



**NORTHERN
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NSFA Representative Programs Registration Fees Refund Policy

The NSFA representative programs are funded primarily by:

- Player Registration Fees (**PRF**)
- Northern Suburbs Football Association (**NSFA**)
- Canteen revenue
- Sponsorship
- Fundraising

The largest source of funding is PRF.

In setting the budget each year we seek to reduce the contribution required from the NSFA, identify revenue-generating opportunities and set the PRF in line with FNSW guidelines. The budget is based on each representative squad having a maximum number of players (as determined by FNSW) and the player selection process is designed and organised to secure full squads for the upcoming season.

If a player is offered a position in one of our representative programs, they will be asked to complete our registration process (either in paper format or on-line), confirming their acceptance of the position in the representative program. Once a player has accepted a position, we will no longer seek to fill that position.

Players are required to pay the PRF for that season at the time of accepting the position. In case of financial difficulty, a minimum non-refundable deposit of \$500 may be paid and a suitable payment plan agreed. This arrangement is made available to the player at the discretion of the NSFA, through the Representative Programs Manager.

Should a player withdraw after accepting a position, this has a number of adverse consequences for the other players in the affected squad and the wider program. Our ability to find a suitable replacement player is limited as the pool of players diminishes as other representative clubs sign players, and our budget is affected if squad sizes are diminished. Therefore, we have developed the following policy in relation to fees payable / refunded. This policy has been designed to offset some of the time and cost involved in the selection, coaching, kit and administration of players prior to any withdrawal. The payment / refund of fees remains at the discretion of NSFA but the guiding principles are as follows:

- Withdrawal in the period from signing up to 30 November = 50% refund of full PRF*
- Withdrawal between 1 December and 11 February = 35% refund of full PRF*
- Withdrawal between 12 February and 17 June = 20% refund of full PRF*
- Withdrawal after 17 June = **NO REFUND**

(in all cases a minimum amount of \$500 will be retained by NSFA if the minimum deposit has been paid)*

Player withdrawal needs to be formally confirmed in writing to the Representative Programs Manager (full contact details are set out on the website). For the purpose of refund calculation, the date of written communication confirming the player's withdrawal will be the effective date.

We will not enter into any further communication or negotiation in respect of the payment or refund of fees following a player withdrawal, other than to re-enforce this policy.