

# 2025 IMPORTANT INFO and FAQ'S

## LISMORE THISTLES SC

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### REGISTRATION

**Registrations are now open for season 2025 for individuals to register as a player, team official or volunteer.**

Please register as soon as possible. There are cut off dates and limited places on some teams.

Registration is completed online via PlayFootball. PlayFootball is the national registration platform that is mandated by Football Australia.

**All players must be registered online (and approved) prior to participation.**

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/register>.

Football Australia introduced a revamped PlayFootball registration system in 2025. If you are a returning participant, you will be prompted to claim your account by entering your details as requested. It is important that you 'claim your account' that you had previously to avoid creating duplicate accounts in the system.

We highlight the following information when registering

- Select the registration product that matches the individual's age in 2025 (regardless of which team they intend to participate in if a player).
- Please ensure you have a suitable passport style photo ready and available for upload for any participant aged 12 years or older in 2025 (this requirement has been set out by Football Australia)
- A valid Working With Children Check is now required for all participants who wish to register as a Team Official (i.e. Coach) or Volunteer. This is a requirement mandated by Football Australia. Information relevant to sourcing a Working With Children Check can be found here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check>
- A minimum payment of the Football Australia National Registration Fee and Northern NSW Football and Insurance Levy plus 25% of the club levy is required at the time of registration. The remaining 75% club levy can be paid in instalments by credit card. Alternatively, the full amount can be paid at time of registration.
- **To be a valid player, your registration MUST be paid in full prior to the first game.**

The registration platform will accept valid Active & Creative Kids vouchers **Claim your Active & Creative Kids Voucher before registering** – add the voucher number during the registration process. Claim your voucher at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>.

It is recommended that parents of junior players create a PlayFootball account themselves which will enable them to link their children's profiles to their account, allowing them to manage their registrations from the single account.

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If you require more information, please come along to one of our registration days Saturday 8th, 15th & 22nd February at the club house from 9am – 11am. Kids aged 6-8 can join in a gala day at this time also.

Any enquiries about our club registration processes (i.e. not the online registration process) can be addressed to [lismorethistlesc@ffnc.net.au](mailto:lismorethistlesc@ffnc.net.au).

If you experience any issues with the registration process, please contact PlayFootball Support on 02 8880 7983 or by email [support@playfootball.com.au](mailto:support@playfootball.com.au).

## TEAM INFORMATION

Players will be placed in teams based on their year of birth unless younger players are required to fill places in older teams. The following birth years for age group apply:

Grade 6: Born 2019 or 2020 (players born in 2019 who played last year remain in Grade 6 age group)	Grade 12: Born 2013
Grade 7: Born 2018	Grade 13: Born 2012
Grade 8: Born 2017	Grade 14: Born 2011
Grade 9: Born 2016	Grade 15: Born 2010
Grade 10: Born 2015	Grade 16: Born 2009
Grade 11: Born 2014	Senior: Born 2008 or before

MINIROOS players - if you would like your child to play with friends, please let us know at registration so we can try our best to place them in the same team. We can't guarantee this but will do our best! Call Keiya on 0423 264 669 for more information.

## JUNIOR COMPETITION TEAM ALLOCATIONS (Grade 12-16)

Junior players (girls and boys) may need to be graded depending on numbers of registrations. Trial dates will be set, and you will be notified if you need to attend grading sessions.

From these trials, players will be placed in a team. If a player has failed to register or attend at least 2 of the 3 trials, they will be placed automatically in the lowest graded team or put on a waiting list until there are enough numbers to form an additional team.

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### MINIROOS MUSTER DAY 2025

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – It is important that all Miniroos players attend this day.**

Grade 6 – 9am, Grade 7 – 9.30am, Grade 8 – 10am, Grade 9 – 10.30am, Grade 10 – 11am, Grade 11 – 11.30am.

At Miniroos Muster Day players (Grade 6-11) will meet their team and nominate a Coach/Manager (if someone has not already been nominated) and select a training day. This will also be an opportunity to purchase uniform items.

### 2025 PLAYER REGISTRATION LEVIES

**Please note that Active Kids can be applied at registration only (i.e. you will need to obtain your voucher before registering).**

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| • Age 5-7 in 2025         | \$120 |
| • Age 8-11 in 2025        | \$150 |
| • Age 12-14 in 2025       | \$185 |
| • Age 15-16 in 2025       | \$210 |
| • Age 17-18 in 2025       | \$285 |
| • Male aged 19+ in 2025   | \$390 |
| • Female aged 19+ in 2025 | \$365 |

### UNIFORMS

Miniroos and Junior competitive players will wear playing shirts from the club kit provided. They will need to purchase their club socks and shorts.

All players are required to wear shin pads and soccer boots that can be purchased from most sports stores. Supporter shirts, shorts, hats, bags, jackets & jumpers can be purchased from the clubhouse and/or through our new online store. More information will be provided in coming weeks.

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### GAMES & TRAINING

Miniroos (4-11 years) games commence Saturday 3rd May 2025. Your team training date will be determined at MiniRoos Muster Day and will be decided between the coach and the parents.

Senior and Junior competitive team games commence the weekend 28th - 30th March 2025.

### WET WEATHER INFORMATION

Any fixtures that need to be cancelled, postponed or rescheduled will be advised to the respective team coaches when the information is received from Football Far North Coast. We will also endeavour to post updates where required to our social media channels however we ask that parents and players do not rely solely on information that may be posted to social media.

Importantly, if you have not heard information directly from your team coach you can assume the game is still going ahead.

In regards to training, advice will be posted to our social media pages when the playing fields are closed.

### GIRLS ONLY TEAMS

This is for Grade 8 - 12 age groups and is dependent on numbers and FFNC creating a girls only MiniRoos pool (this will depend on team nominations from all clubs).

If you would like your daughter to play in a Girls only team, (this will only happen if we have enough girls to form teams) for girls only team requests please contact Keiya 0423 264 669.

### COACHING

If you are interested in coaching a team this season for players aged 6-16, please contact Chris Layland 0403 926 132

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### SPONSORSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a Lismore Thistles sponsor, please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator Simon Stahl on 0408 457 531 or Tina Cotroneo 0432 550 822 or send an email to [lismorethistlessc@ffnc.net.au](mailto:lismorethistlessc@ffnc.net.au) and we can send you an information package.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Each team will be placed on Canteen Roster at some point throughout this season. All details will be provided closer to season commencing. For further information regarding canteen please contact Lisa Munn on 0448 580 188.

Our club is 100% run by volunteers, and if you would like to help in any way, please speak to one of our Committee Members. We are always happy to have any extra help.

### CLUB EXECUTIVE

President: Tina Cotroneo 0432 550 822

Secretary: Corinne Milgate 0413 143 722

Treasurer: vacant

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- Instagram: [@lismorethistlessc](#)
  
- Website: [www.lismorethistles.com.au](http://www.lismorethistles.com.au)
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