

Brindabella Blues Football Club

Registration Information – MiniRoos and Juniors 2025



Start of season

Under 6 to Under 9 - Saturday 26th April 2025

Under 10 to Under 18 – Saturday 26th April 2025

Who is BBFC?

Brindabella Blues Football Club Inc (BBFC) is a Football Australia Accredited Club and exists to promote the game of Football. BBFC is affiliated with Capital Football in the ACT. BBFC is a non-for-profit organisation located in the heart of the Tuggeranong Valley with our home ground being the Calwell Playing Fields.

The Club provides a family atmosphere and with an emphasis on club spirit and partnerships with the community. BBFC offers opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to join in a fun and healthy activity and the chance to be involved in something that is part of our community. The Club strives to create a pathway from juniors through to seniors across both social/competitive and Premier League formats.

It is hoped that by outlining our expectations that everyone will be able to have a more enjoyable experience. Feedback to committee members, coaches and managers is most welcome.

Visit us at www.bbfc.org.au

And remember to 'Like us on Facebook' <http://www.facebook.com/BrindabellaBluesFC>



How do I register?

Registrations will open for season 2025 in January!



For new players – the first step registration process is to create a Play Football account. Once created this will be where player details, registration information and history can be found.

Click on the link below and follow the steps.

<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=31595&save=0>

If there are any problems, questions or problems please contact info@bbfc.org.au. Please include as much information as possible if you are having problems in the email.

Play Football - Help Line No: 02 8880 7983 (check website for times)

Mon – Fri: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

What are the fees this year?

Miniroo and Juniors Community fees are listed below for 2025. Payment is required before the start of the season.



Under 5 & 6	\$ TBA
Under 7	\$ TBA
Under 8	\$ TBA
Under 9	\$ TBA
Under 10	\$ TBA
Under 11	\$ TBA
Under 12	\$ TBA

BBFC Under 13	\$ TBA
BBFC Under 14	\$ TBA
BBFC Under 15	\$ TBA
BBFC Under 16	\$ TBA
BBFC Under 18	\$ TBA
State League	\$ TBA
Masters	\$ TBA

How do I pay the Registration Fees?



- Credit/Debit card – pay online when you register online * **site card fees apply**

Registration fees can also be paid by funds transfer using the Invoice number and Surname as the reference number to the club's bank account.

Brindabella Blues Football Club Inc

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633000

Acc Number 17829048

“Invoice Number and Surname” (i.e. 7462551 – Smith)

Ezidebit

- Link for the ezidebit [Electronic Direct Debit Request - Ezidebit](#)
- Once the first payment has been received the registration will be approved.
- An email confirmation will be received once it has been processed.





When is the registration complete?

No player is considered registered until Online Registration is entered and full payment has been received and processed. No player can participate until registration is complete as they will not be insured.



When do registrations close?

Registrations commence in January and with teams to be sorted by **the end of March**. Registration can still be taken after the closing date but players registering after this date cannot be guaranteed a place in any team. Allocation will depend on available places. Team nominations are done in the first week of March and sent to Capital Football to create the draws. No additional teams can be entered after this time.



What age does a player play in?

The age group to nominate for is the age the player turns during the calendar year.

For example, if a player turns 13 in November that player plays in the Under 13's. Minimum age for players is for players turning 5 years old during the calendar year.

There are individual variations to this. For more details contact the info@bbfc.org.au

When are the club Information Days?



Please see the website and facebook for further information on information days for season 2025.

When and where are the matches played?

Under 6 to Under 9

All junior matches are played on Saturdays. Under 6 to Under 9 play only at the club's home ground - Calwell Playing Fields.



Age Group	Time	Duration
Under 7	Training 8:30am-8:55am	25 min
	Break	5 min
	Game 9:00am-9:45am	20 min halves
Under 6	Training 10:30am-10:55am	25 min
	Break	5 min
	Game 11:00am-11:45am	20 min halves (5)
Under 8	Warm up 9:00-9:25am	25 min
	Break	5 min
	Game 9:30-10:15am	20 min halves (5)
Under 9	Warm up 10:00-10:25am Locations TBC	25 min
	Break	5 min
	Game 10:30 – 11:15am	20 min halves (5)

Under 10 to Under 18

Under 10 to Under 18 play home and away games anywhere in the ACT or the nearby NSW area.



Age Grade	Match Day	Kick Off Time
Under 10	Saturday	11.30am
Under 11	Saturday	12:30pm
Under 12	Saturday	1:45pm
Under 13	Saturday	12.30pm
Under 14	Saturday	1:45pm
Under 15	Saturday	3:10pm
Under 16	Saturday	3.10pm
Under 18	Saturday	3.10pm

Match Draws, Locations and Results

Draws for Under 6 to Under 9 are available from bbfc.org.au website through the season. Check the notice board at Calwell Fields for all home game allocations/draws.

Draws for Under 10 to Under 18 are available through the Capital Football website (<https://capitalfootball.com.au/competitions/junior/>) or via the DRIBL app.

Team Sheets and Recording of Results

Under 10 to under 18 Team Sheets and scores are recorded in DRIBL by the team's coaches and managers. Access and training will be organized closer to the season start.

Match day facilities



The club operates a canteen & BBQ at the grounds on match days. Breakfast, Lunch and snacks are available. Hot and cold drinks are also available. Please support your club and buy from the Canteen. All profits go back into purchasing club equipment.

Like to support your child's team? Purchase from a variety of BBFC merchandise available from the merchandise shop on Saturday mornings.

Free Boot Swap Service



Don't know what to do with out-grown boots? Why not donate to the 'Boot Swap' so they can be recycled free for other players. Available via the merchandising shop.

What equipment is provided by players/parents?

Each player will need to wear suitable boots, club shorts, club socks and shin guards. BBFC shorts and socks are available at the **Merchandise Shop** located at the ground, prior to the start of the season and every match day on Saturday morning.



The club will have uniform days at which parents and players can purchase equipment from the merchandise shop. These will be advised on the club's website.

Shin pads **MUST** be worn at all times during matches and can be purchased from the Merchandise Shop.

What equipment does the club issue?



The type of equipment issued includes playing top, footballs, training equipment such as cones and football apparel including goalkeeper jumpers and gloves.

All apparel issued by the club to any individual, coach, team manager etc remains the property of the club and must be returned at the end of the season. Failure to return equipment may result in a fee being charged.

All Under 6 players receive a free BBFC welcome pack and drink bottle at the start of each season.

Player awards and end of season Presentation Day



During the season players will receive encouragement awards e.g. Certificates and a free sausage sandwich voucher. At the end of the season each player receives a football trophy at the Junior Presentation Day in September.

The club also recognises 10-year contributions to the club by players or coaches, these awards are presented on Presentation Day.

How does the grading work for U10 and above?



All Under 10 to Under 18 Div 1 & 2 players will be graded at grading sessions. Dates for these age groups will also be advised on the club website and Facebook page prior to the season.

Grading sessions will be at the Calwell Playing Fields or another nominated site if unavailable. There are no guarantees of placement in any particular team and players are reminded that playing in Div 1 in one year does **not** guarantee them a place in Div 1 in the next year. Any parent dissatisfied with placement can contact the Registrar.

Note: Grading session times, age groups and locations will be advised on the clubs website and on Facebook.



What if my child has a medical conditions?

Players with any medical condition should make their own arrangements to ensure they are able to play safely.

Information captured in the Playfootball registration system will be shared with coaches.



MEMBER

Do parents or legal guardians become members of BBFC?

The parent/guardian nominated on the junior registration will have full rights of membership of BBFC (see Part 3, Rule 4, Clause 2e of the club constitution available at our website).

Who are the coaches/team managers?

Coaches and managers are required for each team and are parents of players who volunteer to take on these roles and their nominations are accepted by the Management Committee. These individuals support your players giving their own time. Please remember to thank them for their efforts and to provide parental interest and support them in any way that you are able.



The club recognises Coaches each year who have contributed to their teams or the club at a Coach of the Year Award is presented at the BBFC Presentation Day.

When is training?

Most teams train at least once a week as determined by the coach. Once teams have been organised and the coach appointed, the coach will notify each player in the team regarding training. All players should arrive at training early so they are prepared to take the field on time. Training runs for a set time and parents are requested to collect players at the end of the training session.



Parents/guardians should make themselves known to the coach prior to collecting their children from training. For the safety of our young players they are not allowed to leave the pitch unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. **Please ensure a hand over occurs before and after training.**

Training for under 6 and under 7 is conducted before games on Saturdays. Under 8 to under 18 are held on weekday afternoons and nights at the Calwell Fields.

How do players and parents have to behave?

BBFC abides by the Capital Football and FFA code of conduct. It is required that players, coaches and parents/carers/spectators abide by these codes.



Swearing will not be tolerated at any time. For junior league there is a zero tolerance at match time and coaches are encouraged to continue that zero-tolerance policy at all training sessions. Swearing during match time can result in an automatic red card being issued by the referee and a minimum of one week suspension. Players/Spectators will be responsible for any fines imposed as a result of their behavior.

Any swearing or other unacceptable behavior displayed during training may result in the coach requesting a player to be removed from the training session. Please encourage your children to abide by the rules that the coaches set down for training sessions.



What happens when we attend games?

It is the responsibility of all registered players to make every effort to attend all games. Individuals are requested to be at games not less than thirty minutes before the start of a game. If a player is not able to attend a game either the coach/team manager should be notified as soon as possible.

Parents/guardians are requested to remain at matches to support the players during the game and to collect them at the end of the game. We discourage 'dump and run' as the club is not a child care facility. Parents/carers need to undertake at least one preferably more BBQ duties during the season.



What about the privacy of information supplied?

BBFC respects the privacy of all individuals. Details are provided to Capital Football and FFA for the purpose of registration and insurance and also to the team coaches and managers for the purpose of administration of the team.



What happens with photos that are taken by the club?

All images taken of members by authorised BBFC officials remain the property of BBFC. The club uses these images in promotional activities. By making application for registration and membership, the applicant and parents or guardians agree to images being taken and used under these terms.



What should players do if they change their contact details?

You need to update your own account details on-line at <https://www.playfootball.com.au>

Are there any fundraising activities?

A number of fundraising activities are organised throughout the year and your participation is encouraged. This keeps the registration fees down.

The club also seeks any (no strings attached) sponsorship opportunities from local business and we are happy to promote your business on our website.



Are players covered by insurance?

Players are covered for some medical costs by an insurance policy if they are injured during an official game or official training. The player registration fee includes a component to cover the premium for each player, paid on behalf of all clubs by Capital Football. The club also has a public liability policy through association with Capital Football.

If a player is injured and requires treatment and the parent/guardian, wishes to claim on the insurance please visit www.bbfc.org.au click on the insurance link on the home page and follow the steps.

NOTE: The club is not responsible for any costs associated with injury – this is an insurance matter. If there is a concern, parents should contact the insurance company prior to registering their child to play.





What happens when it is raining on match or training days?

Parents and players should note that just because it is raining it does not mean matches will be cancelled. There may be washouts but it will only be called off if the ground is found to be unplayable.

Please **DO NOT** call the club. The club cannot handle the volume of calls.

Check the BBFC website or Facebook first. The coach, manager or an assistant may also call/email team members on training days.

Are there any specific instructions when at the grounds?

Yes there a number of requirements when attending games and training at the Calwell Playing Fields. The club would like all parents and players to follow these.



Below are listed some of the requirements.



PARKING

As parking is limited, please observe all parking signs and vehicle spaces.



SPEED LIMIT

Please keep speed to a minimum when driving in the parking area.



SMOKING

All games and practices are "Drug-Free" Zones.
No smoking at junior competition games or training.



ALCOHOL

All games and practices are "Drug-Free" Zones.
No alcohol at junior competition games or training.



ANIMALS

There are no pets allowed on the grounds at competition games or training. This is law under ACT Legislation. Please leave them at home.



Why the ACT Government closes sports grounds.

The Government decides to close grounds based on:

- The potential for injury to players.
- The sport played and the potential for damage to the playing surface.
- The weather forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology.
- The condition of the ground when inspected.

Information will be placed on the website and Facebook pages. Messages will also be sent to Managers and Coaches to let them know.

Can I volunteer to help?

Brindabella Blues Football Club prides itself on being a club where everyone can get involved and make a difference. Each season the club depends on the participation of parents and volunteers to create a great and exciting football experience for every player.

How can I help?

It is easy. BBFC needs volunteers, parent helpers, game leaders, referees and coaches. There is also fundraising, line marking for fields, equipment management, match day co-ordination, BBQ services and more – everyone has something they can contribute.



What do I need to know?

You do not have to be able to play like Ronaldo or coach like Ferguson, have any qualification or even have played the game before you get involved. Parents as volunteers are essential to making the players training sessions and match days an enjoyable experience for all.

Of course, if you would like to assist in a coaching capacity, regular coach training and certification courses are run throughout the season. In addition, if you can play, maybe you could join one of the clubs senior teams.

What do I need to do?

Simply fill out the volunteer section of Registration questions when registering or just send an email and you will be contacted shortly.

Contact: Email: info@bbfc.org.au
Website - www.bbfc.org.au



What is MiniRoos?

MiniRoos (formerly known as Small Sided Football) are modified forms of 11-a-side football, designed to meet the needs of players under the age of 13, who have very different developmental characteristics and needs to adult players. The philosophy of MiniRoos focuses on enjoyment and freedom of expression with limited emphasis on coaching per se, particularly in the formative years of a player's development.

Almost without exception, young players in the major footballing nations of the world are introduced to the game through MiniRoos. Brazil, France, England, Scotland, Ireland, The Netherlands, Germany, Japan, USA and Korea all introduce their young players to the game using this approach. Considerable research has been conducted into the benefits of MiniRoos in many of these countries. Overwhelmingly, the findings have shown that MiniRoos are enjoyed more by children and are a more effective method of improving their technical ability as footballers (compared to 11-a-side football).

Whilst there are exceptions, in most parts of Australia MiniRoos has been the widely- accepted format of the game for new players up until the age of eight or nine. The rules and regulations of MiniRoos vary in terms of field size and goal size as does the age at which players progress to 11-a-side football. At the age of 9 or 10, the general trend is for these players to then move to 11-a-side football on a full-size field where they compete against other clubs in the local area.

There has also been an inconsistent approach in terms of the philosophy of football at this age, with the emphasis or otherwise on competition, winning, points tables, finals and the like, with variations depending upon the particular state or territory and/or association. Whether players compete and/or play against other clubs or within their own club is generally decided on a local basis.

In 2009 Football Federation Australia (FFA) released the National Curriculum. The National Curriculum was a key initiative put forward in the FFA National Football Development Plan released in November 2007. The National Curriculum aims to provide national guidance and an integrated and consistent approach to the development of players and coaches throughout the country.

The MiniRoos Football Formats for the season are summarised below;

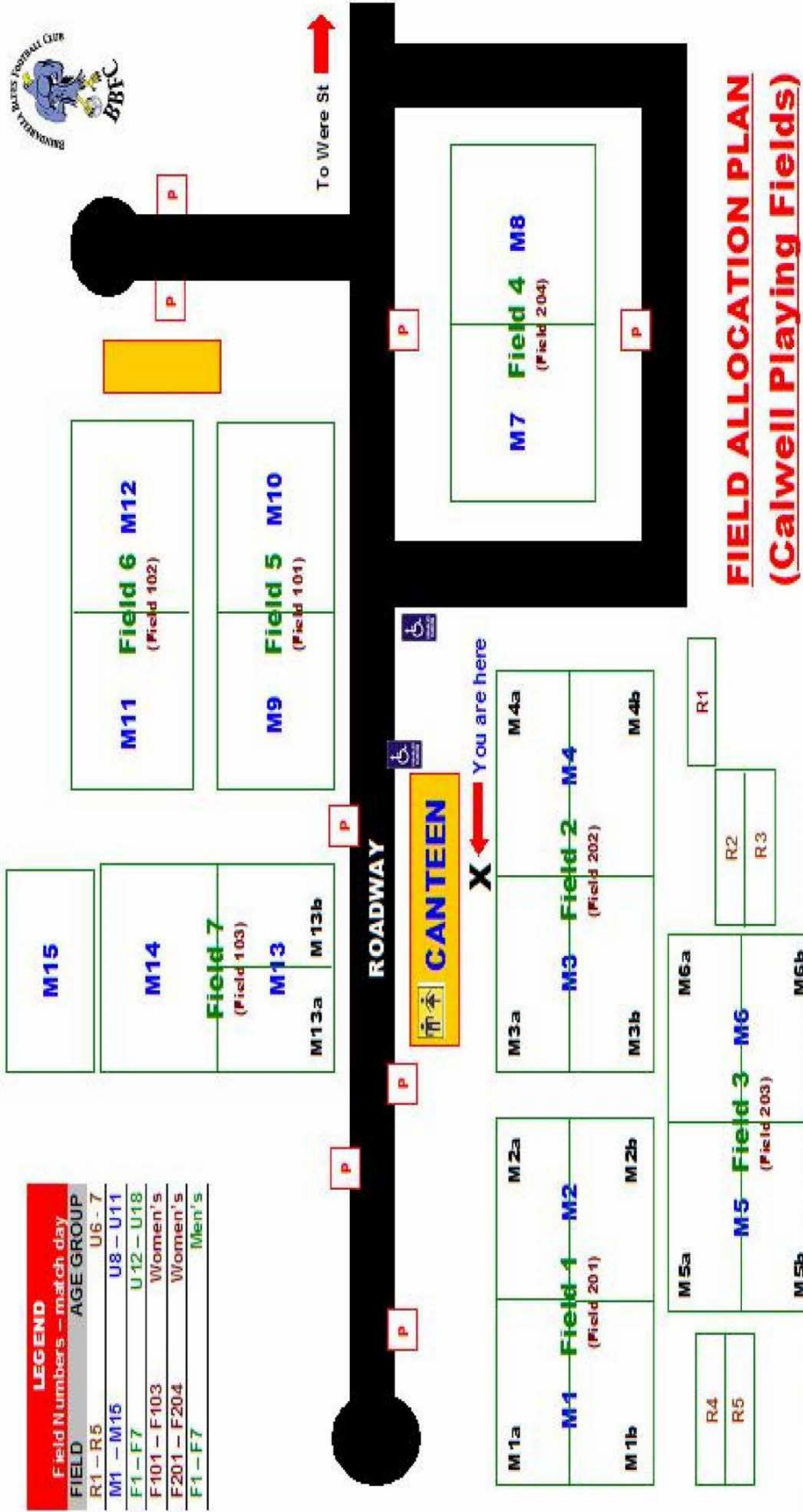
MiniRoos Football Formats

The MiniRoos Football Formats for the season are summarised below, the under 12 & 13 aged grades are now also a 9 v 9 format in 2025;

Playing Format	Under 6 & 7	Under 8 & 9	Under 10 & 11
Numbers	4 v 4	7 v 7	9 v 9
Field Size	Length: 30m Width: 20m	¼ Full Size Pitch Length: 40m - 50m Width: 30m - 40m	½ Full Size Pitch Length: 60m - 70m Width: 40m - 50m
Field Markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings
Penalty Area	Nil	5m depth x 12m width	5m depth x 12m width
Goal Size	Width: 1.5m – 2.0m Height: 0.9m x 1.0m	Width: 2.5m - 3.0m Height: 1.8m - 2.0m	Width: 4.5m - 5.0m Height: 1.8m - 2.0m
Goal Type	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 3	Size 4
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 15 minutes	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes
Half Time Break	5 minutes	5 minutes	7.5 minutes
Referee	Game Leader	Instructing Referee	Instructing Referee
Point's Table & Finals	No	No	No

What if I have further questions?

For any further information that is not covered here please feel free to contact the Registrar. Contact details are listed on the club website.



LEGEND	
Field Numbers – match day	AGE GROUP
R1 – R5	U6 - 7
M1 – M15	U8 – U11
F1 – F7	U12 – U18
F101 – F103	Women's
F201 – F204	Women's
F1 – F7	Men's

FIELD ALLOCATION PLAN
(Calwell Playing Fields)

Site plan not to scale

GK Removals

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2025 MiniRoos & Junior Leagues Information



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