

# BLACKWOOD BULLETIN

## NEWS



## Welcome to the 2023 season

Welcome to the first edition of the Blackwood United Football Club Newsletter. Our women's team kicked off the season last Friday 21st with our junior teams playing their first games this Saturday 29th April. We are excited to see how you all go, Good luck to all teams!!!  
Fixtures are available for all teams via the [my\\_game\\_day\\_app](#).



### Womens team



## 2023 Teams

The 2023 season has seen fabulous numbers for all the blackwood teams.

- MiniRoos Kickoff Program
- Under 8s
- Under 10s
- Under 11s
- Under 13s
- Womens

Big thank-you to our superstar coaches Crystal (U8), Nigel (U10), India (U11) and Luke (U13). Also, a massive thank-you to all the support crew for each team. You're legends!!!

The Blackwood United Ladies Premier Reserves team took on the Australind Ladies Premier Reserves last Friday evening, 21st April here at the Balingup oval. It was clear crisp evening and the ladies on both teams were eager to kickstart the season and put some points on the board.

Both teams displayed great sportsmanship on the pitch and executed fine ball skills. Blackwood hit the score board first with a spectacular goal from Krista Nichols. Australind quickly replied with a swift goal to draw the score 1 all. A penalty kick to Australind saw them take the leader at the half time break.

Second half saw Australind score two quick goals pushing the lead out 4-1. Blackwood played a really defensive game with some great long runs up the wing. Unfortunately another goal to Australind sealed the game with a final 5-1 win to the visitos. Blackwood ladies gave it everything with a never die attitude, a promising season in the making.



## Sponsors

Very big thank-you to Talison Lithium mine in Greenbushes for sponsoring the clubs new game day shirts.

## CLUB VISIT SESSIONS Coaching Mini Roos Model Session



4th May BLACKWOOD

- Coach Mini Roos (Ages 5-8) with model session (45 min)
- Coach SAP (Ages 9-12) Model SAP Session – Introducing a skill, coaching the skill, skill game. (1.5 hours)

This session we will take the players through a normal mini roos session.

## Club Respect

No matter how well your club's travelling, issues will surface. That's normal. Some may be difficult to handle and take time and energy to properly resolve. That's normal too. It's not easy, but bad behaviour needs to be called out. The bad behaviour by some people at your club is distressing for many. There should be no excuses made for people who choose to behave poorly. Word gets out, and the image of your club tarnishes in the wider community. So, what can you do? There are strategies that you and your club can adopt to deal with bad behaviours, safely and constructively.

<b>S</b> Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be safe; your own safety and that of others must come first.</li><li>• If you judge the situation to be unsafe, don't feel pressured to take action of your own and in the moment.</li><li>• However, if you feel that it is safe to take some action then getting your language right at the outset is essential.</li></ul>
<b>M</b> Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always be open to dialogue; try to appeal to reason, such as pointing out the harm that is being done.</li><li>• Be calm and composed in your language.</li><li>• Speak in ways or language that will de-escalate the situation rather than aggravate.</li><li>• See below for some helpful starting statements</li></ul>
<b>A</b> Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solutions oriented approach.</li><li>• At all times, try to be constructive.</li><li>• A third-party reference helps here, such as suggesting that your club's Code of Conduct doesn't permit us to speak or act in this way.</li><li>• Reporting is important; make sure a club official/security are across what has happened.</li></ul>
<b>R</b> Role Modelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is important that at all times you model calm and respectful behaviour.</li><li>• Don't drop your own standards.</li></ul>
<b>T</b> Team/Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At all times, it is best to appeal to the idea of 'team'.</li><li>• Your team, our team – and emphasise that team health is the best bet – always.</li><li>• Training at a club is never only about the sport, but also how a club continually strives to educate its people.</li></ul>

## Spectator Code of Behaviour



A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by Football West must:

1. respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
2. never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
3. respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
4. not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
5. not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
6. comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
7. not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
8. not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
9. conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of Football West and football generally.

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