

2026

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Blaxland Football Club

Blaxland Football Club - '*The Redbacks*' are a family orientated club playing within the Nepean Association. We were formed back in 1969 and in 2025, we grew to 830 players and had a total of 66 teams.

We cater for all players from the ages of 3 to Over 45. Our Under 3 and Under 4 Miniroos program caters for children wanting to learn some new skills and participate in a friendly and fun environment. Our Under 5 to Under 12 teams play in a modified format of the game, where at varying stages, they are exposed to many elements of the game. They develop their skills and an enjoyment for the game across these varied stages until they get to Under 13 where they start playing on the 'big field'. We have all male and all female teams across U13 through to All Age and Over 35's. Our teams are across all ages from U5 through to O35. They play on Friday Nights, Saturday and Sunday.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly family orientated club that creates a safe and fun environment for kids and adults to play and enjoy the game of football, no matter your skill or level of competitiveness. Everything we achieve on and off the field is through the dedication, hard work and generous support of our committee, our families and our players. We are lucky to have such great people within our club.

"We are Redbacks"

Club Details

Our home ground St Johns Oval (Blaxland Oval) located at 12-70 St Johns Rd, Blaxland, NSW 2774.

Our postal address is PO Box 3034, Blaxland East, NSW 2774

The clubhouse phone number is 4739 8201

Our website address is www.blaxlandfootball.com

We can also be found on Facebook and Instagram @ Blaxland Football Club



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2026 Key Dates

January

2nd	Registration Opens
28th	Come and Try Afternoon - All Ages 5:30 - 7:00pm

February

2nd-6th	Grading Week U8 - U11 - Days & Times TBA
3rd	MiniTillies Program Commences
5th	Clubhouse Registration Night @ St Johns 6pm – 8pm
8th	Clubhouse Registration Day @ St Johns 10am – 2pm
9-12th	Grading Week U9 - U11 - Days & Times (If Required)
9th	Early Bird Registration Closes @ 11.59pm
10th	Standard Registration Fee Applies
15th	Muster Day U5 – U17 Age groups - Times TBA

March

5th	Coaches and Managers Meeting
13-15th	Proposed Trial Games Weekend
20th-22nd	Proposed Trial Games Weekend
23rd	Competition Starts for O30W
27-29th	Competition Starts for all ages: U5 - O35M

April

3rd-6th	Easter Weekend - No games for all ages
11-13th	Middle Weekend of school holidays - Games are currently proposed for this weekend for all ages: U5 - O35
25th	ANZAC Day - No games for SATURDAY Teams

May

2nd	U3 & U4 Miniroos Program Commences
16th	Team Photos commence

July

11th	Proposed Gala Day for U5 - U11 Teams (Middle Weekend of school holidays)

August

15th	Last Round for U5 - U11
21st	Redbacks Gala Night U5 - U11
21st-23rd	Finals Weekend #1
29-30th	Finals Weekend #2

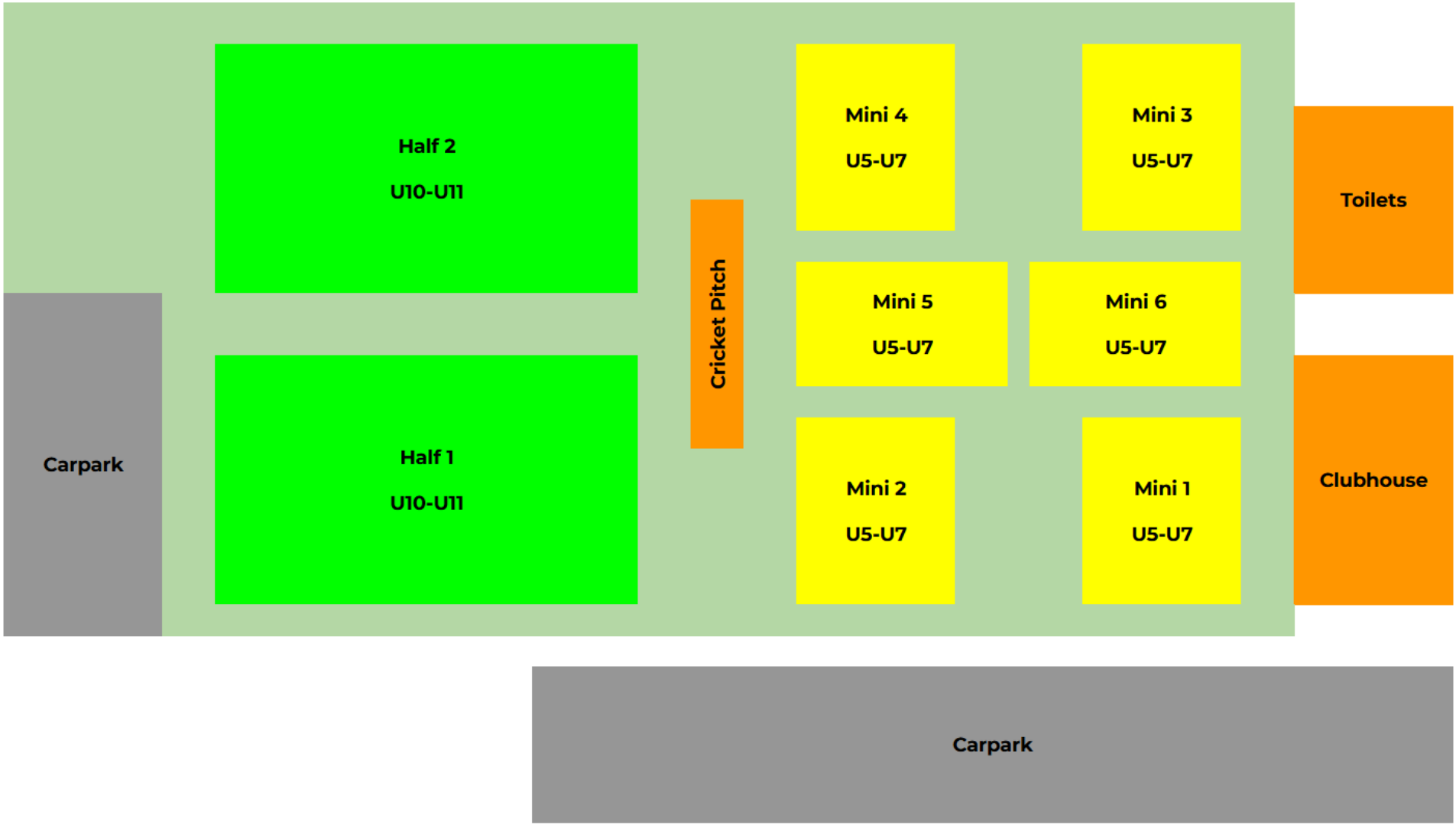
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13th	Junior Presentation Day
18th	Senior Presentation Dinner

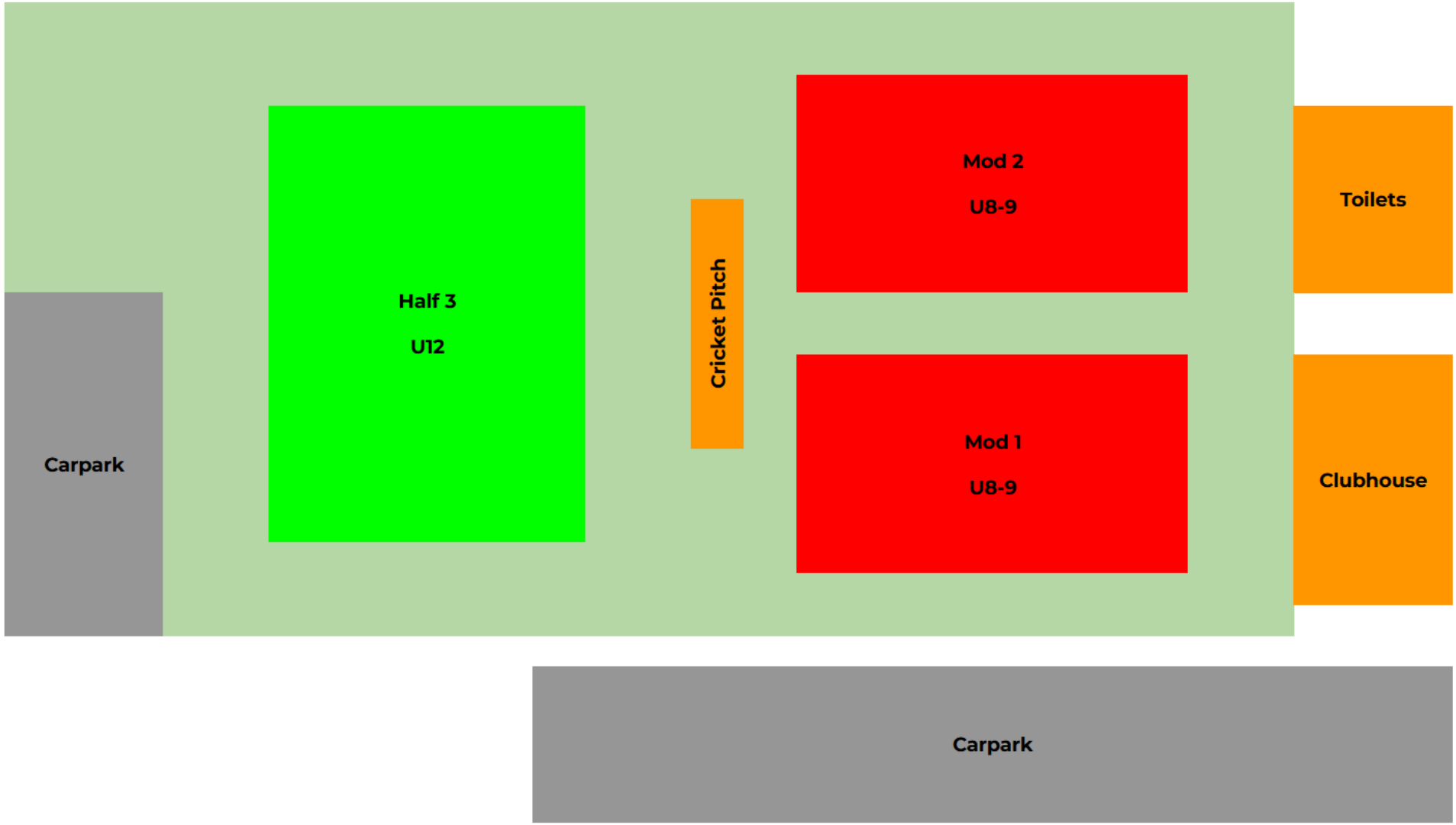
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Game Day

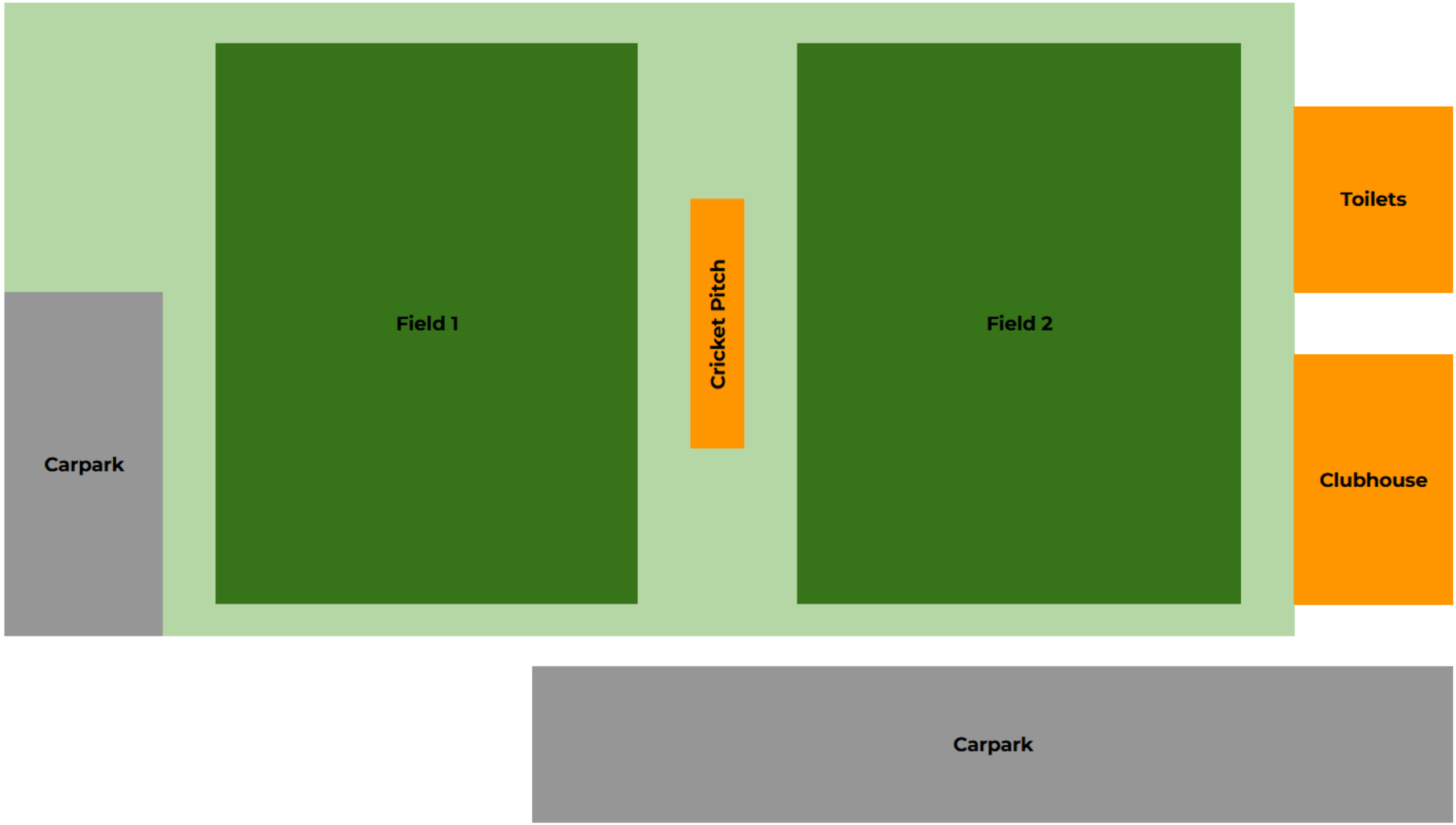
U5-U7 and U10-U11



U8-U9 and U12


Mod 2
U8-9
Toilets
Half 3
U12
Cricket Pitch
Carpark
Mod 1
U8-9
Clubhouse
Carpark

U13+


Field 1
Cricket Pitch
Field 2
Toilets
Carpark
Clubhouse
Carpark

Club Uniform

Our playing uniform consists of a Blaxland FC playing jersey, shorts and socks.
Shorts and socks are available for purchase from the club and the jersey is provided as part of the team's kit and is to be returned at the end of the season.

Additional Blaxland FC merchandise is available for purchase but it is not part of the playing strip. Please see below for more information.



Merchandise

We have recently partnered with a new apparel supplier - Sinalli. They have a great range of apparel, an online store and we look forward to bringing all of it to you soon!

For all your apparel questions please contact Mel at propertyofficer@blaxlandfootball.com

Club Photos

Team Photos are taken by our club photographer - Wayne Coburn and are a great fundraiser for the club. They are scheduled to be taken over a period of approximately four weeks in May and June as set out below:

16th May	Weekend 1	Under 3&4 to All Age
23rd May	Weekend 2	Under 3&4 to All Age
30th May	Weekend 3	Under 3&4 to All Age
6th June	**No Photos due to Long Weekend**	
13th June	Weekend 4	Under 3&4 to All Age

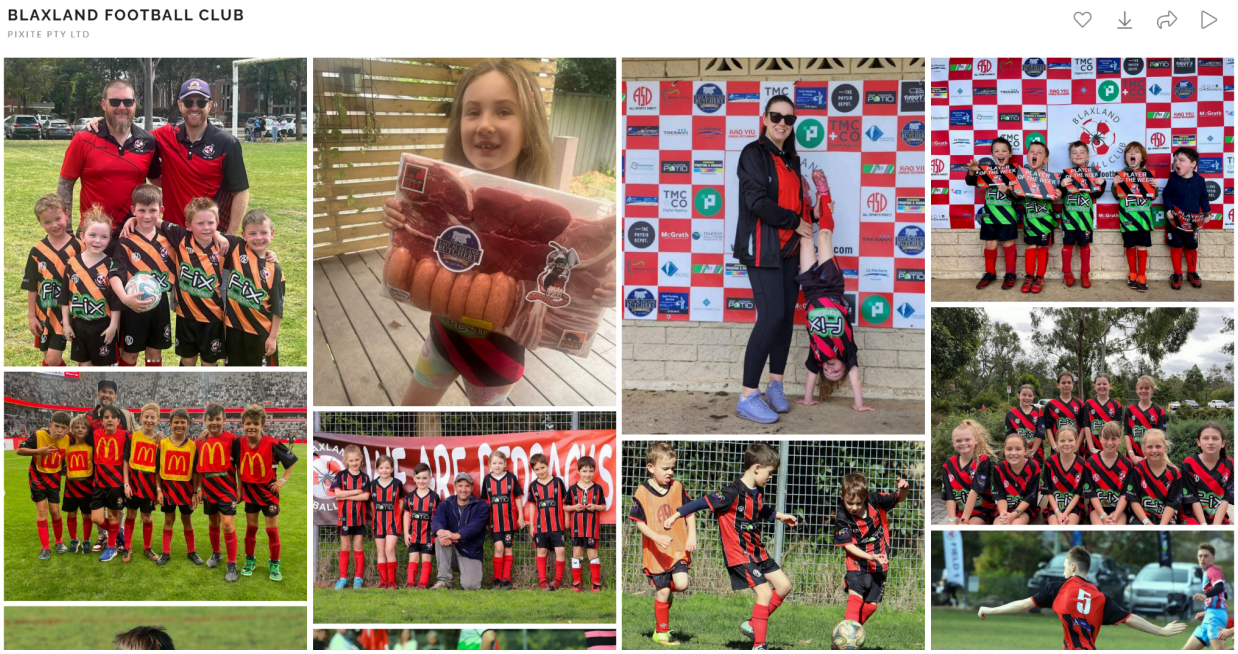
The photo times will match up with one of your home games and you will be notified of your allocated time once the draw has been released from Nepean. It is essential that all Players, Coaches and Managers turn up for their photo, even if a player is injured and not playing or not purchasing a photo, you still need to have a photo taken at your allocated time. Team photos cannot be completed without all the individual photos having been taken.

Photo orders and payment will be made on the day. Payment is via EFTPOS only. Pricing will be advised once the season commences.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Coburn at waynecoburn35@gmail.com



Throughout the year you will see our club photographer walking around the fields taking action shots. A selection of these photos are then posted on Facebook. This season we will be using a platform called Pixieset where the photos taken each weekend will be loaded into a gallery for our members to access.



Whenever photos are posted you will be provided with a link to access the photos.

If you do not wish your child to have their photo published please make sure you inform the club and Wayne and we will do our best to ensure your privacy is maintained.

Communication

Our main form of communication to all our members is via email. Other forms of communication are through Facebook/Instagram, the Coaches and Managers WhatsApp Chat and through our website.

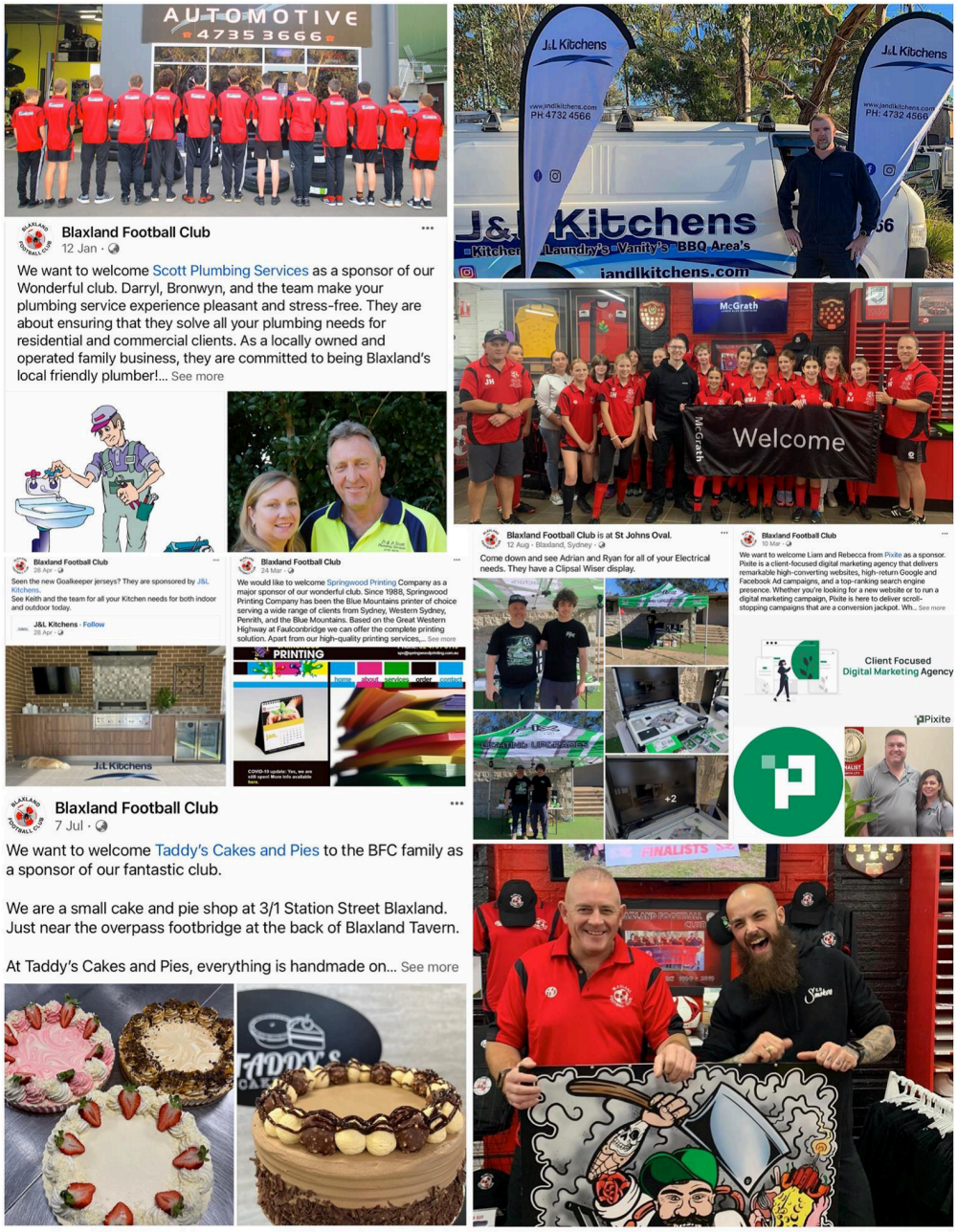
Once your team is formed, the team will decide on the most appropriate way to communicate. Most teams use WhatsApp. If there is an urgent message or a message we need to get out quickly we will post a message on the C&M WhatsApp chat and they can then distribute the message to the team. If the message is related to field closures or the cancellation of training, we will also post this on Facebook.

We distribute a newsletter twice a year - January and July that has a variety of information in it on upcoming events. Please have a read of it when it comes through to you.

Please make sure that all your contact details with the club are correct to ensure you receive information throughout the year

Club Sponsorship

We value our Community Partners who help support our club by partnering with us to promote their business via our social media, website, game day banners, clubhouse television advertising, and our famous media wall. With over thirty local businesses that have become part of the Redback Community, some for over twenty years, we offer many packages to best suit these businesses and offer those businesses a great return on their investment. Our advertising of our Partners is second to none.
There are three Club Packages or we can design a Package to best suit your requirements. Our Vice President, Justin Harper would love the opportunity to discuss this with you and talk through those options. Please contact him if you are interested in becoming part of the Redback Community - vicepresident@blaxlandfootball.com or 0414 463 245



Our Members

Volunteering for the Club

We are a community club. We are a family club and everything happens through the help of all of you and we appreciate the help of everyone throughout the year
.
Volunteering comes in a variety of forms - Being on the committee, being a Coach or Manager, being the Marshall on Game Day, bringing the fruit for halftime or washing the jerseys after the game.

A few times throughout the season, your team will be scheduled to help in the canteen and cook the BBQ. It is only for a few hours each time, but we do need you to volunteer your time to help not only your team, but the club. Your coach and manager will be notified of when you are scheduled on to help and they will organise the schedule for the day. We thank you in advance for doing your part to help out!

If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact our Secretary - Alanna Fenning at secretary@blaxlandfootball.com

Member Protection

Blaxland FC promotes an environment where everyone, that includes players, volunteers, referees, parents and spectators are able to participate in a positive and safe manner.

Protecting our members is a top priority and if there are any issues or concerns, our Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) is there to help. Our MPIO is the first point of contact for any enquiries, concerns or complaints about discrimination, harassment, abuse and other inappropriate behaviour. The MPIO provides information and moral support to the person/s with the concern or complaint. The MPIO, along with the committee helps to improve awareness of child protection and provide a safe and enjoyable sporting environment for our members.

If you or anyone within your team has a concern, please do not hesitate to contact our MPIO via email at mpio@blaxlandfootball.com

Working With Children Check

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. Therefore, all non-playing roles such as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Committee Member require a WWCC.

Blaxland FC requires all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers or Committee Members to hold a current and valid WWCC Certificate. BFC verifies your WWCC at the beginning of the season and your registration is incomplete until this check has happened and your WWCC number has been verified.

You will be required to enter your WWCC Number, Issue and Expiry Dates and upload your WWCC certificate when registering.

If you require a Working With Children Check, please apply through Services NSW. As a volunteer, there is no cost to you.
https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check

First Aid and Injury Reporting

If you or your child happens to get injured or requires first aid when you are at St Johns Oval, please see the Ground Official (pink vest) and they can assist you. All injuries and incidents need to be reported to ensure accurate recording keeping.

If you or your child happens to get injured or requires first aid when you are at another club's field, the same reporting process applies but you also need to inform Blaxland FC so we are aware of the injury or incident.

Insurance

Personal Player Insurance

As part of a player's registration fee, there is an insurance levy paid to Football NSW (FNSW). This insurance covers the player if they are injured during training or in a game. Please note that the insurance only covers expenses that are not covered by Medicare. For more information please refer to the FNSW Insurance Update August 2023 – The new FNSW Insurance website is available here: https://www.gowgates.com.au/sport-programs/football-nsw

For all Personal Accident claims, The insured person is to fully complete all sections in the claims portal. You will need to provide details of your injury and the activity in which it occurred. In order to submit your claim online - please visit https://football.claimsgateway.com/

Volunteer's Insurance

To be deemed a volunteer of the club, you need to be in a registered role with the club. This includes Coaches, Manager and Committee Members. The insurance policy is as per above. Please refer to the links above for further information.

If you or your child are involved in an accident or incident, please ensure you report this to a committee member to ensure an accurate report is recorded.

Becoming a Redback

Registration Information

All registrations this year are through the platform - Play Football https://www.playfootball.com.au/

Some helpful information before you register to play / coach / manage / volunteer.

Create a Play Football account if you don't already have one. You can do this prior to registering or it will ask you to login / create an account after you select Blaxland Football Club.

When registering you will require the following:

A passport style photo image - EVERYONE requires a new passport style photo. To avoid delays, follow these guidelines regarding the photo:

- Photo is a passport style
- Head faces camera directly with full face in view
- Only the participant in the photo
- No hats or sunglasses are to be worn in the photo
- Photo is clear and legible with appropriate lighting and no added graphics/overlays
- Under 5 MB in size
- File type of .PNG or .JPG
- Inappropriate photos may result in your registration being declined.

Non Playing roles (Coach, Team Manager, Committee, Volunteers) will be required to enter their WWCC Number as well as Issue and Expiry Dates as well as uploading WWCC documentation (A copy of their WWCC form). You will also have to provide ID to the club to verify your identity.

If you require a Working With Children Check, this check can be applied for at:
https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check

Active Kids Voucher

Anyone wishing to use the Active Kids Voucher please ensure you register prior to commencing the registration process as you need to enter the voucher number at the time of registration.
Active and Creative Kids voucher -
https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-and-creative-kids-voucher

Please be aware that Blaxland Football Club cannot refund the value of the AKV if the player decides to de-register. The funds can be transferred to another club or sport if the player decides to transfer prior to the beginning of the season, otherwise the AKV funds will be retained by the club.

2026 Fee Schedule

Age Group	Registration Package	"EARLY BIRD" FEES Online Payment in full on or before 9th February (11:59pm)	ACTIVE KIDS REBATE VOUCHER APPLIED:YOU PAY	STANDARD FEES If registering on or after the 10th February 2026
U5 (Born 2021) U6 (Born 2020) U7 (Born 2019)	U5 – U7 Mixed	$185	$135	$215
U8 (Born 2018)	U8 Mixed / U8 Girls	$185	$135	$215
U9 (Born 2017)	U9 Mixed / U9 Girls	$190	$140	$220
U10 (Born 2016) U11 (Born 2015)	U10-U11 Mixed / U10-U11 Girls	$205	$155	$235
U12(Born 2014)	U12 Mixed / U12 Girls	$235	$185	$265
U13 to U16 (Born 2010 - 2013)	U13 to U16 Boys & Girls	$245	$195	$275
U17 – U18 (Born 2008 -2009)	U17 -U18 Boys & Girls	$265	$215	$295
Age 19+ years	IM & IW AAM & AAW O35's Friday night O30W Monday night	$365	N/A	$395

Refunds

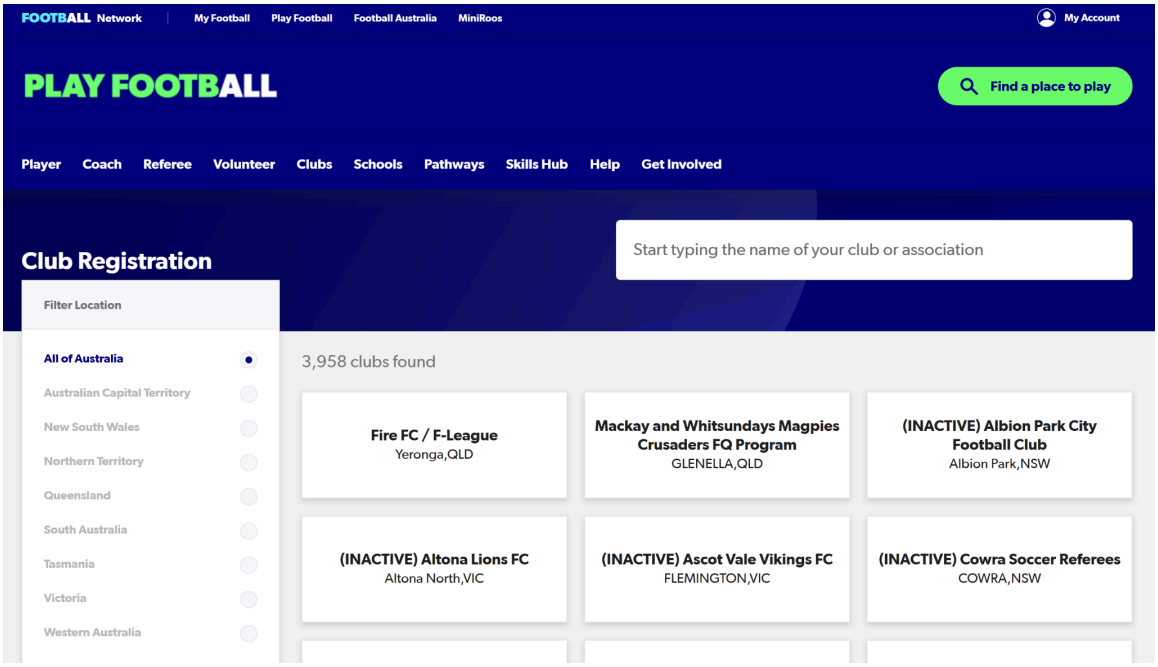
A player that de-registers prior to the start of the season and/or prior to taking to the field of play can receive a full refund (excluding vouchers), less NFA Admin fee of $16.50.
Once a Player has taken the field of play, in any age group, they are not entitled to a refund of any portion of the above fees.
If a player sustains a season ending injury, they may claim their fees through the player insurance.

If an Active Kids Voucher (AKV) has been used to pay any portion of the registration fee for a player aged U18, the amount covered by the AKV cannot be refunded to the parent/guardian of the minor. No refund of AKV applies to de- registering junior players, regardless of whether they have taken the field of play or not.

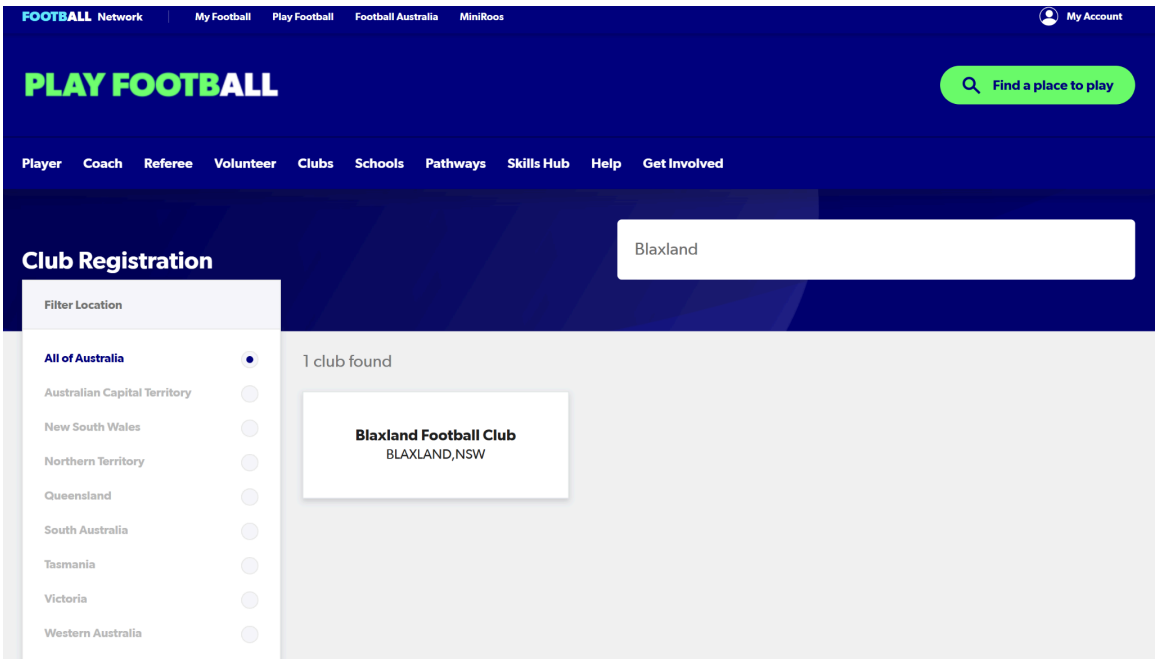
Registration Process

To register:

1. Use this link to access Play Football - https://www.playfootball.com.au/club-registration-search
2. The link will take you to the Club Registration Page, where you will search for Blaxland Football Club.

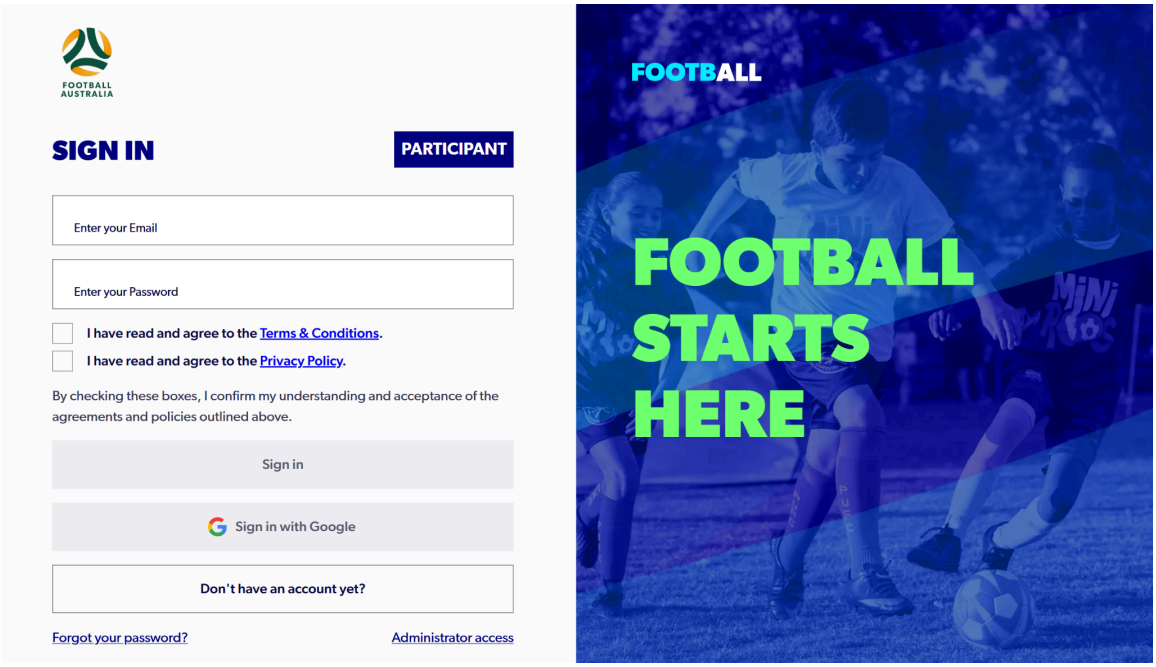


3. In the white box that says 'Start typing the name of your club or association' type in 'Blaxland'

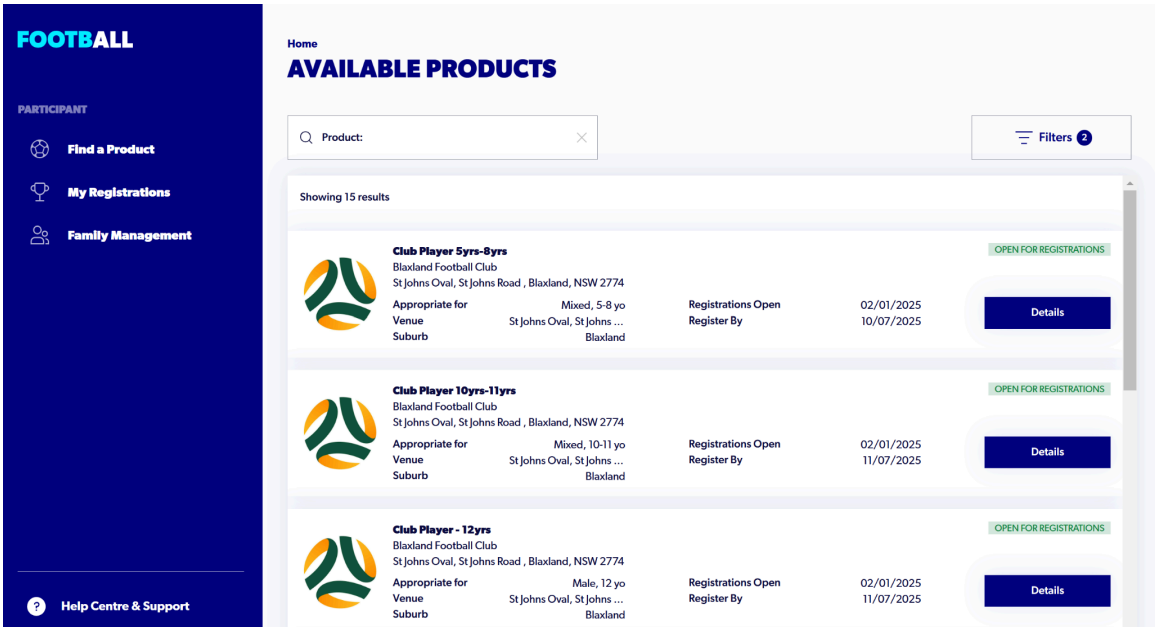


4. Select Blaxland Football Club

5. You will then need to login to Play Football. You may need to create an account at this point if you haven't already created one.



6. Once you are logged in, select the registration package you require and follow the instructions until you complete your registration.



7. We have a family discount of $30 if you have more than one family member playing. When registering your second and subsequent family members, enter the code '*Family2026*'' when prompted, to receive the family discount.

Should you have any queries please email our Registrar, Michelle Shone at: admin@blaxlandfootball.com

The Game

Age Group Game Summary

Age Groups	Player No's per team	Min & Max Players in a team	Game Duration	Ball Size	Field Size	Competition / Non Competition	Match Results & Points Table
U5 - U7	4	Min 5 Max 7	40mins 2 x 20min halves	3	30m long x 20m wide	Non Competition	Not published No points table
U8 - U9	7	Min 8 Max 11	40mins 2 x 20min halves	3	40-50m long x 30-40m wide	Non Competition	Not published No points table
U10 - U11	9	Min 10 Max 13	50mins 2 x 25min halves	4	60-70m long x 40-50m wide	Non Competition	Not published No points table
U12	9	Min 10 Max 13	60mins 2 x 30min halves	4	60-70m long x 40-50m wide	Non Competition	Not published No points table
U13	11	Min 12 Max 16	60mins 2 x 30min halves	4	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table
U14	11	Min 12 Max 16	60mins 2 x 30min halves	5	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table
U15 - U16	11	Min 12 Max 16	70mins 2 x 35min halves	5	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table
U17	11	Min 12 Max 16	80mins 2 x 40min halves	5	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table
IM, IW, AA, O35	11	Min 12 Max - N/A	90mins 2 x 45min halves	5	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table
O30W O45M	11	Min 12 Max - N/A	80mins 2 x 40min halves	5	Full Size Field	Competition	Published Points Table

Age Group Game Guide

Miniroos U3 - U4 Program

Our Under 3 and Under 4 Miniroos program is a 10 week program running on Saturday mornings from the start of May through to the end of June (Term 2 of the school year). It is an introductory program designed to engage kids in the beautiful game. The weekly sessions focus on teaching kids fundamental football skills through a range of fun activities and games.
There is no training. For U3, each session is 30mins and for U4, each session is 45mins.

As part of registration, each participant receives a Miniroos Pack along with Redback training socks, shin pads and a personalised Redbacks T-Shirt.

Miniroos U5 - U7

(Non Competition)
Our U5 - U7 Miniroos play in a modified format, where they are encouraged to develop their skills through the enjoyment of playing the game. They play 4 v 4 with no goalkeepers on a 30m x 20m field. They train once a week and play on Saturday mornings.

In U5 & U6 teams will play 'in house' each week, where they will play teams from within their own club. In U7 Blaxland are geographically grouped in the Penrith area and will play teams from Emu Plains and across the Penrith area.

U8 - U12

(Non Competition)
Our U8 - U12 teams still play in a modified format.

U8-U9 play 7 v 7 with a goalkeeper on a 40-50m long x 30-40m wide field (across the field). They continue to develop their skills through training and games, but they begin to learn more about teamwork and play positions. They train once a week and play on Saturday. The kickoff time of games can vary depending on where the team is playing and U8-U9 are grouped geographically in the Blue Mountains area and will play teams from Blue Mountains up to Wentworth Falls.

U10-U11 play 9 v 9 with a goalkeeper on a 60m long x 40m wide field (across the field). They continue to develop their skills through training and games, but with an increase in players, their learning around teamwork and football increases. They train once a week and play on Saturday. The kickoff time of games can vary depending on where the team is playing and U10-U11 are no longer grouped geographically, meaning they can play any team within the Nepean Association.

U12 is very similar to U10-U11. Teams are still 9 v 9 but the field increases in size slightly to 70m long x 50m wide (length of the field - box to box). They train once a week and play on Saturday. The kickoff time of games can vary depending on where the team is playing and they can play any team within the Nepean Association.

In these age groups, Nepean FA record results and keep a results table but they do not publish it. They use the results and table to help maintain a competitive environment. NFA looks at these results and tables every 4-6 weeks throughout the season and will undertake regrading at these times to ensure all teams continue to play in a competitive environment.

U13 - U17

U13 - U17 play 11 v 11 on a full size field. Teams are in divisions based on ability and competitiveness and can train up to twice a week. U13 - U15 Boys and Girls and U16 Boys play on a Saturday. U16 Girls and U17 Boys play on a Sunday. They play full competition rules and results and competition tables are published.

Intermediates

Intermediates play 11 v 11 on a full size field. Intermediate Men's teams consist of players aged 18-19 and Intermediate Women's teams consist of players aged 17-21. They play full competition rules and results and competition tables are published.

All Age (Men & Women), Over 30 Women & Over 35 Men

Senior teams play 11 v 11 on a full size field. Teams are in divisions based on ability and competitiveness and can train up to twice a week. They play full competition rules and results and competition tables are published.

All Age teams play on Sunday.
Over 30 Women play on Monday Nights.
Over 35 Men play on Friday Nights.

What team will I be in?

Under 5 to Under 7 are non-competitive. Teams are not in divisions, and they either play their games in-house (against other Blaxland teams) or clubs are grouped in geographical areas to ensure minimum travel on game day. In these ages, you can request to play with friends. As a club we will do what we can to accommodate this, but it is not always possible due to team numbers. We do not grade in any of these age groups.

Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 are also non-competition but in Under 8-10's, the club states whether the team is a High, Medium, Mixed or Low ability team. Each ranking is then given the name of a Socceroos or Matildas player. In Under 11 and up, the club nominates a division based on the previous season's results and/or the grading process.

In Under 8 and Under 9 teams are grouped on both ability and geographic location. We are in the Blue Mountains region which runs from Blaxland up to Wentworth Falls. In Under 10 and Under 11 teams are grouped on ability and can play anywhere in the Nepean Association.

In Under 8 through to Under 11, the nomination process allows teams to be grouped with similar ability teams allowing for a more even "like for like" playing experience. This provides an opportunity for all teams within the group to be competitive throughout the season. Sometimes, teams may not always end up in the correct group at the beginning of or throughout the season, so teams may be re-graded throughout the year to ensure they are playing in a competitive group/division. This helps to keep groups/divisions balanced and allows the association to have a good idea of which teams should be in each group/division throughout each year and into the following season.

To help ensure we had competitive teams, last season we undertook Voluntary Grading for individuals in Under 9-11. This process involved:

- Players registering as per normal and as a part of the registration process, indicated whether they wish to participate in the Voluntary Grading.
- The club completed the grading process with those interested players which involved assessing the players football ability, consulting with the previous season's coach and then grouping similar ability players together. Once completed, the club created teams based on the process.
- Once teams were created, the club then nominated each team for the appropriate grade/division.

From committee observations and member feedback, this process appeared to be successful in Season 2025. Based on member feedback, we are proposing to extend the voluntary grading process in Season 2026 to include Under 8.

We know friends like to play together; we know that not all friends are of the same ability and we know that some players are more competitive than others. We would like to try and ensure that those players that wish to play in the highest grade possible are given the opportunity and that those players that aren't as competitive, are still able to have fun in an appropriate grade / division.

Players can choose not to participate in the voluntary grading and they may wish to remain with their friends in a specific team. Those players who do not wish to participate in the voluntary grading will be placed, where possible, in a team with their friends and/or with similar ability players. If the entire team wishes to stay together, this is perfectly fine, you just need to let us know. The best way to do this would be by having a conversation with the grading committee and also emailing the club. We as a club will do our very best to accommodate your requests.

We as a club understand the enjoyment that comes from playing the game of football and also playing it with friends. We also see the importance of players playing in a game where they can compete against similar ability players. We see that this process helps with both of these important elements and the best possible solution for our club. We expect the grading will take place in early February 2026.

If your child would like to play in an all girls team in 2026, please select this option during registration. We aim to have at least one all girls team in each age group. If we don't have enough players to form more than one team, current players will have first preference, and any remaining spots will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Any players we cannot place in an all girls team will be included in a mixed team. If there is only one girls team in an age group, the whole team will be graded together and individual voluntary grading won't be required.

If you have any questions regarding the Voluntary Grading Process, please do not hesitate to contact us at coaching@blaxlandfootball.com

Under 12 remain playing in a modified format. It will be 9v9 and the game will be on a modified field (slightly larger than U11). This format is being implemented across all levels of football across the entire state. In this age group, just like U13 and above, we hold trials for those players wishing to play in the highest possible division they can.

Under 13 to Intermediates (Women U17-U21 & Men U18-19) These age groups consist of teams across a variety of divisions. Trials were held in November & December for players from Under 12 through to Under 17. At this stage, these teams won't necessarily be Division 1, but will be in the highest possible division for their ability. We as a club want every child to be playing at the best possible level they can be and our teams to be competitive. To do this we need players playing in appropriate teams. For those age groups that have multiple teams, grading may still be necessary after trials, so the most appropriate division can be determined. This cannot be finalised until registrations are complete.

All Age, Over 30 Women & Over 35 Men We have teams across a variety of divisions. We still want everyone playing at the most competitive level they can, and if you are interested in playing in these age groups or have any questions, please contact the club at admin@blaxlandfootball.com

Coach Information

Each team must have a Coach who is aged 18 years or above. As mentioned, if you are a coach, you must have a valid and verified WWCC Number.

As a Coach, your duties include:

- Liaising with the Club, Manager and Team
- Organising and Running Training
- Organising the team on Game Day, including making substitutions
- Ensuring players are getting equal playing time across the year
- Leading by example.

Manager Information

Each team must have a Manager who is aged 18 years or above. As mentioned, if you are a manager, you must have a valid and verified WWCC Number.

As a Manager, your duties include:

- Liaising with the Club, Coach and Team
- Organising Canteen and BBQ Rosters
- Allocating jerseys and recording jersey numbers
- Completing the Match Sheet on Dribl each and every game
- Leading by example

At the beginning of the season the club holds a Coaches and Managers Meeting to provide essential information for the season ahead. We also hold Coaches and Managers Meetings throughout the year to provide information and ensure clear communication between Coaches and Managers and the club. This is also an opportunity for Coaches and Managers to discuss and work with one another and the club. We are all here to help each other.

Training

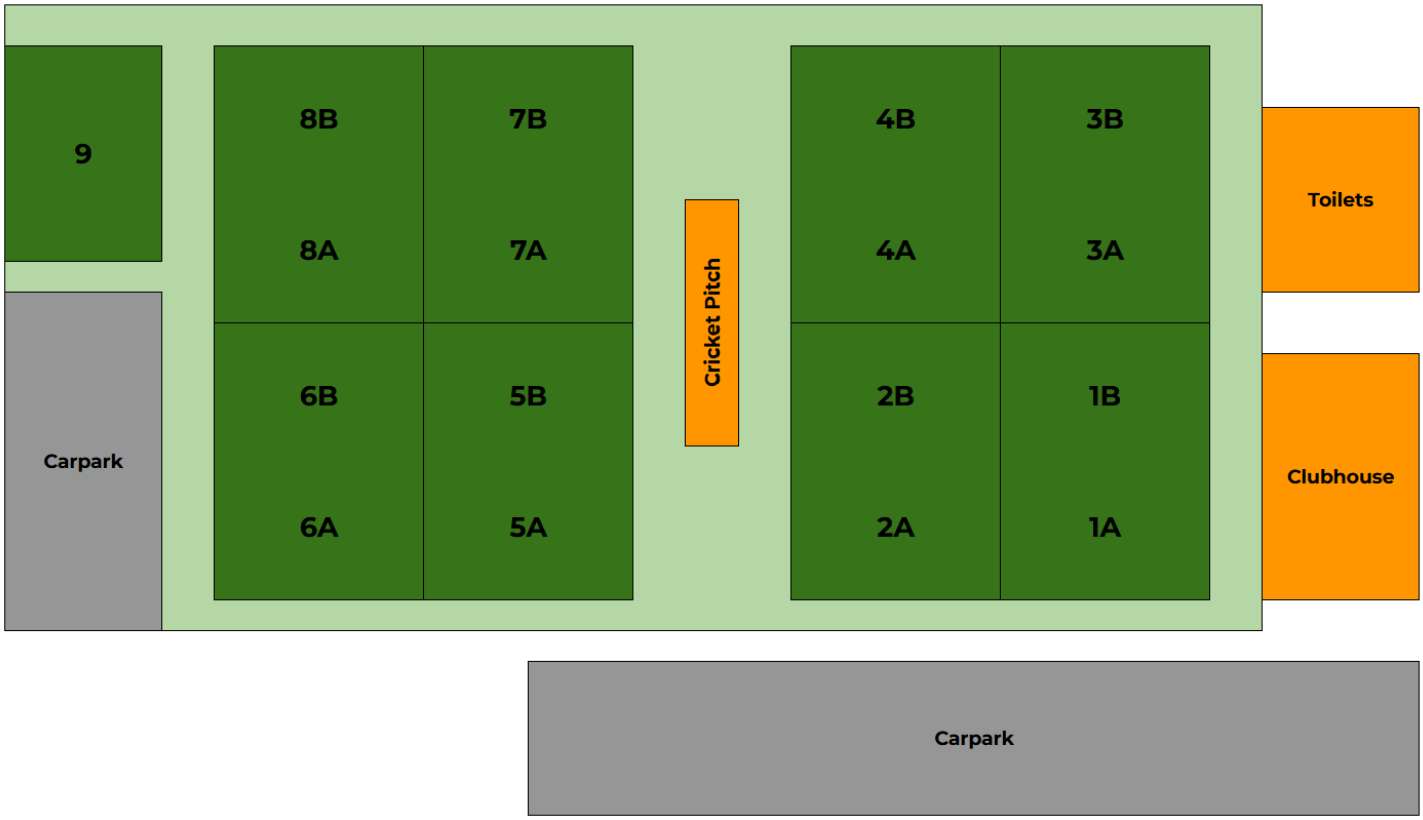
Training for teams takes place at St Johns Oval on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Nights. At the beginning of the season, your team decides on a training night/s and time and the club organises the training schedule for the season.

Training resources are available at the oval for your team to use for your training sessions, please make sure you return it at the end of your session. We also ask that your team sticks to your allocated time and location otherwise it can impact other teams.

At times throughout the year, training is impacted by the weather and night games. We will do everything we can to lessen the impact of night games on your training, but we do ask for your understanding when training needs to be cancelled during these times or when the oval is closed due to the weather. The club will provide updates on Facebook and will also advise the Coaches and Managers via our WhatsApp chat. Your Coach or Manager will then advise you of the outcome.

The club is lucky enough to have a Goalkeeper Coach who holds Goalkeeper Training on a Monday night throughout the season. The training is open to players from U8 through to All Age and O45. Please keep an eye out early in the season for announcements on this.

Training Field Layout



Game Scheduling



The association uses an app called DRIBL. On this app you follow your team or your child's team and you are then able to see the draw, the competition table (U13 and up) and you can also see the results of your game and the other teams in your division, if you follow not just your team but the age and division your team is in.

Coaches and Managers also use this app to access and complete the match sheet each and every game.

Pre-season trial games are not found on the DRIBL App. You are notified of these through the club and your Coach and Manager.

Game Day

Match Day Expectations

Whether you are a coach, manager, marshal, player, parent or spectator, we as a club expect you to behave in a manner that upholds the high expectations of Blaxland Football Club. We expect you to coach, manage, play or spectate in a manner that does not bring the game into disrepute, does not put anyone in danger and allows everyone to enjoy the game they are there to participate in, no matter their role. Whatever our role is, we are there because we enjoy it and/or our children enjoy it. That is and always needs to be the focus. Always remember, everyone is doing their best, no one is going out there to make mistakes but they do happen and when they do, we learn from them.

Coach

On game day you need to:

- Setup the field if required
- Liaise with your Manager and the opposition Coach/Manager to organise a Game Leader / Referee if one has not been allocated to your game. Unless there is no one else, we do not want you as the coach to referee the game. You are there to coach.
- Wear the Yellow Coach vest
- Prepare your team for the game
- Encourage your team with positive reinforcement
- Encourage your team's parents to be positive in their encouragement
- Make substitutes if / when required
- Pack up the field if required.
- Lead by example.

Manager

On Game Day:

- Setup the field if required
- Liaise with your Coach and the opposition Coach/Manager to organise a Game Leader / Referee if one has not been allocated to your game. Unless there is no one else, we do not want you as the manager to referee the game. You are there to manage.
- Wear the Blue Manager vest
- Ensure you have a team Marshal (with orange vest) on Game Day
- Introduce yourself to the opposition's manager and the Referee before the commencement of the match.
- Complete the match sheet prior to the commencement of the game.
- Finalise the match sheet at the completion of the game.
- Pack up the field if required.
- Lead by example.

Marshal

On game day, each team must have a Marshal who is aged 18 years or above. As of 2026, each team must have a registered Marshal. As a Marshal, you must:

- Wear the orange Marshal vest
- Introduce yourself to the Referee before the commencement of the match.

You must also make sure that:

- The spectators, Coach and Manager from their team do not encroach the sidelines, do not go onto the field of play, without permission from the referee and that they behave themselves.
- Good order is maintained and shut down any antisocial behaviour or inappropriate language
- Only the Coach, Managers and interchange players are in the Technical Area.
- Spectators and players not listed on the team sheet do not enter the Technical Area
- You have been listed as an official on the Match Sheet on the Dribl App.

If an incident occurs, the Marshal:

- Will be required to provide an eyewitness written report of the incident.
- May have to appear at a Tribunal or Inquiry Hearing. If you do, you will be a neutral witness

Player

As a player you are expected to follow the reasonable instructions of your Coach and Manager. On game day, they will ask you to be at your game at a specific time, often 30 - 45 mins prior to your game (this may vary depending on your age group). This is to allow enough time to organise the team, ensure the match sheet is accurate and complete and to warm up for your game.
You are expected to turn up to the game with the correct equipment to play the game. This means in full Blaxland Redbacks uniform. As a player, the club expects you to play in a manner that is competitive, safe and in the correct spirit of the game. Be fair and be a good sport,before, during and after the game. When you play, you are representing yourself, your team and the club.

Parents / Spectators

As a parent and/or spectator we expect you to be exactly that. We expect you to support and encourage your child and their team in a positive manner. The players play and the spectators spectate. Players will make mistakes and when they do, they are usually their harshest critics and already feel bad. That is when they need encouragement not criticism.

Ground Closures

Grounds all across the association can be closed by the council, the club or a referee if they are too dangerous to play on. If St Johns Oval is shut, we will post this on Facebook and send a text to the Coaches and Managers chat. Your Coach or Manager will then inform your team of the closure.
If an opposition's field has been closed, the easiest and quickest way to find out is via that team's Facebook page and/or via Nepean FA's facebook page as they will regularly update their post (in cases of wet weather).

Once a field has been shut you may also be notified of this through the DRIBL app.

In some cases, games get moved from one field to another. You are usually notified of this via the DRIBL app, but the club will endeavour to notify your team Coach or Manager as soon as we find out.

Code of Conduct

Blaxland Football Club along with all clubs and associations, follow the Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics - Football Australia - National Code of Conduct and Ethics 2021

No Respect, No Game

Football NSW reminds everyone involved with our game of their responsibility in creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment across all football activities.

Whether as a player, official or spectator at a match, you have a responsibility to ensure that the game is played in a fair, competitive manner without the escalation of abuse, intimidation or breaching of the Laws of the Game.

As part of the game's Respect Campaign and in the interests of curbing the verbal and physical abuse of match officials, Clubs are on notice that Nepean FA and Football NSW will be sanctioning Clubs for the abuse of match officials by their participants, with a particular focus on abuse committed by players, coaches and club/team officials.

Football NSW has a zero-tolerance stance for this type of behaviour and will continue to impose strict sanctions on those that do not comply.

Together we must protect our game and ensure that all participants can continue to enjoy their football in a safe environment. We ask you to be proactive when on the field and in the stands to exhibit the values of football and ensure those around you respect the game equally.

For further information and resources that extend to all participants of the game, please see the below links.

Resource List:

Football Australia Spectator Code of Behaviour

Member Protection Framework | Football Australia

2024 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

Nepean FA Code of Conduct - CODES OF CONDUCT REGULATIONS

Nepean FA - Three Strike Policy

Scope

The policy applies to all players, team officials, club officials, supporters and spectators.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a catalyst for changes to club and team behavioural cultures to ensure safety and enjoyment for all participants at all games within the Nepean FA region. All members of the Nepean Football Association community play a role in promoting a positive environment and supportive behaviours within our game. The elimination of poor behaviour both on and off the field, whether aimed at referees, supporters, coaches, players or club members, is crucial to ensuring football remains an inclusive and welcoming game for all who enjoy it.

Under the Local, State and National Disciplinary Regulations and Codes of Conduct, a club is responsible, and liable, for the conduct and behaviour of its supporters, whether they are playing a fixture at home or at an away facility. It is the host club's responsibility to ensure the Football Australia Spectator Code of Behaviour is implemented and enforced in relation to all attendees. An away club is also responsible and liable for improper conduct among its own group of supporters at any fixture.

Process

The Three Strike Policy applies to clubs where instances of abuse or misbehaviour directed at referees or other members of the football community, from spectators, club officials, team officials, players and clubs are reported.
For more information on “abuse or misbehaviour” please refer to the Nepean FA (NFA) Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations available on our website at
https://nepeanfootball.com.au/rules-regulations/

The Three Strike Policy can be found at:
https://nepeanfootball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/NFA-Three-Strike-Policy-2024.pdf