially helpful at the start of the season as coaches and players get to know each other.
- **Your coach coaches, you encourage** – Players need to hear instructions from one voice on the sideline, and that is the coach. Parents are encouraged to cheer on their team but must refrain from yelling instructions.
- **Players need to make mistakes** – That is how they learn. If they are not confident to try something, they will not develop their individual flair. If there is a major issue, your coach will address it. Encourage your player to try new things.
- **Ground Officiating** – Every team must supply a Ground Official for home and away games. The Ground Official is to monitor their spectator's behaviour, in line with the Parents Handbook, and assist other Ground Officials if needed. A job description is posted on the Club website under Policies and Procedures.
- **Help with the goals** – It is the responsibility of the first team that plays at home to set the goals up for the game, and it's the responsibility of the last team to put the goals away. Each week's home games can be found on the Club website and the draw is located at the Officials tent, for Mini Roos (U6 to U11) or the Main Clubhouse, for Competition Age (U13 to U18). Please don't leave this up to your coach to do, he is busy preparing your players for their game. Many hands make light work.

Please ensure you receive your Parents Handbook and understand your role within the Club.



11. Contact Us

The clubhouse will be open by appointment only in 2025. If members need to speak to a committee member, you will need to reach out via email to the relevant person and book in a time to see that person.

For Merch orders, these will be available for pick up on Thursdays only between 6-7pm and must be pre-purchased on SQUADI.

During sign on and peak registration period, the Clubhouse will open on specific nights to help with registrations, uniforms and any other queries. Please refer to the club calendar for specific opening hours.

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