



**Blacktown City Football Club
National Premier League**

2017

Information for Parents and Players



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1. Background to the Club

Blacktown City Football Club (BCFC) has a long and proud history of contribution to and achievement in Football in Australia. The Club was formed in 1953 as Toongabbie Soccer Club and changed their name to Blacktown City in 1979. The Club competed in the National Soccer League in 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989 and 1990. Since then they have competed in the highest level in New South Wales, the NSW Premier League, where they have finished Premiers (1st in the League) in 2001, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2006 and 2008.

2. Player Selection Processes

Appointment to a BCFC National Premier League team is on the basis of a competitive selection process focused on talent identification, including previous achievement in a Club team and/or evidence of talent in selection trials

Appointment will be by formal letter and is subject to completion Section 18 - Acknowledgement and Declaration including payment of the relevant fee.

Continued selection is subject to ongoing compliance with BCFC policies, especially regarding conduct.

Selection trials are conducted during October and November each year.

Selection decisions by the Club are not subject to appeal.

3. Training, Playing and Learning

There are a number of opportunities presented to the Club National Premier League players to develop as young adults and as players:

- 1. Team Level** – the player is provided three nights training per week and the opportunity for National Premier League game experience. Whilst the decision on game time is left to the Coach, it is Club policy that all players are given time on the field as much as possible, with development of the players the main focus for the Coach.
- 2. Senior Level** – the player has the opportunity to access one night of training with the senior teams, subject to approval by the Head of Football and First Grade Coach, and to participate in school holiday training programs.

The Club may also organise interstate and/or overseas game experience, with the fees and selection processes advised on each occasion.

Where parents wish to propose and organise additional team outings or events, they must submit their proposals through the Team Manager to the Club for approval. Club decisions in such matters are final and not subject to appeal.



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4. Club Involvement

Players and their parents are expected to be actively involved in the Club and includes:

- Responsibility for the transport of the player to and from training and games
- As much as possible attending Senior Team home games (compulsory)
- Attending the Club Open Day (compulsory)
- Attending the Club National Premier League presentation day/night (compulsory)
- Completing three game day shifts as volunteers (compulsory)

5. Conduct

Players, parents and other supporters are covered by:

- BCFC Code of Conduct and policies
- FFA and FNSW codes of conduct and policies
- Players are covered, in particular, by the Laws of the Game, which include the Law relating to offensive, abuse, insulting and violent behaviour (Law 12)
- Parents and supporters have specific obligations not to abuse or harass players, Coaches or game officials
- BCFC will take action against misconduct, including action over and above any decision by FNSW in regard to player conduct during a game
- Misconduct will lead to warnings, suspension or termination of membership and the release of the player
- Misconduct by parents and supporters may include restrictions on training and/or game attendance
- Conduct issues for players include punctual attendance at training and attitude to both the Coach and other team players. A Coach may recommend game suspensions to the Convenor and Head of Football for a player whose conduct at training is inappropriate



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6. Fees and Refunds

The following fees are charged for each level of involvement (subject to ongoing review):

Team/Fees	Fee (includes GST)	Due Date
National Premier League	\$1,200.00 (50%)	9 December 2016
\$2400.00 (Under 18)	\$1,200.00 (50%)	1 February 2017

BCFC issues invoices for fees and payment is required by the due date otherwise the player will not be allowed to participate. Payment can be made by direct debit, credit card or cheque. Where providing a payment by cash you must ensure you obtain a receipt upon payment.

If a player withdraws from the program before 31 December 2016, ninety (90%) percent of the fee will be refunded.

Where a person commences a program and withdraws or requests a release, a refund will not be paid.

National Premier League teams make up part users of the Club's facilities and services. Fees paid by players are used for:

- FFA & FNSW competition registration, personal injury insurance, government sporting injuries fees
- Purchase of training and playing gear
- Maintenance, Council fee, insurance and operating costs for the Stadium and training fields
- Coach payments
- Administration costs including staff and office operating costs

7. Club Website and Communications

The Club website is the primary means of Club communication to players and parents for all training and game day information. The website link is www.bcfc.com.au

Issues about team management should be directed to the Team Manager, not the Coach.

Issues about Club management should be directed to the 1st Grade Manager in most cases, or in writing to the Head of Football.



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8. Wet Weather Policy

Please note that the following Wet Weather Policy is applicable when Ashley Brown Reserve Park and the adjacent baseball pitch are listed as closed by Blacktown Council. This is a policy adopted in the operating model of the club.

BCFC will immediately contact the Manager of Lily's Football Centre (LFC) by email or phone to check availability of Lily's Football Stadium for training.

Charges for field hire are applicable to BCFC which is outside the arranged fixed fees agreement. Managers will notify their teams of the out of pocket expenses and collect money at training.

Updates will be placed on the BCFC website and Facebook page for all teams to view by 3pm daily. It is the responsibility of the team manager to check these details and inform the players of any changes or cancellations.

9. Storm Policy

If a storm is forecast or imminent, BCFC will not make any decision on the training or games until the impact of the storm is assessed.

Quite often, storms do not occur as per warning predictions. If a storm does strike, games in progress may be suspended without notice by BCFC or the referee. If after 30 minutes, BCFC consider the situation unsafe to continue with the direction of referees, the remainder of the games for that round will be postponed.

10. Player's Gear

Each player is provided with:

- Two (2) Training Shirts
- Two (2) Training Shorts
- Two (2) Training Socks
- One (1) Club Polo Shirt
- One (1) Tracksuit Jacket
- One (1) Tracksuit Pants
- One (1) Playing Shorts
- One (1) Playing Socks
- One (1) Bag

Additional items can be purchased through the Club's portal page.

Players are required to play and train in gear provided by the Club and when attending game day the Club Polo Shirt, Club Jacket, black trousers, black socks and black dress shoes must be worn at all times.



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11. Coaches and Managers

A qualified coach, assistant coach and a manager will be appointed to each team.

Coaches and managers volunteer their time to the Club and both players and parents must understand they are not to make unreasonable demands on either person.

The team coach operates under the Club Senior Men's Head Coach.

Parents are to respect the coaches' decision. Where a parent has a concern about a coach's decision or behaviour that cannot be resolved at team level with the manager, then the matter should be referred in writing to the Head of Football.

When a parent wishes to discuss a player's development needs, it should be communicated to the manager who will make arrangements for a suitable day and time to discuss the matter with the coach in the presence of the Senior Men's Head Coach.

Parents are not permitted to be involved in training sessions and have access to training areas only for drop-off and pick-up of players. The Club canteen and conference room are available to parents during training.

12. Game Day Decisions

The Coach is solely responsible for player selection and the length of game time for each player in any particular game.

In an exception where a player is requested to be available for a higher age game, whether to assist the team to take the field or for player development, the request must be agreed upon by the team and the parents.

13. Release from the Club

A player's appointment prevents another prospective player from taking a position at the Club and release from the Club is not considered lightly.

Players will be released from the Club in the following circumstances:

- When accepting a position offered in a higher level competition
- When participating in State and National representative programs in Football and/or Futsal
- Where an injury prevents the player completing a season
- Where the player's family is moving from the greater Sydney area

Players will **not** be released from the Club simply to transfer to another competing Club.



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Please note the Fees and Refund policy outlined in Section 7 applies if a player's request for release is granted.

14. FFA and FNSW Decisions and Policies

The Club and each player is bound by the decisions and policies of the FFA and Football NSW.

The Club will honour and implement all FFA and FNSW decisions and policies, including those relating to player disciplinary decisions and social media. The Social Media Policy can be reviewed in full at:

http://www.footballnsw.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Resources_and_Documents/Social_Media_Policy_FNSW.pdf

15. Injuries, Incidents and Complaints

Injuries experienced during games or training should be reported to the Club by the coach or if he is not aware of the injury by the player or parent within twenty-four (24) hours of the injury.

Injuries or ill-health experienced outside of training and games that may affect the player's performance or own fitness and health must be reported to the coach before the player next trains or plays.

Where a player or parent is involved in or witnesses an incident involving misconduct including by players, officials or supporters of another team and Club, a report should be made to the team manager or the Head of Football within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.

BCFC has a formal complaints process that has effect in matters involving the Club.

Complaints against a player, parent, Club member, Club volunteer (Including coach or manager), or committee or staff member are covered by BCFC policy and processes and should be referred to the Head of Football.



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16. Club Membership and Sponsorship

Club membership and sponsorship is optional and for more information please contact the Club's Business Development & Marketing Manager.

17. Acknowledgement and Declaration

Please complete and sign this form along with your scheduled payment of Fees. Appointment will not proceed until this form is completed, payment received in full by 1 February 2017 and returned to:

General Manager/Head of Football
Blacktown City FC
5 Quinn Avenue
Seven Hills NSW 2147

Acknowledgement and Declaration:

I, _____
(print your name)

As parent and/or guardian of _____
(print player's name)

have read and acknowledge the contents of the BCFC National Premier League Information for Parents and Players booklet.

(signature) Date: _____

Bank Details

Account Name: Blacktown City Football Club

BSB: 032-075

Account Number: 419507

Reference Number: (Quote Players Surname)

Fee: _____
(Office Use Only)

Date Paid: _____