

# PARENT SCORE-BENCH MODEL INFORMATION



## OVERVIEW

From the Winter season 2026 onward, the club will return to a parent-supported score-bench model. Each team is required to supply one parent/caregiver to perform score-bench duties at every scheduled game.

The club manages the coordination of this system centrally to minimise the administrative burden on Team Managers.

## SCORE-BENCH ROSTERS

- After grading is complete, the club will issue a season-long score-bench roster for each team.
- The roster assigns one parent/caregiver per game to complete score-bench duties.
- Rosters will be distributed to Team Managers and families prior to the start of the season.
- Team Managers are not responsible for creating, adjusting, or monitoring the roster.

## TEAM MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Coaches and Team Managers already carry significant responsibilities relating to training, game-day preparation, player development, team coordination, and communication. Neither role is expected to take on additional score bench responsibilities.

Team Managers are asked to:

- Share the club-issued score-bench roster with their team families at the beginning of the season.
- Include parent reminders in weekly team communications.
- Direct any score-bench queries, swap requests, or paid fill-in requests to the club office.

Team Managers are not required to find replacement scorers, arrange or approve swaps, handle payments for opt-outs or paid fill-ins, train parents in scoring duties.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the parent-supported score-bench model, score-bench duty is a shared responsibility across all junior teams. Each family is expected to contribute to ensure games can run smoothly, fairly, and on time for all players.

- If you are rostered, you are responsible for attending your child's game and completing the allocated score-bench duties
- Please arrive early enough to be seated and ready before the scheduled start time.
- Games cannot commence until both teams have a parent seated on the scorebench. To help keep the competition running on schedule, the game clock will begin at the scheduled start time. If one team is ready with scorebench in place and the other is not, the ready team will be credited one point per minute until both scorebenches are in position and play can begin.

No previous experience or advanced rule knowledge is required. Your role is to follow referee signals and record what is indicated. Support is always available if you are unsure.

## IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND OR DO NOT WISH TO SCORE-BENCH

If you are unable or do not wish to complete your scheduled score-bench duty, it is your responsibility to arrange an alternative in advance. You may do this in one of the following ways:

- Arrange a swap with another parent or caregiver from your team, or
- Organise a paid fill-in scorer through the club office

## OPT-OUT OPTION & SCORE-BENCH FEES

Parents may choose to opt out of score-bench duties by paying for a fill-in scorer for their allocated games.

- All arrangements and payments must be made directly with the club office
- Payments must be made via EFTPOS only (no cash accepted)

Score-Bench Fill-In Fees:

- \$15.00 per game — minimum 5 days' notice
- \$20.00 per game — less than 5 days' notice
- Parents may also elect to opt out for the entire season by paying for all rostered games up front at the start of the season.

## GAME-NIGHT SUPPORT & TRAINING

The club provides strong on-site support to help parents feel confident in the score-bench role.

- The club will provide scorers to facilitate the shot-clocks, each team will still be required to provide a parent for each game requiring shock clock to manage the ipad and the score board.
- A Score Educator will move between Courts 1 & 2 and Courts 3, 4 & 5 each game night to provide assistance where needed.
- The Score Educator will be contactable via radio located on the scorebench.
- Referees are available to help during the games if needed.
- Scoring information sessions will be held during the season – Keep an eye out on the socials for more information.
- The Club has also created additional support documentation including:
  - Step by step guides for the iPad scoring system and Game Clock / Scoreboard operation
  - Quick guides available on the scorebench table

## NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

For questions about score-bench duties, roster changes, opt-outs, or paid fill-ins, parents should contact:

- Junior Coordinator: [✉ juniors@moretonbaysuns.com](mailto:juniors@moretonbaysuns.com)
- Score-bench fees can be paid in person at the club office on game nights in Meeting Room 3

