



**BLACKTOWN ST. PATRICK'S SOCCER CLUB INC.**

ABN 30 288 621 612

**2025 HOW TO REGISTER & INFORMATION GUIDE**

for

**Players, Parents, Guardians and Team Officials**

## HOW TO REGISTER ON PLAY FOOTBALL – STEP BY STEP GUIDE

From 2025, all players must register in Play Football rather than DRIBL. Players that have been playing for a number of years may already have a Play Football account. As you work through the registration process, you can either attempt to log in with your existing email address to locate your account or alternatively you can create a new one. Play Football will locate your previous account if it finds matching information such as name and date of birth. Play Football have advised that it is preferable to use a PC to register rather than a mobile phone as some options are not available under the mobile option.

To register, please follow the steps below:

1. Click on <https://tinyurl.com/3fr9temj> to find the registration options for St Pats

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**St Patricks Soccer Club (BDSFA)**

REGISTER NOW

**Before registering, Please make sure you contact the club.**

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE	MALE	FEMALE
<b>Miniroos Club Football (5-11)</b>	✓	✓
<b>Junior (12-18)</b>	✓	✓
<b>Adult (18-35)</b>	✓	✓
<b>Masters (35+)</b>	✓	✓

**CLUB CONTACTS**

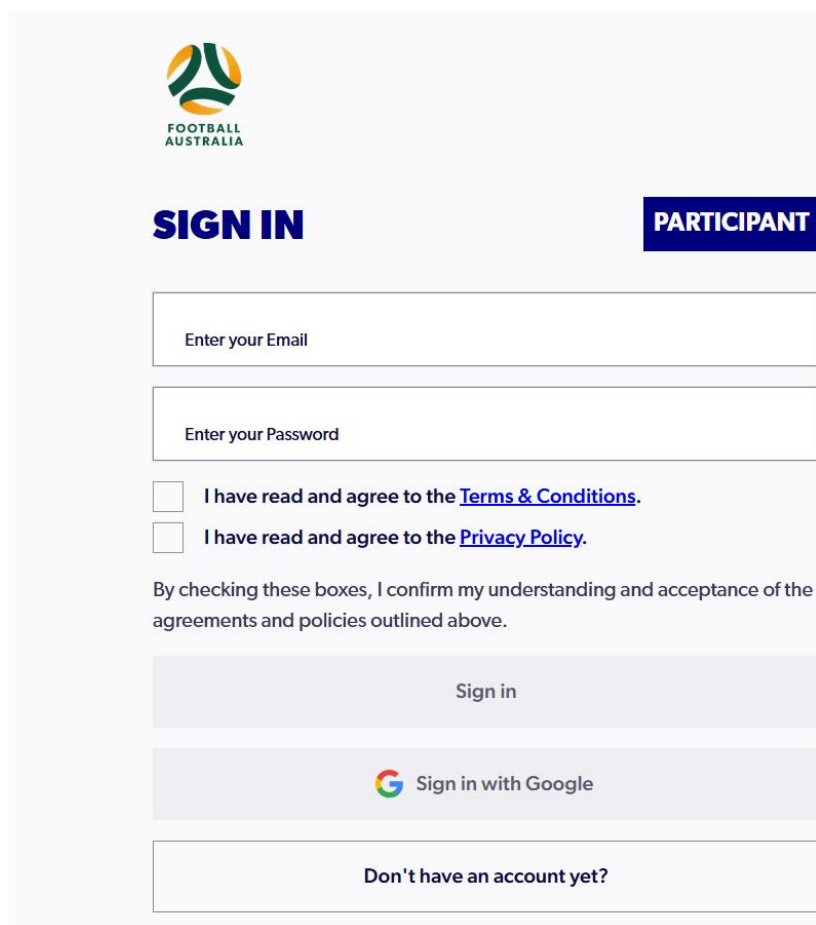
**St Patricks Soccer Club (BDSFA)**  
FNSW - Blacktown and Districts  
Soccer Football Association  
Bert Saunders Reserve Kiata Cres  
DOONSIDE, NSW 2767  
[VIEW MAP](#)

**Email:**  
secretary.stpatsoccer@gmail.com


**Telephone:**  
61 (0) 4 22747235

[VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE](#)

2. Select the REGISTER NOW option in the top right-hand corner of the page – this will take you to the screenshot below. This will give you the option of signing in or creating a new account. If you know your email address and password for Play Football, sign in as normal, if you have forgotten your password, you can select that option to reset your password. Alternatively, you can create a Play Football account, ensure that you use an email address that you have immediate access to, in order to receive a verification email. Parents/guardians registering their children should create their account in the parent/guardian name and then add the child as a player (referred to as participant in Play Football).



The screenshot shows the Football Australia sign-in interface. At the top left is the Football Australia logo. Below it, there are two tabs: 'SIGN IN' and 'PARTICIPANT', with 'PARTICIPANT' being the active tab. The form includes an email input field, a password input field, and two checkboxes for agreeing to the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy. Below the checkboxes is a confirmation statement. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Sign in', 'Sign in with Google', and 'Don't have an account yet?'.

 FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

**SIGN IN** **PARTICIPANT**

Enter your Email


Enter your Password

I have read and agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#).

I have read and agree to the [Privacy Policy](#).

By checking these boxes, I confirm my understanding and acceptance of the agreements and policies outlined above.

Sign in

 Sign in with Google

Don't have an account yet?



- Once logged in, the registration options (known as Available Products) will appear in age group order. Here you will select the age group that the player is being registered in. All players must register for the correct age group i.e. the players age as at 31 December 2025 i.e. a player that is currently 5 but is turning 6 on 31 October 2025, is required to register in the U6 age group as the player will be 6 on the 31 December 2025

The screenshot displays the 'Available Products' section of a website. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with 'FOOTBALL' at the top, 'PARTICIPANT' below it, a 'Find a Product' button with a soccer ball icon, and a 'Help Centre & Support' button with a question mark icon at the bottom. The main content area is white and titled 'Home AVAILABLE PRODUCTS'. It features a search bar with 'Product:' and a 'Filters 2' button. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing 17 results'. There are two product listings, each with a logo of three interlocking loops in green and yellow. The first listing is for 'U5' at 'St Patricks Soccer Club (BDSFA)', Bert Saunders Reserve Kiata Cres, Doonside, NSW 2767. It is 'Appropriate for Mixed, 4-5 yo', the 'Venue' is 'Bert Saunders Reserve ... Doonside', and 'Registrations Open Register By' are '02/01/2025' and '30/06/2025'. A green button says 'OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS' and a dark blue button says 'Details'. The second listing is for 'U6' at the same club and address. It is 'Appropriate for Mixed, 5-6 yo', the 'Venue' is 'Bert Saunders Reserve ... Doonside', and 'Registrations Open Register By' are '02/01/2025' and '30/06/2025'. It also has a green 'OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS' button and a dark blue 'Details' button.

- Once you have selected the age group, a screen will appear showing the total registration cost and club location, select Register on the bottom left-hand corner of the screen. The following screenshot will appear, if you are the player, proceed with the registration by selecting that you are registering for "myself". If you are registering someone else, such as your child, you will need to click in the yellow section to create a participant record.



**ST PATRICKS SOCCER CLUB (BDSFA)**  
**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION**

Register to participate in "U6" for season 66



**Please Note:** You do not have a participant record associated with your login. If you are registering on behalf of somebody else, Please click [here](#) to create your participant record.

**WHO ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR:**

Myself

Somebody else

Cancel

Continue

5. Once you have clicked on "Myself", select "Continue" – this will then take you to the Terms and Conditions page below. In order to proceed to the next screen, you need to open and read each section of the Terms and Conditions – once read, it will show that it has been opened with a green tick. Once all of these options have a green tick, you can continue to the next screen.



## REVIEW YOUR CLUB AND ASSOCIATION'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Acceptance of these Terms and Conditions, and Disclaimers is required in order to complete your player registration.

[Review Football Australia's Terms and Conditions \(Football Australia Participant T&Cs\)](#)

[Review Football NSW's Terms and Conditions \(2025 FNSW Player TCs\)](#)

[Review FNSW - Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Association's Terms and Conditions \(BDSFA Terms and Conditions\)](#)

[Review FNSW - Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Association's Terms and Conditions \(BDSFA Refund Policy\)](#)

[Review FNSW - Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Association's Terms and Conditions \(BDSFA Player Code of Conduct\)](#)

[Review FNSW - Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Association's Terms and Conditions \(BDSFA Parent Code of Conduct\)](#)

[Review St Patricks Soccer Club \(BDSFA\)'s Terms and Conditions \(U5 to U11s - Terms & Conditions\)](#)

I agree to these Terms and Conditions, and Disclaimers

I confirm I wish to opt into marketing communication from the following organisations:

St Patricks Soccer Club (BDSFA)

6. The next screen provides you with the option to confirm or add your details – once you complete the question related to whether or not you have played football before. If you answer no, complete your details in the relevant fields. If you answer yes, it will provide a pop-up box where you are required to enter certain information to allow the system to locate your previous records. If it locates a previous record, it will give you the option to select that record. Once selected, it will return you to the Participant Details screen where you will need to complete the relevant fields as required. Select “Next” which then directs you to the “Contact Details” screen, enter details as required and select “Save Participant”. The next screen will ask an irrelevant question in relation to a “loan period” – select “No”.

It will then ask if you have played before and which Club you played for – answer as required, then select “Next”

**FOOTBALL**

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION**

Step 1  
Participant Details

Step 2  
Contact Details

Step 3  
Regulation Details

Step 4  
Additional Questions

Step 5  
Verify Identity

Step 6  
Review

Help Centre & Support

**ST PATRICKS SOCCER CLUB (BDSFA)**  
**REGULATION DETAILS**

Register to participate in "U6" for season 66

**PREVIOUS CLUB HISTORY**

Is this registration for a loan period?

Yes  No

Was your last registration to an Affiliated Football (Soccer) Club in Australia?\*

Select your answer

7. The next screen deals with the verification of identity – here you will need to upload a headshot photo similar to a photo used for a passport. You have the option of selecting a file already on your PC and cropping it. Note that incorrect or inappropriate photos will not be accepted and may result in the registration being declined.

After uploading a photo, you will be asked to select the document you will provide to prove your identity. Please note that returning St Pats players will not need to provide any documents as you were previously verified however, you are still required to complete this question.

**FOOTBALL**

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION**

Step 1  
Participant Details ✓

Step 2  
Contact Details ✓

Step 3  
Regulation Details ✓

Step 4  
Additional Questions ✓

Step 5  
**Verify Identity** ✓

Step 6  
✓

**Help Centre & Support**

[Change](#)

**Please ensure that your photo meets the following guidelines.**

- Is a passport style image
- Your head faces the camera directly with your face in full view
- No hats or sunglasses to be worn
- Was taken within the last 12 months
- Is clear, legible and with appropriate lighting
- Is under 5MB in size
- Is either a PNG or JPG file type

Please Note: Any inappropriate photos may result in your registration being declined.

Select your preferred document to bring to your Club so they can verify your identify

Select document type  
Passport

- The next screen gives you the option of reviewing the information submitted which can be edited if anything entered was incorrect. Once all the information is correct, select "Confirm and Pay".
- This screen shows the payment required along with the payment options. Players that are eligible to receive an Active Kids Voucher can apply their voucher in this section. Visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher> to apply for a voucher.

For registration payments, there are some limitations that have been imposed on all Clubs by the governing bodies which will require some form of payment in order to submit your registration. The payment options are all fees paid upfront, regulation fees only paid upfront or subsidised payment.

**All fees paid upfront** – this is the preferred option where all fees are paid upfront at the time of registration.

**Regulation fees only** – these fees are the fees charged by Football Australia and Football NSW – this new system requires them to be paid immediately and as such is the minimum payment required to process your registration.



**Subsidised Payment** – this option is selected for those that do not have a credit or debit card. Select this option and then attend Bert Saunders Reserve at one of our registration days or training nights to arrange payment. However, as at 7/1/25, there is a bug in the Play Football System that is not allowing this option. It is expected that this will be corrected in the next few days. Players that wish to select this option can save their registration as a draft and then complete it once this option is available.

10. Once your registration has been submitted with one of the above payment options, you will receive an email advising that your registration is pending approval.

**If you have any trouble registering, please attend Bert Saunders at either our registration days or grading nights – information on when these are on is included in this guide. Alternatively, please contact Gemma on 0402 938 034 or Silvana on 0422 747 235.**

## 2025 INFORMATION GUIDE

### ABOUT ST PATS

Welcome to St Patrick's Soccer Club (St Pats). For over 49 years St Pats have been offering our members a fantastic environment to play this great sport.

St Pats fields teams for boys, girls, men and ladies from U5 to All Age. St Pats is run by a small, dedicated group of volunteers who give up their time freely so you and your family can have the opportunity to enjoy football. Please read the information in this guide and let us know if you have any questions. Once again, we welcome you to the St Pats family and sincerely hope that you have a great season.

### YOUR 2025 ST PATS COMMITTEE

<b>President:</b>	Keith Weatherby (0416 183 951)	<b>General Committee:</b> Matt Adamcewicz, Luke Borg, Mario Gonzalez,
<b>Secretary:</b>	Silvana Martignago (0422 747 235)	<b>General Committee:</b> David Kinsella, Colin Lachmund,
<b>Vice President:</b>	George Quinn (0415 592 746)	<b>General Committee:</b> Rhys Mangall, Robert Torchia
<b>Registrar:</b>	Gemma Borg (0402 938 034)	
<b>Competition Secretary:</b>	Christine McDonald (0412 837 114)	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Chris Ellam	
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Keith Weatherby (0416 183 951)	
<b>Canteen Managers:</b>	Jade Buckman & Scott Nash	
<b>Grounds Manager:</b>	Bill Borg	
<b>Fundraising Manager:</b>	George Quinn	

**Social Media Manager:** Christine McDonald

## **OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Member Protection Officer:** Hailey Borg (0403 859 570)

**Wet Weather Information Line:** 9839-6575

## **REGISTRATION**

Registering to play for St Pats can be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/3fr9temj> or by attending one of our registration days. Step by step instructions on how to register are available at the beginning of this guide.

After you have registered online, you will receive an email with all the player information. Any new players to St Pats will have to attend one of our registration days to provide proof of identification via a current driver's licence, birth certificate or current passport. Our registration days are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday 1/2/2025	10.00am to 2.00pm	Bert Saunders Reserve, Kiata Cres, Doonside
Saturday 8/2/2025	10.00am to 2.00pm	Bert Saunders Reserve, Kiata Cres, Doonside

Registration fees include insurance as well as fees payable to BDSFA, FNSW and FA as well as the match fees payable to the referees. The majority of registration fees are paid out to governing bodies with a portion of these fees set to recover the Club's costs in providing football facilities.

The Clubs costs include field hire, line marking, electricity, equipment, trophies, end of season presentations, insurance, referee fees for trial games and grand finals, etc.

Please note that while some other clubs may appear to charge lower fees, these may not include the referee fees in their upfront fee and charge players every week. Often this will result in players paying out more during the season, at St Pats we only charge one upfront fee for the entire season.

The following table outlines the base registration fee payable for all players and fees applicable to returning St Pats players. A further discount is available for players by applying for an Active Kids voucher. Every player will receive a free pair of socks when registration fees are paid in full.

Our 2025 fees are:

AGE GROUP	REGISTRATION FEES
U5 & U6	220
U7	240
U8 & U9	260
U10 & U11	290
U12	310
U13 & U14	325
U15 & U16	335
U18	375
Senior Players 19yrs+	480

## SAVE A FURTHER \$50 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

In 2025 all eligible players (U5-U18) can apply for an Active Kids voucher valued at \$50. This is a NSW government initiative designed to get more juniors playing this great sport. The voucher is means tested and as such, will be available to those families that receive Family Tax Benefit A. For further information about eligibility and how to apply for the voucher, please visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

A family discount is also available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and any consecutive children from the same family.

**All registration fees must be paid in full by 7 March 2025. Players will not be approved to play unless all registration fees are paid in full.**

**Step by step instructions on how to register are available at the beginning of this guide.**

## REFUNDS

Please note that there is an administration fee of \$40 should a player choose to cancel or transfer your registration. Refund requests must be made in writing to the secretary at [secretary.stpatsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.stpatsoccer@gmail.com), please note that no refunds will be issued after Round 1.

## GRADING

Grading (from U7 and above) is completed during training and trial games. Grading is done by coaches in conjunction with the St Pat's Grading Committee. The purpose of grading is to ensure that players are allocated to the appropriate division. This will ensure that players get the most of their football season at St Pats. Once each team has been graded, they are nominated into a division appropriate to their ability. The BDSFA will then group teams from across the district into their competition i.e. division 1 has its' own competition, division 2 has its' own, etc.

Players must be registered in order to be graded; grading will start on the following days/times:

AGE GROUP	TIMES	DAYS
U5 & U6	5.30 to 6.30 pm	From Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January
U7 & U8	6.30 to 7.30 pm	From Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January
U9	7.00 to 8.00 pm	From Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January
U10	5.30 to 6.30 pm	From Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> of January
U11 & U12	7.00 to 8.00 pm	From Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> of January
U13 & U14	6.00 to 7.00 pm	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 21 <sup>st</sup> January
U15 to U18	7.30 to 9.00 pm	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 21 <sup>st</sup> January
PL Squad	7.30 to 9.00 pm	Tuesdays and Thursdays from 13 <sup>th</sup> January
All Age & O35	7.30 to 9.00 pm	From Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> of January

These days and times are for grading purposes only, permanent training schedules will be agreed once teams have been finalised.

Players need to arrive at 30 minutes before the start of training and all players must be registered to be graded.

## TRAINING

Our U5 – U9 teams generally train one night per week. Teams from U10 and above generally train two nights per week. The coach will nominate permanent training days and times in consultation with parents and players. Remember the coach is the one volunteering his/her time for the team so please help out where you can.

Parents, please remember to stay with your child during training. Training may finish early due to the weather, or your child may be injured during training. For these reasons, it is important that a child's parent and/or guardian be available at all times. Soccer boots and shin pads must be worn at all times during training and games.

## MINI ROOS

Mini-Roos are non-competitive age groups; U5-U11, these games are played on Saturdays, with the exception of all girls' teams which are played on Sundays. From 2025, the BDSFA has changed the rules for certain age groups up to and including under 12. These changes including an increase in the field size for under 7s and a decrease in the field size for under 9's & 12's. The following table summarises the key information for under 5s to under 12s, detailed rules are outlined in the 2025 Competition Regulations which can be found on the BDSFA website at [www.bdsfa.com](http://www.bdsfa.com)

Age Group	U5 & U6	U7, U8 & U9	U10 & U11	U12
Points & Finals Series	No	No	No	Yes
Number of players during game	4v4	7v7	9v9	9v9
Maximum number of players in team	6	10	12	14
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball size	3	3	4	4
Field size	30m x 20m	40-50m x 30-40m	60-70m x 40-50m	60-70m x 40-50m
Goal size	2 x 1m	3 x 2m	5 x 2m	5 x 2 m
Penalty area	None	5 x 12m	20x10m	20x10m
Goal kick exclusion zone	Halfway	Halfway	Halfway	20m from goal line
Offside	No	No	Yes-for clear & obvious	Yes-as per LOTG
Game length	30 minutes	50 minutes	50 minutes	60 minutes
Half time	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Officiating	Game Leader	Game Leader	Game Leader	Referee

## **GAMES**

Mini Roo teams from U5 – U11 play on Saturdays, generally in the morning and are non-competitive, no scores are published.

Competition teams from U12 – U18s as well as the Premier League Squad consisting of PL21's, Reserve Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade also play on Saturdays. O35 men and O30 women play on Friday nights. All Age including female football is played on Sundays.

Prior to the season starting, trial games are played against both clubs outside the Blacktown district & within the Blacktown district. These trial games generally start in March and information regarding these games are provided in the St Pats newsletter which is issued weekly. Please ensure that you check the weekly newsletter, Facebook or our website for up-to-date information on trial games.

The season calendar can be found at the end of this guide. Please familiarise yourself with this calendar as it indicates when each round is due to be played as well as the weekends that are currently designated as catch-up rounds.

If weekends are washed out, catch-up games may be played mid-week. These catch-up rounds are determined by our governing body.

## **THE BDSFA**

St Pat's and many other local clubs are affiliated with the Blacktown and District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA) – which is, in turn, affiliated with Football NSW along with other NSW Football Associations.

The BDSFA administers the laws of the game as set by FIFA and sets some "local" rules for our competition. The BDSFA is responsible for the competition fixtures i.e. game times and locations, they are also responsible for determining the policies and codes of conduct that all players and team officials must abide by.

A copy of the competition regulations, along with policy information can be found on the BDSFA website at [www.bdsfa.com](http://www.bdsfa.com).

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication is critical to the success of your team. St Pats communicates via Facebook, the St Pats website and weekly newsletters. We encourage you to like us on Facebook so you can get immediate updates about changes to training, games and ground closures.

Each week the Club will provide players with a newsletter via email. This is a vital communication tool. The newsletter will contain the weekly draw as well as match reports and any upcoming events that you need to be aware of.

The St Pat's website is also an excellent source of information, it contains many contact numbers that you may require as well as newsletters which includes the draw. Our website address is [www.stpatsoccer.com](http://www.stpatsoccer.com).

The BDSFA website contains the draw information for all clubs in the Blacktown district as well as the points table showing your teams results. The BDSFA website is [www.bdsfa.com](http://www.bdsfa.com).

## **GAME INFORMATION**

It is each player's responsibility to understand where and when they are playing each week. This information is found in the weekly newsletter which is distributed to all players via email. Game information can also be found on the BDSFA website.

Game times and locations can change up until the day before of the game, particularly if some grounds close. All players should confirm game time and location the day before their game.

A grounds directory including the address of each ground in the Blacktown district is included at the end of this guide.

## **WET WEATHER**

All grounds throughout the Blacktown District are under the control of Blacktown Council. The council has the responsibility of assessing whether grounds are safe to use.

Blacktown Council has a wet weather number (9839-6575) which has a recorded message on it stating if the grounds are open or closed. If the grounds have been closed by Blacktown Council, under no circumstances are any teams allowed to train/play.

Sometimes there is wet weather when the grounds are open, that is, it has started to rain after the council has checked the grounds. In these cases, it is up to the St Pat's Committee to determine whether it is safe to use our grounds.

The Committee will make a decision when training is due to start as to whether the grounds will be open. This also applies to games on the weekends, if the grounds in the Blacktown District are closed, then all games will be postponed. If the grounds are open and it is raining, then it is up to the home club that uses the grounds to determine if the fields are safe.



If St Pats Committee closes grounds, every attempt will be made to contact all coaches/managers to advise them that the grounds have been closed.

If you are at an away game, it is the responsibility of the club that uses those grounds to determine whether it is safe to play. Usually your coach/manager will contact you to advise you that the game is cancelled, if you have not heard from your coach/manager, you must attend the game, even if it is raining.

Remember that if not enough players turn up to play, St Pats will be forced to forfeit a game, and it will be the responsibility of the team to pay a substantial fine issued by the BDSFA.

All updates are posted on Facebook and as such it is important that you like our Facebook page.

## **TEAM UNIFORMS**

All players must wear boots and shin pads when training and playing games.

The uniform socks and shorts must be purchased from St Pats and worn in all games when representing St Pats.

During training players are to wear comfortable clothing including boots and shin pads.

Playing jerseys are provided to the team manager and are owned by St Pats (unless your team has opted to purchase their own jerseys). All team jerseys are the responsibility of the coach and manager and are to be returned to the club at the end of the season.

Any jersey owned by the Club that is lost must be replaced by the individual that lost it.

## **COACHING/MANAGING A TEAM**

All Grass Roots soccer clubs are run by volunteers most of whom are mums and dads that are willing to give up their time selflessly to help their local club.

At St Pats we are committed to providing you with as much assistance as possible to help you coach or manage a team, coaching courses are run by the BDSFA and St Pats will reimburse coaches for all accredited courses on successful completion.

Please note that all coaches and managers are required to complete a Working With Children declaration and supply their WWC number to St Pats. Coaches and Managers must also register via Play Football.

If you are interested in coaching, please talk to any one of our Committee members.

## **INSURANCE**

Part of the registration fee covers insurance for players whilst at approved training and /or games.

The insurance provides cover for registered players, match officials and club officials who suffer an injury during official training, games, sanctioned tournaments and events. The main benefits claimable are non-Medicare Medical benefits including ambulance, physiotherapy, chiropractic, dental, private hospital accommodation, loss of income and student assistance.

Terms and Conditions do apply - a summary of the Personal Injury Insurance coverage is available on the BDSFA website.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

St Pat's takes the matter of Child Protection very seriously. We are committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children is maintained at all times during their participation in activities run by St Pat's.

Children are defined as anyone under the age of 18 – this includes St Pat's and visiting players, coaches, managers and referees.

Remember it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are protected. If you see a child being treated improperly, please report it to a member of the St Pat's Committee immediately. If it happens at an away game, find a member of the home team's committee and report it to them immediately.

Anyone associated with coaching or managing a team that has players under the age of 18 must obtain a Working with Children Check which needs to be recorded when registering as a coach, manager or assistant coach.

## **PARENTS/PLAYERS' GAME DAY CONTRIBUTION**

St Pats Soccer Club is run on a volunteer basis, everyone that helps, including the committee, do so because we want to help our kids, and we all love football. St Pats cannot run effectively without the support of players and parents.

**Every** St Pats team, both juniors and seniors, must contribute the following:

1. Field set up - arrive at home ground at least 45 minutes before all home games when the team is the first game scheduled. Field set up includes nets, corner flags and chairs.
2. Pack up all equipment from the field after all home games when no following game is scheduled.
3. Assist in the canteen and BBQ for all your home games during the season with a minimum of 4 persons over the age of 16.

Your contribution is essential to the success of St Pats, it is not a lot of time and it makes a huge difference to those on the Committee who also wish to watch our kids play!

It is not very hard at all, and you may find that you will enjoy contributing to the club and may even make some friends along the way.

## USE OF IMAGES

When registering to play, coach or manage for St Pats, players, coaches and managers consent to:

- the use of their images taken during games and training for promotional purposes; and
- being videoed while participating in games at Bert Saunders Reserve either as a player, official or spectator. These videos are the property of the Club and can be used for promotional purposes and to determine disciplinary action.

## CODES OF CONDUCT

The Codes of Conduct ensure that all our members develop good sporting behaviours and have a safe and enjoyable experience of sport, regardless of age, gender, culture background or ability.

**It is important that all players, parents, guardians and team officials read and understand these codes.**

By registering at St Pats, each player, parent/guardian and team official agrees to adhere to these Codes of Conduct. Failure to adhere to these Codes of Conduct will result in disciplinary action by the St Pat's Committee and/or the Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA).

Disciplinary action may be in the form of either temporary and/or permanent suspension from all football activities within Australia.

All senior players at St Pats agree to a Players Pledge in which players commit to conduct 2 hours of community service for the Club for every week of suspension they have been issued with. This service can be in the form of assisting junior coaches with player drills, field set up or assistance in the canteen or BBQ. Players issued with red cards cannot resume playing until their community service with the Club has been served.

### **PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I will always play by the rules of the game.
- I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision, I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the game.
- I will not use any Electronic Media such as Facebook, Twitter or email to discuss, ridicule, or abuse any player or member, or person associated with a member, of the BDSFA.
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other players is not acceptable.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I will work equally hard for myself and/or my team.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- I understand that deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- I will cooperate with my coach, team manager, team members and opponents at all times.
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol at matches.
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.

## **PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I won't pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions.
- I will allow the coach to coach the game, and I will only give the team encouragement and not instruction from the sideline;
- I will not use any Electronic Media such as Facebook, Twitter or email, to discuss, ridicule, or abuse any player or member, or person associated with a member, of the BDSFA.
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background.
- I will remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will focus on my child's and their team's efforts and performance.
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child;
- I will volunteer my services and help when asked by a coach or official.
- I won't criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game – I realise that learning and having fun is more important than a good win.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol at matches

## **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- I will not use any Electronic Media such as Facebook, Twitter or email to discuss, ridicule, or abuse any player or member, or person associated with a member, of the BDSFA.
- I will operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same.
- I will do my best to give players appropriate amounts of game time.
- I understand that players and officials are representing St Pats - I agree to comply with the policies and direction of the St Pats Committee at all times.
- I will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- I will remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- I will ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- I will show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- I will obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- I will not arrive at the fields intoxicated or drink alcohol at matches.
- I will not allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club facilities.

## **OFFICIAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT – This includes managers, ground officials and committee members**

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- I will not use any Electronic Media such as Facebook, Titter or email to discuss, ridicule, or abuse any player or member, or person associated with a member, of the BDSFA.
- I understand that players and officials are representing St Pats, and I agree to comply with the policies and direction of the St Pat's Committee at all times.
- I will operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same.
- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- I will give all players a "fair go" regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players.
- I will avoid any situations which may lead to or be as a conflict of interest.
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive.
- I will be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words.
- I will always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials.
- I will keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Game', trends and principles of their application.

- I will emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials.
- I will refrain from any form of harassment towards players or other officials.

## **PLAYERS PLEDGE**

In support of the Codes of Conduct, each player is required to pledge their commitment to the Codes of Conduct as part of the terms and conditions of registration. This pledge includes an agreement by every senior player (U16 and older) to contribute 2 hours of assistance to St Pats for each week of suspension handed down by the BDSFA. This assistance can be in the form of field set up or canteen assistance. Players cannot resume playing until this assistance has been served.

Included in this pledge is a commitment by players/teams to pay any and all fines incurred by the team. This applies to all competition teams.

## **TEAM FINES**

Please note that certain offences attract fines such as forfeiting a game or missing ground official on a team sheet. Please note that all competition teams are responsible for paying any fines incurred by them.

Please refer to the BDSFA website for information on suspensions and fines.

## **SUMMARY**

Once again, we would like to welcome you to St Pats, if you have any questions about any of the information covered in this guide, please see one of our friendly committee members as we are all here to help.



## 2025 SEASON CALENDAR

PL2 Round 1	29-30 March	Premier League Only
Round 1 – all teams except PL	4-6 April	
Round 2	11-13 April	
Easter Long Weekend	18-21 April	NO GAMES
Round 3	24-27 April	
Round 4	2-4 May	
Round 5	9-11 May	
Round 6	16-18 May	
Round 7	23-25 May	
Round 8	30 May – 1 June	
Catch up Weekend	6-8 June	June Long Weekend
Round 9	13-15 June	
Round 10	20-22 June	
Round 11	27-29 June	
Round 12	4-6 July	
Round 13	11-13 July	
Round 14	18-20 July	
Round 15	25-27 July	
Round 16	1-3 August	
Round 17	8-10 August	
Round 18	15-17 August	PL Semi Final R1
Semi Finals	22-24 August	PL Semi Final R2
Major Semi Finals	29-31 August	PL Grand Finals
Grand Finals	5-7 September	

## 2025 GROUNDS DIRECTORY

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PARK</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>SUBURB</b>
BDSFA/Spartans	Blacktown Football Park	Eastern Road	Rooty Hill
Blacktown Workers	Laybutt Reserve	Walters Road	Arndell Park
Doonside Hawks	Glendenning Reserve	Golding Drive	Glendenning
Eastern Creek	Moreau reserve	Church Road	Eastern Creek
Glenwood Redbacks	Glenwood Reserve	Forman Ave	Glenwood
Kings Langley	Lynwood Park	Stephen St	Blacktown
Lourdes	Best Rd Reserve	Best Rd	Seven Hills
Marayong Sports	Harvey Park	Benalla Crs	Marayong
Marsden Park FC	Elara Reserve	Elara Boulevard	Marsden Park
Minchinbury Jets	Minchinbury Reserve	Minchinbury Drive	Minchinbury
Newbury Bulls	Connor Greasby Park	Perfection Ave	Stanhope Gardens
Oakville	Colbee Park	Old Hawkesbury Rd	McGraths Hill
Parklea	Morgan Power Reserve	Vardys Rd	Kings Langley
Plumpton/Oakhurst	Hanna Reserve	Hyatts Rd	Oakhurst
Polonia Rams	Heber Park	Jersey Rd	Plumpton
Premiers Spurs	Marayong Oval	Davis Rd	Marayong
Prospect United	William Lawson Reserve	Myrtle St	Prospect
Quakers Hill Juniors	Quakers Hill Park	Walker St	Quakers Hill
Quakers Hill Tigers	Patterson Reserve	Torbert Ave	Quakers Hill
Riverstone/Schofields	Schofields Park	Station St	Schofields
Rooty Hill R.S.L	Angus Park	Beames Ave	Rooty Hill
Rooty Hill R.S.L.	Cor Brouwer Reserve	Cawarra St	Eastern Creek
Ropes Crossing Strikers	Ropes Crossing Reserve	Guild Place	Ropes Crossing
St Patricks	Bert Saunders Reserve	Kiata Crescent	Doonside
The Ponds FC	Jonas Bradley Oval	The Ponds Boulevard	The Ponds
The Ponds FC	CSI Park	South St	Schofields
Town Rangers	Popendetta Park	Copeland Road	Emerton