



2026 PLAYER INFO PACK





WELCOME TO HANWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

**Thank you for registering with Hanwood Football Club!
A big welcome to new & returning players!**

We are proud to continue to grow and develop young footballers. In 2026, we expect to field close to 40 teams in the Griffith Competition from U5's to U16's boys and girls, and approx. 7 teams in the Senior Wagga Competition.

The Hanwood Academy was developed in 2024 and is thriving, with record participation (in excess of 150 players for the upcoming season). Hanwood Football Club has a strong focus on nurturing the next generation of footballers and in total we have approximately 550 registered participants across both junior and senior.

We continue to foster the development of our female players with over 40% of past registrations being female. This has allowed us to be recognised by Football Australia as a 2 Star Club Changer which means we have successfully demonstrated our commitment to the growth of the game for Women through more resources, and improved infrastructure.

Our Senior program remains a key force in the Regional Football Wagga Competition as HFC continues to strengthen its football pathways. The addition of a Youth Under 16's boys allows this age group to test themselves in a higher-level competition, supporting their development and progression. Our focus for the season is growth, performance and on-field success.

Following our 70th anniversary in 2025, we continue to build on a proud legacy shaped by the dedication of our past and present committee members, the loyalty of our players and their families, the ongoing support of our sponsors, and the vision of our founders.

We all hope you have a fantastic and enjoyable season!

If you have any further questions about Hanwood Football Club, please feel free to contact us at secretary@hanwoodfc.com.au or inbox our facebook page. Rego enquiries to rego@hanwoodfc.com.au

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REGO DAYS



NEW Players - you MUST attend one of our Rego Days.

This is where we will ask you to complete a sizing form for new uniforms.

If you missed all our Rego days, Click [HERE](#) to complete the form.
If you do not, sizes will be guessed.

Saturday 14th February 2026, 3-5pm, Hanwood Sports Club

OR

Saturday 21st February 2026, 3-5pm, Hanwood Sports Club

EXISTING Players returning in 2026

You do NOT need to attend the Rego Day,

You continue to wear your existing white top and shorts. A blue top will be given to all players at the start of the season.

If you require new socks or shorts, you can purchase these online

[HERE](#)



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U5'S / U6'S /7'S

U5/6/7's are 4 v 4 with a maximum of 8 registered to a team.

If you are coming to rego day and have organised a full team, please let our Registrar know who they are and who your coach/team manager will be.

Individuals registering- we will do our best to place children in teams with others they know or go to school with.

U8/9'S

7 v 7 with a maximum of 12 registered to a team

U10/11'S

9 v 9 with a maximum of 14 registered to a team

U12

9 v 9 with a maximum of 14 registered to a team

U13/14

11 v 11 with a maximum of 16 registered to a team

U15/16

11 v 11 with a maximum of 16 registered to a team

ALL GIRLS COMP

GDFA are hoping once again to run an All Girls Comp in every age group. We will know once all clubs have submitted their teams.

IMPORTANT

HFC does not supply coaches or team managers. Teams are responsible for appointing their own coach.



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HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SEASON



Season starts **2nd May 2026**

Griffith & District Football Association (GDFA) will release the draw approx the week of the first round.

You will need to download the **Dribl App** to access the draw.

All coaches/team managers will be invited to join a **HFC Coaches Messenger Group**. This is our primary form a communication between the club > coach > players and vice versa.

WHO IS MY COACH & WHAT TEAM IS MY CHILD IN?

Your appointed coach will be in touch with you soon to advise who is in your team. From there, coaches are encouraged to create a communication group, such as Messenger for the upcoming season. Any information from HFC will be channelled through to your coach to pass on. If you have any questions regarding teams, please email rego@hanwoodfc.com.au

TRAINING

Hanwood Oval is our home ground. Training at Hanwood helps build our club culture and gives everyone a strong sense of belonging.

All training sessions will be held at Hanwood Oval – no exceptions. Collina Oval is the home ground of other clubs and is generally unavailable due to existing field bookings. A detailed training schedule will be provided to your coach, who will be in touch with all relevant details.

CANTEEN

Hanwood Football Club thrives thanks to the dedication of our parents, volunteers, and sponsors. While we have a committed committee, we rely on parents to help, especially in the canteen. Profits are reinvested into equipment, uniforms, and player gifts, helping keep registration fees low as possible.

Volunteering takes around **one hour** per family for the season and makes a big difference. Your time is greatly appreciated! A roster will be shared the week of.

If you're unable to volunteer, a \$100 fee per family applies (only once per family, even with multiple children).

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WHAT IF MY TEAM NEEDS TO FORFEIT, WHAT DO I DO?

All coaches will be invited to join a **HFC Coaches Messenger Group**.

NON COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Within this messenger group, the coach is asked to post a message **THE DAY PRIOR** advising of the forfeit. You are then asked to reach out to the other team and notify. You will be able to see the other Coaches details on the Dribl App.

FOR COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Refer to GDFA Rules of Play for procedures to follow.

UNIFORMS

HFC will be in contact with your coach/team manager when they will be available for collection. Usually a week or so before the first round.

Each year, **new** players receive a blue top, white top, shorts and socks.

REMINDER!

Blue Tops are for game days only.

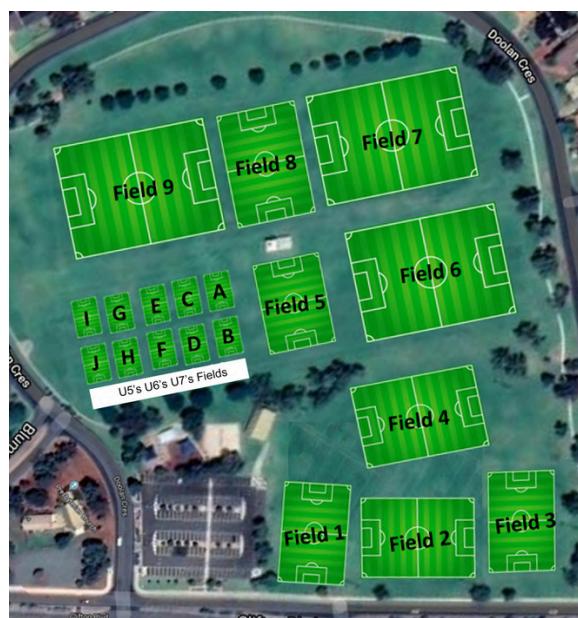
White Tops are for training sessions and are to be worn on game days if you are playing another HFC team AND you are the **AWAY** team. The home team always wear blue.

Blue strips must be handed back to your coach on the last round. Players get to keep the white training top.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT FIELD I PLAY ON & WHAT TIME?

Refer to Dribl App which will advise which field & time you will play on.

Refer to Collina Oval Map for field locations





WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A REFEREE ALLOCATED TO OUR GAME?

Applicable to competitive teams only

Within the Dribl app you will see if you have a referee allocated to your game.

If a referee is not present, the **HOME TEAM** must provide a referee or nominate an agreed-upon person

If no linesperson is available, **EACH CLUB** must nominate one, reporting to the referee 5 minutes before kickoff.

Clubs must provide one vested official for competitive age group games, reporting to the referee 5 minutes before kickoff.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At Hanwood Football Club, we take pride in fostering a positive and respectful environment where everyone plays by the rules.

Most importantly, this is junior soccer, and we are all here to have fun. **It's not the World Cup!** and while we love the spirit of competition, good sportsmanship always comes first.

We ask that all players, parents, and coaches demonstrate Fair Play behaviour at all times, showing respect for referees, opponents, and teammates. Any breaches of this expectation will be taken seriously, with disciplinary action enforced by both the club and the Association if necessary.

Let's keep the game enjoyable for everyone!

MATCH SHEETS NEW!

Applicable to competitive teams only

1. Match sheets must be completed online via Dribl for all GDFA competition grades **1 hour prior** to the scheduled weekend match.
2. It is the **home team** responsibility to provide a referee and finalise the result in the event there is no referee allocated.
3. **Home and Away teams** must finalise team sheet changes in Dribl 1 hour before the fixture **and confirm opposing team 15 minutes before kickoff.**



REMINDERS OF BASIC RULES

To ensure our HFC Players are adhering to the GDFA 2026 Rules of Play, Here is a reminder of a few things.
Please refer to the FULL Rules of Play for more info.

The Corner Kick

- a) No corner kicks are taken in U5 to U9 matches.
- b) In U10 matches, corner kicks are taken 7.5 meters from the corner (on a full-size field).
- c) In U12 to All Age games, FIFA rules apply.

Playing out from the back

- a) In U5 to U8 matches, all opponents must stay behind the halfway line during goal kicks. Coaches or team managers must ensure players are positioned correctly.
- b) In U10 matches, all opponents must stay behind the 25-meter line, marked with cones or similar, before the goal kick. The rostered club is responsible for marking the line before the match.
- c) Goalkeepers take goal kicks and should pass the ball to a teammate.
- d) Opponents may only enter the 25-meter zone once the defender has taken their first touch.
- e) Long kicks (e.g., kicking out of the hands) or throws by goalkeepers should be discouraged unless there is a purposeful distribution, such as a counterattack.

Goal Kicks

- a) In U8 - U11 matches, goal kicks are taken from inside the goalkeepers box.
- b) In U12 to All Age matches, FIFA rules apply.
- c) The ball must be stationary and kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team.
- d) The ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves.
- e) Opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.
- f) If the kicker touches the ball again before it has touched another player.
- g) An indirect free kick is awarded.
- h) A direct free kick is awarded for a handball offence.
- i) A penalty kick is awarded if the offence occurs inside the kicker's penalty area (except for the goalkeeper, in which case an indirect free kick is awarded).
- j) If opponents are inside the penalty area when the goal kick is taken, the referee allows play to continue. If an opponent touches or challenges the ball before it is in play, the goal kick is retaken.
- k) If a player fouls or is fouled by an opponent while inside the penalty area before the ball is in play, the goal kick is retaken, and the offender may be cautioned or sent off depending on the offence.
- l) Any other offence results in the goal kick being retaken.