



# BBAFC IN-HOUSE SECTION PLAYING GUIDELINES 2021

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the playing conditions, guidelines and requirements for the Junior Section of BBAFC. This document is current as at 16 April 2021 and is subject to change at the discretion of BBAFC.

## 2. Philosophy

BBAFC encourages the fair play concept for all its members. Players, coaches and parents are required to:

- a. Be respectful to the opposition players, coaches, parents and supporters.
- b. Adhere to the rules and playing conditions as set out by BBAFC.
- c. Encourage all the team members.
- d. Play the game in a sporting manner – no pushing, shoving, tackling from behind etc. will be tolerated. Repeat offenders should be substituted for the game and made aware of the reason why.

**Above all else, have fun – this is the reason we play sport.**

## 3. Playing Season

The season will start on **Saturday 8th May 2021**. The season end date is dependent on weather conditions and influences outside of the control of BBAFC.

School Holidays - we will play the first Saturday of the first and last weeks of the school holidays. There will be no football in the middle week of the school holidays.

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## 4. Competitions

### League

This is the regular Saturday play. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure the results and goal scorers of their games are entered into the Club Hub sports management system.

### Tournament

BBAFC run an in-house tournament at the end of the regular season. The purpose of this tournament is to provide a fun end of the season day for the players. Teams will be seeded based on their finishing positions in the League competition. In the case of a split section competition then the seeding will be determined by the Junior Convenor based on the completed round before the competition was split.

## 5. Playing Conditions

### Grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

BBAFC will be following the New Zealand Football guidelines for our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

The schedule will be:

- Three eight-minute station activities
- One 24-minute game.

### Game Rules

Four aside with a maximum squad of 6 players (except in special circumstances where approved by the BBAFC Junior Convenor).

No goalie or pseudo goalie. Goal hugging is not allowed and should be discouraged by the coach.

All opposition players must be back to halfway for goal kicks.

Coaches are encouraged to be on the field with the team to give guidance and assistance to the players where necessary.

Referees are to be supplied by the playing teams. Generally one coach or parent from each team will referee each half of the game.

Rolling substitutions at any time.

Injury substitutions can be made at any time.



The coach must ensure that all players play an equal amount of game time.

Sideline Out i.e. ball goes over the sideline. Kick in is taken from the point the ball went out. The kick in cannot be a direct shot at the opposition goal. There will be no throw-ins for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Behind Goal Out i.e. ball goes over the goal line by defending team. Corner kick is to be taken by the attacking team.

Playing Gear – the club is very proud of the appearance of our junior players and aims to keep up this standard.

- a. Boots and shin-guards must be worn by all players. Please note this is a safety requirement and is for both training and games.
- b. Playing shirts are to be purchased from the club and are to be worn for all games. Each player will receive two shirts, blue and yellow. The yellow shirt is to be used for Home games and the blue shirt is to be used for Away games. The Home and Away teams are denoted on the competition draw. These shirts are for the players to keep.
- c. BBAFC approved shorts and socks are to be worn for all games.

If the goal margin reaches three goals then the team with the lesser number of goals can bring on an extra player. If the goal margin returns to two then the same player must leave the field.

A goal can only be scored when a player is in the opposition half.

The referee's decision is final.

Game time two periods of 12 minutes. Ensure that all players receive the same amount of game time. It helps to plan your subs in advance.

### **Premier In-house Grade**

The top 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade players play in the AFF travelling league. The remaining players from both grades play in the Premier In-house competition. The format is 7v7 on ¼ size pitches for the combined 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade competition and 9v9 on ½ size pitches for the combined 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> competition. The Football Committee made this decision based on two considerations.

Give the kids more football, by playing at Lloyd Elsmore Park we have less games cancelled. Defer travelling for another year, playing at home means there is no travelling involved which can be difficult to organise for some parents.

Premier 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade -> Seven aside games with a maximum squad of 10 players (except in special circumstances where approved by the BBAFC Junior Convenor). There will be six outfield players and one goalie.



Premier 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade -> nine a side games with a maximum squad of 12 players (except in special circumstances where approved by the BBAFC Junior Convenor). There will be eight outfield players and one goalie.

No coaching on the field of play

Referees are to be supplied by the playing teams. Generally one coach or parent from each team will referee each half of the game.

Substitutions:

- a. Rolling substitutes at any time.
- b. Player must have left the field before the substitute enters.
- c. Goalie can only be substituted at half time unless it is injury enforced.

The off-side law WILL NOT be applied in these grades. However, referees and coaches must discourage players from consistently standing in an off-side position — this is not in the spirit of the game.

Throw-in's

- a. Throw-in must be thrown overhead with both feet behind the sideline and both feet on the ground.
- b. Throw-ins will be retaken once if not done correctly thereafter they will be conceded to the opposition.

Goal kicks can be taken from the hand or the ground. The attacking team must be back to half way when defending team is taking a goal kick.

Corner kicks will be taken from the corner flag.

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BBAFC approved shorts and socks are to be worn for all games.

A goal can only be scored when a player is in the opposition half. A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick unless the ball touches another player.



If the goal margin reaches three goals then the team with the lesser number of goals can bring on an extra player. If the goal margin returns to two then the same player must leave the field. The referee's decision is final.

There will be two game time periods of 25 minutes each. Ensure that all players receive the same amount of game time. It helps to plan your subs in advance.

## 6. Supporters Behaviour

First and foremost, remember this is about the kids, and their enjoyment of the game – please ensure you respect this.

There are to be no supporters behind the goal line. The only exception to this will be the players parent.

Coaches and referees are all volunteers, and as such may make mistakes. Please treat the officials with respect, abuse of referees and coaches will not be tolerated.

If you have an issue with an on-field decision, please discuss with your team coach in the first instance. Further escalation, if required, will be to the Grade Convenors.

## 7. End of Season Prize Giving

The policy of BBAFC Junior section is to recognise players from each team at the annual end of season prize giving. The sections are Player of the Year and Most Improved Player.

The policy is for one person to be nominated for each section. BBAFC acknowledges this task can be difficult and suggests the following guidelines.

- a. Player of the Year
  - i. All parents nominate 3 players
  - ii. Best player receives 3 points, second best receives 2 points, and third best receives 1 point.
  - iii. The team coach is to collate the points from all parents and submit the name of the player with the highest score. In the unlikely event of players with the same number of points then it is the responsibility of the coach to have the casting vote and put forward one name only.
- b. Most Improved Player
  - i. All parents nominate 3 players
  - ii. The most improved player receives 3 points, second most improved player receives 2 points, and third most improved player receives 1 point.
  - iii. The team coach is to collate the points from all parents and submit the name of the player with the highest score. In the unlikely event of players with the same number of points then it is the responsibility of the coach to have the casting vote and put forward one name.

A coach may choose to reward additional player(s) with certificates, medals or trophies. These are at the coaches discretion and do not form part of the official BBAFC Junior Section annual prize giving.



Team prizes will be awarded for the overall league winners of each grade. This will be determined by the points awarded for the Saturday competition. It is therefore imperative that all coaches enter the results in the Club Hub sports management system. In the event of teams finishing with the same number of competition points, the overall winner will be determined by the goal difference. If this is equal then the league winner will be shared.

Team prizes will be awarded to the winners of each section of the end of season in house tournament.

## **8. Representative teams**

BBAFC promote the selection of grade based representative teams to represent BBAFC at various club tournaments.

Players need to be eligible to play in the respective grade, no over age players can be selected in the representative teams.

BBAFC advocate a fair system for selecting the representative teams. A trial will be held for all nominated players. It is the responsibilities of the team coaches to nominate player(s) they feel are of a representative standard. Typically, there will be one representative team per grade per gender, however at the discretion of the BBAFC Junior Convenor and/or the BBAFC Club President and/or the BBAFC Director of Football an additional team may be selected.