



Blacktown City Football Club

JDL Program

2025

Information for Parents and Players



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1. Background to the Club

In the late 1950s to the early 1970s, Toongabbie Club rose through the lower divisions of the NSW leagues, by winning successive championships. By 1978 Toongabbie had advanced to the NSW top division. When Blacktown became a city in 1979 the club changed its name to Blacktown City, and the following year the club took part in the NSL for the first time. In its first national league match, a 4-2 win over St George, Blacktown had in its line-up English legend Bobby Charlton who scored their opening goal. In three NSL stints (1980-1981, 1984-1986 and 1989-1989/90) Blacktown's best season was 1984 with a fifth placing. After returning to the NSW state leagues in 1990 the club has been one of the strongest in the state-based competition.

Honours:

PlayStation 4 NPL Champions of Australia 2015

NSW top division Champions 1991, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2016

NSW top division Premiers 1988, 1993, 2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2006, 2007, 2015, 2022

NSW Waratah Cup Winners 1991, 1993, 2006, 2014

NSW Ampol Cup 1985

NSW Club Champions 1983, 1987, 1991, 1993, 1995, 2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

2. Player Selection Processes

Appointment to a BCFC JDL (Junior Development 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 is by formal letter and is subject to completion of Section 18 - Acknowledgement and Declaration including payment of the relevant fee in full by the stipulated date.

Continued selection is subject to ongoing compliance with BCFC policies, especially regarding conduct. Selection trials are conducted during October each year. Selection decisions by the Club are not subject to appeal.

3. Training, Playing and Learning

There are opportunities presented to the JDL players to develop as young adults and as players:

1. **Team Level** – the player is provided three nights training per week. Whilst the decision on game time is left to the Coach, it is Club policy that all players are given as much time on the field as possible, with development of the players the main focus for the Coach.

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 JDL Convenor to the Club for approval. Club decisions in such matters are final and not subject to appeal.

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 NPL Men's Team home games
- Attending the Club Season Launch (compulsory)
- Attending the Club JDL presentation day/night (compulsory)
- Completing two game day shifts as volunteers (compulsory)



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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 bound by, 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 JDL Convenor and Head of Football for a player whose conduct at training is inappropriate

6. Club Website and Communications

The Club website www.blacktowncityfc.com.au, Facebook Page and team communications App are the primary means of Club communication to players and parents for all training and game day information. Issues about team management should be directed to the Team Manager, not the Coach. Issues about Club management should be directed to the JDL Convenor in most cases, or in writing to the Head of Football.

7. 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 Blacktown City Sports Centre by email or phone to check availability of the facility (synthetic field) for training.

Updates will be placed on the Club website, Facebook page and Communications App 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.

8. Storm Policy

If a storm is forecast or imminent, the Club will not make any decision on 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 The Club or the referee. If after 30 minutes The Club considers the situation unsafe to continue with the direction of referees, the remainder of the games for that round will be postponed.

9. Player's Gear

Each player is provided with:

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

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. Superseded or previous years gear are not permitted to be worn during club sanctioned activities including training and game days.

10. Coaches and Managers

A qualified coach will be appointed to each team and each team will have an appointed manager.

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 Head of Football who is supported by the Club JDL Technical Director.

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 Technical Director.

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.

11. 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.

12. 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. Please note the Fees and Refund policy outlined in Section 16 applies if a player's request for release is granted.

13. FFA and FNSW Decisions and Policies

The Club and each player are 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.



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The Social Media Policy can be reviewed in full at:
<https://footballnsw.com.au/media/social-media-policy>

14. Injuries, Incidents and Complaints

Injuries experienced during games or training should be reported to the JDL Convenor by the coach or if they are 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 JDL Convenor or the Head of Football within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.

The Club has a formal complaint 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.

15. Club Sponsorship

Club sponsorship is optional and for more information please contact the Club's Head of Football.

16. Fees and Refunds

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

Players Memorandum of Undertaking (MoU)

If a player withdraws from the program before 1st November 2024, and no fees have been paid and therefore no refund entitlements apply. If a player withdraws before 14th November 2024, ninety (90%) percent of the fee will be refunded. Where a player commences a program, and withdraws or requests a release, a refund will not be paid. 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



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17. Memorandum of Undertaking - Season 2025

Congratulations on being selected to play with Blacktown City FC.

Please read the information below and confirm acceptance this offer by signing in the appropriate space.

The registration Fee to play in the JDL Program is \$1650.00 including GST.

The fee payment structure is as follows:

1. Deposit of \$500.00 including GST.
2. \$1150.00 including GST payable by 1st December 2024 (balance of the total registration fee).

Note:

- NSW Active Kids Vouchers are **not** accepted directly by the club and can only be used at the time of registering a player via the Football NSW portal.
- Should fees not be paid in full or in accordance with the above plan the player will not be permitted to take the field of play.
- BCFC reserves the right to amend the fees and payment structure if the governing body (FNSW) amends the current rates payable.

The above registration fee includes all applicable Governing Body fees, accident support plan, equipment, coaching, apparel and facilities.

Date:	
Coach:	
Age Group Registered:	
Player Name:	
Player Date of Birth:	
Players Address:	
Players Signature:	
Club Representative Signature:	
If the player is under 18, I the Parent/Guardian agree to the conditions of this MOU on behalf of the player.	
Parent / Guardian Name:	
Parent Guardian Signature:	



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18. 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 1st December 2024 and returned to:

JDL Convenor c/- Blacktown City FC
5 Quinn Avenue
Seven Hills NSW 2147
Sap.convenor@blacktowncityfc.com.au

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 Skill Acquisition Program Information for Parents and Players booklet.

(signature) (date)

Email: _____
(Please note that this year you will receive an invoice directly from the club)

Fee: _____ Date Paid: _____
(Office Use Only)

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