



Orange Waratah
Junior Football Club

New families information sheet for season 2025

Season begins for all junior competition age groups (U5-U16) on Saturday 3rd May 2025.

Season end date for the “MiniRoos” teams, i.e, the non-competitive age groups of U5-U11, is Saturday 13th September 2025. The junior “competitive age groups (U12-U16) run a little longer, with Grand Final Day on Saturday 20th September 2025.

Registration opens online from Saturday 8th February 2025 and closes Friday 21st February 2025. This is to provide enough time for the Waratah Committee to confirm the teams and submit team nominations by the ODFA deadline.

Remember to apply for your **Service NSW Active Kids Voucher before you register**. This will provide \$50 towards your registration fee for those eligible families. Visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

All players in age groups from U11-U16 must upload a passport or portrait style photo during their online registration, to complete their player profile. Be ready with a digital photo before you begin the online registration process.

New players joining the club are able to nominate another player or team they would like to be in. Alternatively, if the player would like to be with other children from their school, please let us know. We do try our best to put new players into a team with friends, but we cannot guarantee it, as it depends on team numbers in that age group.

Online registration is the required method of registration.

Visit <https://orangewaratahjuniorfc.org.au/registration>

All coaches, team leaders and managers – will need to register as a Club coach/ team leader/manager on the same system (you need to set up yourselves as a volunteer participant, not just account holder for your child) and upload your current Working with Children’s Check number for verification. To register visit <https://orangewaratahjuniorfc.org.au/registration>

If you have problems registering online, please call “Play Football” on tel 02 8880 7983 (Mon - Fri 10am-6pm and Sat 10am-3pm). They are extremely helpful and are an Australian-based tech support office. Their website support area is <https://support.playfootball.com.au/support/home> .

Registration fees, uniform costs and other equipment costs

The 2025 season registration fee is set by the Orange District Football Association. The fee is \$145 for U5-U12 or \$150 for U13-U16 if paid before the 15th March 2025 as an “Early Bird offer”. After 15th March 2025 the registration fees are \$160 for U5-U12 or \$165 for U13-U16.

The registration fee includes club uniform shorts and football socks for all players in the U5-U6 age groups.

For all other age groups (U7-U16) requiring uniforms, new and returning players to the club will

need to buy the socks and shorts from the canteen (socks \$12, shorts \$18).

Purchase socks and shorts from the Waratah club canteen. The canteen will be open the week before the competition starts. These details will be confirmed, and will be published on the Orange Waratah Junior Football Facebook page, or our Website www.orangewaratahjuniorfc.org.au

Football boots and shin pads are compulsory to wear, both at training and the games. If required, second hand football boots are often found at local charity clothes shops, or you may be able to get hand-me-downs from families you know.

Soccer jerseys (shirts) are provided in the team kit, and borrowed from the club for the duration of the season. The jerseys are to remain together in the kit bag for the season and used each week at the games. Parents share the role of washing the team jerseys. This is coordinated through the Team Coach/Team Leader or Manager, but we ask and appreciate it if every family help the coach by offering to wash the jerseys.

Communication from our club is through

- Our website <https://www.orangewaratahjuniorfc.org.au/>
- Facebook ("Orange Waratah Junior Football")

Competition draws are found at

- <http://odfa.dribl.com>; or
- You can also install the Dribl app on your smartphone, register as a user, and then find all competition draws by selecting "Following" + "Orange District Football Association" + "Orange Waratah Juniors FC"



Competition information and wet weather cancellations are found on the:

- Orange District Football Association (ODFA) website, www.orangefootball.org.au and
- "Orange & District Football Association" Facebook page.

Coaches & Managers receive communication and support via email from the Orange Waratah Junior Club Committee Coaches Coordinator.

Coach/Manager of each team communicates directly to families. After the registration deadline closes, our Waratah Junior Committee compiles the teams. The coach for each team is provided the player contact list, and coaches are directed to contact you (via email or phone). Coaches will arrange a time for the players & families to meet, and/or start training. Training day and time is dependent on the coach. Training for most teams are on site at the Waratah Sports club.

Questions or concerns through the season

The Orange Waratah Junior Football Committee hope you all have a fun and rewarding season with the club. We ask that you provide support and positive, helpful communication to the child's coach, as they are volunteering in the role. However we understand that sometimes you need to talk our committee if you have ongoing concerns or issues. We are here for you. If you wish to contact us, please use the "Contact us" form on our website, email registrar@orangewaratahjuniorfc.org.au, or speak to a Committee member if you see them at the grounds on a weekend.