



# Start of the Season Reminders

## Season Start This Weekend

I hope everyone is looking forward to the start of the Junior and Miniroos season this weekend.

Training has been going for a few weeks now for most teams and I am very much looking forward to seeing our kids take the field for the first time this Sunday.

It is hence timely then for me to share a couple of player and parent/guardian reminders as follows.

## Weekday Training

- Training is compulsory for all players and missed training sessions will typically result in reduced game time on match days.
- Players should aim to arrive 5-10 minutes early and be ready to go for training at your team's designated start time.
- If your child is unable to attend training, please let your Coach or Team Manager know, not only as a courtesy, but also so they can adjust any training plans/messaging accordingly.
- Our BAFC training kit is required to be worn for all training sessions – **blue BAFC training top, red shorts and yellow socks** – no jewellery should be worn for training please, and boots, shinpads and a water bottle are compulsory for each child. Spray jackets and tracksuit tops are fine for colder/damp evenings, but please be sure these are labelled as they invariably get taken off once the kids are warm and many get left behind at training.
- Parents of children in Miniroos teams should not 'drop and run' and are welcome to observe sessions from the side-lines.
- Your child's Coach or Team Manager will inform players/parents if training will be cancelled for any reason, but being a winter sport, players are expected to train in cold and wet weather.

## Weekend Matches

- Your child's Coach or Team Manager will advise you of details for weekend matches (i.e. opposition, venue, kick-off time, time your child needs to arrive etc) and you should let them know ASAP if your child is unable to play for some reason.
- Fixtures can also be viewed on the [Football West Squadi Webpage](#) or by downloading the **Squadi app** on your mobile phone. Please note however that there are no results or ladders published by Football West for any Miniroos games.
- Our BAFC playing strip is required for all weekend matches – **red game top (handed out to players by the Coach), red shorts and yellow socks** – boots, shinpads and a water bottle are also compulsory for all matches, and no jewellery is to be worn during games. Skins and other under-garments are fine to help keep kids warm, but where these are visible (e.g long sleeve skins) they should preferably be red or otherwise black in colour.
- Your Coach or Team Manager will advise when they require you to arrive at our home ground or away venue for the match, but plan for this to be about 30 mins before kick-off so the kids can do a warm-up together and receive any team instructions etc from the Coach.
- Spectators are welcome to watch from the side-lines, and preferably together with other parents/guardians from your child's team (especially when our teams travel away to play). Everyone is however asked to please refrain from standing behind the goals or goal lines whilst matches are being played.
- All players and spectators must show support in a positive and encouraging manner in the spirit of the game. Negative comments or unsocial behaviour towards anyone will not be tolerated and we ask all members and supporters to familiarise themselves with our [Club Code of Conduct](#) which is available on our Club website.
- Any and all concerns and queries relating to the match or refereeing should be reported during the match to the Coach or Team Manager who will then follow the necessary protocols to address any issues. Our BAFC Ground Marshalls (clearly identifiable in high-vis vests on match days) can also be advised or alerted to any spectator or other concerns if required.
- Also be sure to allow plenty of time for parking as with many new teams this year, we envisage parking may be at a premium on Sunday mornings, especially during the crossover between games.

I suspect that much of the above will already be familiar to a majority of our player parents and guardians, and do please feel free to let us know of any feedback or suggestions you may have which can help us improve the match day experience for our players and spectators alike.

Lastly, our Canteen will be more active and engaging this year, so do please support us by purchasing food and drink items from our Canteen where possible. The Club has recently purchased and installed a new barista standard coffee machine, so we can guarantee great coffees for those that need one (or two) on those chilly wintery (or just early) mornings.

Thank you everyone for your support of our players, coaches, team managers, referees and game-controllers alike, and I look forward to the continued success and growth of our local community Club.

David Shephard

President

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