

CHATSWOOD RANGERS FC

CLUB NUMBER POLICY



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| POLICY | CRFC U15 Development | NOTES |
| REVIEWED | FEBRUARY 2025 | ALL COMMUNICATION RELATED TO THIS POLICY MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE CLUB PRESIDENT AND COPIED TO THE CLUB SECRETARY |
| OWNER | CLUB PRESIDENT | |

INTRODUCTION

The Club Number System (CNS) was introduced at CRFC for the 2025 Football Season alongside the Players Own Their Shirts Policy. The **CNS** was introduced for a number of reasons including:

- The desire to create a more efficient and cost effective way to manage player jerseys and numbers across the Junior and Senior teams.
- To add to the sense of belonging to Chatswood Rangers, instil greater personal ownership and pride in the CRFC jersey and what it represents to the Club and wider community.
- To make CRFC an even more connected and social community.

HOW THE CNS WORKS

Upon registering with CRFC and subsequently joining a Rangers team, players will be offered a Club Number by exercising one of the following options:

- 1) **Random selection** from the currently available pool of numbers for the age-group or team the player is assigned to;
- 2) **One-time payment** of \$250+gst to secure a preferred number from the currently available pool of numbers for the age-group or team the player is assigned to;

- 3) **Bidding in a team auction** and winning a number (see details below);
- 4) Winning a number in a **CNS Raffle** (see details below);
- 5) Requesting a **Power Play Purchase** which involves the upfront and non-refundable payment of \$1000+gst to purchase an existing player's number. A Power Play Purchase comes with a 5 year **Power Play Prevent Token** which puts a hold on the number for 5 years preventing any further Power Play during that time (see details below).

All player numbers are recorded against players' Rangers membership records and can be retrieved, should a player forget their number, by submitting a request in writing to the Club Secretary. All requests for retrieval a player number will incur a \$50+gst non-refundable charge, payable prior to any retrieval being actioned. All retrievals once initiated are unable to be terminated regardless of the player subsequently recalling their number. The requesting of a player number retrieval is commonly referred to as a '**Coombsy**'.

Once a player has been assigned a Club Number, any future purchases of a playing jersey, no matter how the jersey was obtained, will have the current player number applied to it. Should a player join a new Rangers team, or for any other reason a 'number clash' occurs, a Rangers Rock-Paper-Scissors Battle will be triggered and carried out at a time and place to be determined by the Club President. The WINNER will keep their number and the LOSER will receive a new number either through random selection, one-time payment of a preferred number, an auction, raffle or via lucky draw.

All queries and disputes on any matter related to the assigning of Club Numbers must be submitted in writing and sent to the Club President & Club Secretary. A hearing will be conducted at the pub, facts and evidence will be viewed, players involved will be given the opportunity to speak for no longer than 2min (less if your name is Jack Coombs) and a decision will be handed down. There will be no further right of appeal or any recourse for the decision once handed down.

A player's Club Number may be stripped from them at any time with or without notice from the Club for any action of the player that the Club or it's officials deem to be against the Code of Conduct, in bad taste, or just considered 'dumb' or 'only befitting of a Northbridge Player!' (no explanation should be necessary for any of these).

RANDOM NUMBER SELECTION:

The list of available numbers for the player's team or age-group will be shown to the player and if they decide they will not exercise one of the other number allocation options, a number will be selected at 'random' from the pool. Random in this context means 'however the Club Official carry out the number allocation chooses to do so'.

Once a number has been chosen it is allocated to the player in the member database. The player will be informed of their number verbally at the time and also emailed receipt via the

email address recorded in the Club database or NSFA Dribl platform (usually the email address the player used to register in PlayFootball).

TEAM AUCTIONS:

Teams may decide to run player number auctions at various times through the year but they are most common in the pre-season once a team has formed. Participation in team auctions is voluntary and rules may vary so all participants are responsible for understanding the rules and conditions of the auction they are taking place in. Some general rules of team auctions include:

- Permission to run a CRFC CNS Auction must be sought in writing via email to the Club Secretary. No auction can take place until approval has been granted in writing and all conditions have been met.
- Any player who wants to bid on a number can, but there is no expectation to do so. All auction participants enter the auction with the understanding that they are responsible for knowing and understanding the terms and conditions of the auction and there is no recourse or consideration given to any dispute resulting from an auction.
- Only numbers that are currently available to the team or age-group participating in the auction can be included in the auction. Any number included in an auction, or awarded as part of an auction, that is found to already be 'owned' by another player or is labelled as 'restricted use' or 'not to be used', will be void and all monies paid for the number will be returned to the player.
- All auctions will be carried out by a team official or someone appointed by the team manager or the Club and should take place in a Club sponsor's establishment or another location approved by the Club President or Management Committee.
- All starting bids will be at least \$30 with increments in bids starting at \$10 then moving to \$5 then \$1.
- Anyone who cannot attend an auction in person, may submit a 'silent bid' in writing to the Club Secretary or the Team Manager. During the auction, the silent bid will be triggered if its value is higher than the current standing bid prior to a 'final bids' call being made. If a silent bidder is in contact with an attendee at the live auction via phone or other communication, they may withdraw their bid prior to it being triggered and they may participate in the auction via 'remote access' and will be bound by all other auction terms and conditions as if they were participating in person.
- All winning bids must be paid in cash or electronic payment immediately at the auction. If payment is not made within 15min of the bid closing, or 15min after the final auction items closing, the number will return to the pool and may be offered to the other bidders at the same price. If not purchased, the number will return to the pool of available numbers. Players who continue to win bids and fail payment may have their right to

participate in auctions revoked and, in extreme cases, may have their Club membership revoked.

- All monies collected from an auction will either go to the team player fund, a Club fund, a designated charity or another beneficiary as pre-determined and approved by the Club during the auction approval process. The beneficiary of an auction must be included in all advertising and notices of an auction and must be announced during the introduction to an auction.

CNS RAFFLES:

A CNS Raffle may be carried out from time to time, or a Club Number may be included as a prize in a raffle. Notification of all raffles will be via one or all of the following : Rangers RAP; Club website; Facebook; direct email; any other form of Club communication.

Terms and Conditions on raffles will be shared at the time of announcing a raffle but no raffle T&Cs can override the other conditions outlined in this policy.

POWER PLAY PURCHASE:

A Power Play Purchase (PPP) involves the upfront and non-refundable payment of \$1000+gst to purchase an existing player's number. A PPP comes with a 5 year **Power Play Prevent Token** which places a hold on the number for 5 years preventing any further Power Play during that time.

After a PPP has been paid for and approved by the Club, the Power Play Victim (player whose number is being purchased) will be notified in writing and given 48 hours to return their current jersey to the Club President. The Power Play Victim will be given the opportunity to gain a new Club Number via one of the methods outlined above. The cost for any current replacement jerseys will be covered by the Club and one pair of Club Socks will be issued to the Victim (at no cost) to wipe away their tears.

POWER PLAY PREVENT TOKEN:

A Power Play Prevent Token (PPPT) may be purchased by a player at any time. The PPPT provides the player with immediate protection from all Power Play Purchase attacks up until the expiry date of the PPPT. Expiry extensions may be purchased at any time up until a token expires. If a PPP is in place, and no active PPPT is in play, no further PPPTs may be purchased and applied to a number until the PPP is carried out.

PPPTs & EXPIRY EXTENSION PRICING

| Type of PPPT | Cost | Notes |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| PPPT 1 year | \$100 | |
| PPPT 2 years | \$175 | |
| PPPT 3 years | \$225 | |
| PPPT 5 years | \$300 | |
| PPPT EXPIRY EXTENSION | \$0.25 per day | Minimum purchase of 30 days. |

All payments must be collected and signed off by the Club Secretary before a PPPT is considered active.

SPONSORS & PARTNERS

We are extremely fortunate at Chatswood Rangers to have the support of an amazing selection of sponsors and partners. Our approach is to actively seek out genuine connections with either local, family-run businesses, or businesses that have an obvious connection to our Club and our members.

All sponsors and partners are listed on the Sponsors Page of the website along with some information about them and any offers they have for our members. Please show your appreciation for our sponsors and partners by sending them messages of thanks, and also by supporting their business when you can use their goods or services.

We are always looking to add new sponsors and partners so if you, or someone you know, might be interested, get in touch with the Club President and he can provide a sponsors pack and have a chat about how we could work together.

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