



Procedure: Own your Jumper Program

Initiated: October 2016

Applies to: Vermont Junior Football Club Players U8 – U17

General Outline

- Commencing in Season 2017, VJFC players were given the option to purchase their playing jumper prior to the season commencement.
- The program will now continue for the 2019 Season.
- Players who sign up for the program do so on the basis that they are in full agreement and understanding of the Number allocation process and all other relevant rules.
- Players can specify their size and sleeve length for their Jumper.
- Players can also request the playing number they would like to have on their jumper
- The jumpers will be sold to players at \$65 Inclusive of GST
- This is a one off fee and is only payable again if a player wishes to purchase a new jumper – for example when they outgrow or lose their jumper.
- Repaying the \$65 enables them to purchase the same number again in a different sized jumper.
- Once a player enters the program, it will be assumed he/she is continuing for the following season. However, a confirmation email will be sent to all existing players in the program, prior to commencement of the program for the following season, as a courtesy.

Process – Existing Entrants

- Once a player enters the program, it will be assumed he/she is continuing for the following season.
- Each Year existing entrants will be assumed to move up an age group and their allocated numbers will move them
- An email will be sent to all players by the end of the year of the current season, as a courtesy email, confirming that they are still registered for the program, and that they will be wearing their jumper for the next season and continuing with the program.
- Only players requiring action need to respond.
- If a YES continuing player does not need another jumper (replacement or new size), no further payment or action is required and they continue in the program for the 2019 Season.
- If a YES continuing player has outgrown their original jumper purchase, they can re-purchase a new sized jumper for \$65 and maintain their allocated number (see sibling note below)
- If a player decides NOT TO PLAY in the 2019 season, they will essentially forfeit their jumper number, and their allocated number will return back to the jumper number

pool. The jumper however is theirs to keep. NOTE: If they decide to re-join as a player in future years, they will only be able to use their pre-purchased jumper if that number has not been allocated to another player in the interim years.

- If a player outgrows their original jumper size purchase, BUT they no longer wish to partake in the program, they can retain their jumper (eg: for sentimental reasons) BUT will be allocated a club owned jumper with random number allocation for the 2019 season and beyond. Their original allocated number will go back into the number pool and they will not be able to wear it in future seasons, should they wish to join back into the program.
- **Siblings** - In the event a player outgrows their jumper size purchased, but wants to retain it for a sibling in another age group – the following scenarios apply:
 1. If the other sibling is already registered in the program under the exact same number then the jumper can be retained for the alternative sibling, and only one sibling needs to purchase another jumper at \$65, or retire out of the program (ie U17 player)
 2. If the other sibling is not registered in the program, the other sibling needs to register and pay the \$65 registration fee for their first year. No guarantee can be made that they will secure the same number due to number conflicts of other registrants. – See General Process New Entrants – Number Allocation.
 - If the 2nd sibling is successful in securing the same number, then condition 1 can apply (and either sibling can receive the new jumper size)
 - If the 2nd sibling is NOT successful in securing the same number, then the jumper can be retained (for sentimental reasons only) but NOT worn by another player.

General Process – New Entrants

- Players will register their interest in the program by paying the \$65 jumper fee.
- Upon registering they will select their:
 1. Sleeve Length
 2. Size
 3. Preferred Playing Number
- Any playing numbers already allocated to entrants in the season prior will be blocked from registration.
- Players will nominate their 1st preference up to a further 2 preferences of their playing numbers, giving them a total of 3 preferred numbers.
- Players nominate these numbers on the understanding that the committee will try and accommodate all 1st requests, but in the event that duplication occurs where two players want the same number within the SAME AGE GROUP, numbers will be allocated according to the Number Allocation process (set out below.)
- A player will be notified via email of their secured playing number.
- No refunds can be issued once the number allocation has occurred, as numbered jumpers will be ordered immediately on that basis.
- Jumpers will be produced and presented to players at the Jumper Presentation night.

Registration

- The Own your Own Jumper Program will be open to all players for Season 2019 from the 3rd August 2018
- All registrations are to be received before the 15th December 2018
- Due to the transition over to the new dedicated club website, for the 2019 Season, all registrations are to be emailed to merchandise@vermontjfc.com.au for manual processing.
- No handwritten or verbal registrations will be accepted.
- Order of registration bears no weighting on the number allocation. Ie someone who registers on the 4th August gains no advantage over someone who registers on the 20th November.
- Any late registrations cannot be accepted after this date.
- Any registrations that are received, but not paid for by the 15th December 2018, will also be deemed void and excluded from the allocation process.
- Any late or unpaid registrations, will be held for a possible 2nd allocation process. There is no guarantee that the 2nd allocation process will proceed. Any players that fall into this category will be contacted to determine their options.

Number Allocation:

- Numbers will be allocated in the following manner:
 - Numbers will be issued between 1 – 99 per age group
 - No duplication will occur within any team
 - Only one player can have a number purchased within an age group
 - For each age group, the committee will review all 1st preference numbers.
 - They will identify any numbers that only one player has requested and these numbers will be granted
- 1. Where 2 or more players have requested the same number in the same age group, the following will be considered in order of 1 to 3, to ascertain if 1st Preference can be allocated to the player based on:
 1. Where there is a family historical significance, being defined as a family member who played under the requested number in the Seniors for Vermont Football Club, such claims will be verified where required. If this does not apply, OR both players meet condition number 1, condition Number 2 will be considered next.
 2. Where there are two or more siblings requesting the same number as they wish to start a family significance. If this does not apply, OR both players meet condition number 2, then Number 3 will be the default.
 3. If Condition 1 or 2 cannot determine preference, a random ballot will occur where any players requesting the same number as their first choice will go into a hat and the first player drawn will be awarded that number.
- 2. Any player who misses out on their first preference, will go back into the pool, with their 2nd preference now deemed as their first preference, and the above steps repeated.
- 3. The ballot process will continue until an outcome can be achieved.

4. In following years post 2017, if a number has already been purchased and secured under the Own your Own Jumper Program, that number will NOT be available for future registrations, until such time that that the number is retired.
5. NOTE: SIBLING PREFERENCE will become harder to accommodate as more players register and filter up through the age groups.

Teams with Two Age Groups - (ie U15 progression to U17)

- When a player moves into a team where there are two age groups (eg Boys move from U15s to U17s, girls from U12s to U14s), a situation may arise where two players have the same number and are selected to play in the same team.
 - In this event, the older 2nd Year Player, will take priority due to it being their final Year in the age group. The younger 1st Year player, will be required to play under another number for that year.
 - The VJFC will ensure a sufficient stock pool of club owned jumpers are available to effected players.
 - When the current 1st Year player progresses to be a 2nd year player, they will return to wearing their BYO jumper number.

Maintenance

- A Database will be maintained listing all players by age group and the number they are allocated.
- Every Year those players will move up an age group and their allocated numbers will move them
- An email will be sent to all players on the 1st October annually, prior to the next playing season commencing, requesting confirmation that they will be wearing their jumper for the next season and continuing with the program
- Any administration issues will be maintained by the Merchandise Team
- Any player concerns can be directed first to their team manager, who will then address with the Merchandise team
- Any decisions or outcomes that result in a dispute situation, will be addressed by the Executive Committee. Any decision made by the Exec Committee will be deemed final with no further discussion.