

Application Form

Junior Football Coach



Blackwood Football Club

**Please return your application
prior to the nominated closing date**

Junior Football Director:

juniorfootballdirector@blackwoodfootballclub.com.au

Application Form

Personal Details:

Name: DOB:

Address: Post Code:

Phone/s:..... Email Address: *(required)*

Do you have a child/children playing at the club? *(circle)* Yes / No If so, please include details below:

Name: Age: Team/Grade this year:

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Coaching:

Preferred coaching position: *(circle)* Coach Assistant Coach Either

Preferred age group/s: *(circle)* *Please note that the number of teams available to coach will be based on player numbers next year

Hills Football League:	U14 B	U14 G	U16 B	U17 G	U18 B
SANFL Juniors:	U7 mixed	U8 mixed	U9 mixed	U10 mixed	
	U11 B	U11 G	U13 B	U13 G	
	U15 B	U15 G	U17.5 G	U17.5 B	

Qualifications:

Currently football coaching accredited? Yes No If so, what level: 1 2 3

Year First Accredited: Accreditation Number: Expiry date:

If not accredited, are you prepared to obtain accreditation prior to the season starting? *(circle)* Yes /

No Other coaching accreditation? Yes No If so, what sport & level:

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Currently hold a 'Working With Children Check'? Yes No Expiry date:

If not, are you prepared to obtain this clearance prior to the season starting? Yes No

Do you have football *coaching* experience? Yes No

If so, which Club/s, Team/s, & Year/s did you coach:

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Do you have football *playing* experience? Yes No

If so, which Club/s, Team/s, & Year/s did you play:

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Do you have any other skills, qualifications or experience advantageous to this application? If so, please detail below:

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What is your reason for making this application?

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Do you have a coaching philosophy? What do you think is important when coaching juniors?

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If there is anything further you would like to add to this application, then please attach for submission.

Coaching Expectations:

- ❖ Ensure that all players **enjoy their football**
- ❖ Ensure all players are given an **equal amount of game time** and get to play in **multiple positions**
- ❖ Provide a **safe environment** for the players, parents and supporters
- ❖ Actively **encourage** and **develop** player’s skill and personal development
- ❖ **Participate in coaching sessions** run by the club or other providers
- ❖ **Actively discourage unwanted behaviours**, including any abuse or harassment of team mates, opposition players, umpires, officials or patrons
- ❖ **Abide by the Blackwood Football Club Coaches Code Of Conduct**

Declaration:

I,, hereby commit, to the best of my ability, to uphold and adhere to the **Blackwood Football Club** Junior Development Policies and Club Coaches Code of Conduct.

I confirm that I have read and understood the attachments to this application form. I understand that as an integral component of my acceptance as a coach I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct that is in the best interests of the club, the game, the players in my care and all other volunteers and club members. I understand that I must represent myself in a professional manner and without bringing the coaching profession, the Club or the Game into disrepute.

Signature: **Date:**

Please submit this completed application plus any attachments by the nominated closing date to the BFC Junior Football Director. If the Submit Form button does not work, please save this form and attach it, and any supporting documentation, to an email to juniorfootballdirector@blackwoodfootballclub.com.au.

Information For Prospective Coaches

The purpose of this document is to outline some basic information on topics that are commonly raised by coaches throughout the season. **It is important that you carefully read and understand the information contained here as some of the content may have a bearing on your decision to either accept or reject an offer of appointment to coach, should it be extended to you.** If you accept an offer to coach at the Blackwood Football Club, you will be expected to abide by all club policies, codes of conduct and instructions from the Junior Football Director and Executive Committee. This document does not claim to be exhaustive and gives basic information only. If you have any questions or concerns, please raise them with the Junior Football Director without delay.

General Information:

Merit:

- ❖ All applications are judged on their own merit.
- ❖ Our objective is to appoint quality coaches that are suitably matched to a team.
- ❖ Consideration will be given to the applicant's knowledge, experience and personality in relation to the age group they are applying for. For example, a person who has coached successfully at senior level may have the appropriate football knowledge and experience but may not have the personality and patience required to coach Under 9's or Under 11's.
- ❖ An applicant does not have to have a child of their own either playing at the club or in the team they are applying to coach for.
- ❖ ***All appointed coaches will be required to undergo the required clearance checks to be able to work with children.***

Tenure:

- ❖ Coaches are appointed for a one season tenure; commencing from date of appointment and terminating on the completion of the season's Presentation Day.
- ❖ All coaching positions are then deemed to be vacant and applications will be sought from both existing coaches and new people for the following season.
- ❖ It is the Blackwood Football Club's intention to introduce each team to a different coach approximately every 2—3 years, although our ability to do this will depend on the calibre of applicants received.
- ❖ Any alleged breach of the Coaches Codes of Conduct will be investigated by the nominated representatives of the executive committee. The representatives will determine whether a breach has occurred and if so, what penalty will be applied. This action is separate to any penalty that may be handed down by the HFL or SANFL Juniors for incidents reported to them.

Operational Duties:

Email: There will be regular information emailed to you as a coach. For this reason, it is critical that you have daily access to email.

Communication: All communication from the club to the coaches must be replied to or acted upon without

delay.

Meetings: Attendance at coaches meetings is compulsory. All meetings are called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or Head of Coaching. A typical year will include approximately three meetings.

Fundraising Functions and Activities: Coaches are also asked to support the club in all its fundraising efforts by way of their own participation and their encouragement of others in the team to do the same.

Support Staff: The following support staff are required for the team you will be coaching, although this can vary depending on the requirements of the HFL or SANFL. Coaches are responsible for the recruitment of suitable staff to assist them, however, consultation and assistance may be sought from the Junior Football Committee. Most times, these support staff positions can be filled by parents of players in the team. All support staff need to currently hold or be willing to undertake prior to the start of the season, the appropriate accreditations or clearances required. In general, the support staff required includes:

- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Runner
- Trainer
- Ground Marshall

Coaches Absence: In the event of the coach's absence, the assistant coach will be required to take on the full responsibilities of the coach until the return of the coach.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Adhere to and promote the coaches, players, officials, parents and spectators codes of conduct
- Accept and abide by all committee decisions
- Have a competent understanding of game, competition, league and club rules
- Attend all matches and training sessions
- Plan, organise and run training sessions with age appropriate drills and development training
- Instruct football skills and team tactics
- Encourage and support all players to reach their full potential and maximise their enjoyment
- Identify individual player skill levels and match the learning experience for that player
- Encourage parents to become your helpers at training sessions and on game day
- Provide clear instruction and feedback to the team and individual players
- Attend club meetings on request, represent the club at official club functions and activities
- Continually seek to upgrade skills, knowledge of the game and training techniques
- Have an understanding of injury prevention, care and risk management
- Develop team morale and a rapport (a connection) with the players
- Make every effort to ensure that each players participation is a fun and positive experience

Summary:

What you can expect from our club: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Appreciation and respect▪ Openness and honesty▪ Information▪ Recognition▪ Consultation and advice▪ Support and guidance	What our club expects from you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Your commitment▪ Your honesty▪ Your time▪ Your discretion▪ Your enthusiasm▪ Your support
Special Skills Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Leadership▪ Effective communication▪ Ability to plan and analyse	Characteristics of a good coach: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Well organised, energetic and enthusiastic▪ Encouraging and supportive▪ Creative and flexible

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Technical knowledge of football▪ Level 1 or 2 AFL Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A careful observer and thoughtful planner▪ Good at delegating tasks to support staff▪ Knowledgeable and committed to improving their coaching skills▪ Caring and interested in the wellbeing of EVERY player▪ Patient and understanding▪ Fair and consistent▪ Creates an enjoyable atmosphere
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