



FAQ and more...

What is In-house?

In-house is a league offered internally to our younger members. It is operated at Lloyd Elsmore Park on a Saturday morning, with a draw combining other BBAFC teams in the same age group.

5th to 8th grade – play on a 4 a-side pitch with no goalie, this age group also goes through a set of skill development drills before they finish with a game vs another team.

9/10th grade – play 7 a-side on a quarter pitch with a goalie. Throw ins and off sides are introduced.

11/12th grade – play 9 a-side on a half pitch with a goalie.

All in-house teams are coached by volunteer parents/siblings or older youth players giving back to the club.

We try to organise **girls only teams** within the In-house competition, and due to the development differences, we usually play the girls teams down a grade against the boys. Girls only teams are generally more beneficial for the girls as they can grow their own skills, in an environment more suited to them. Once boys get to a certain age, they do stop passing to girls which can be quite damaging and we've found this is when the girls lose confidence, and may leave the sport. Playing in-house the girls teams will still need to play boys teams, so at some point moving across to the NRF teams is more beneficial.

Once you are 13th grade (turning 13 during that year), there is no in-house option, NRF is the only competition for you.

What is NRF?

Northern Region Football, is our regional football federation (they used to be known as AFF - Auckland Football Federation). They operate the interclub competitions, where our traveling teams compete. We generally are put in a South/East or Central draw within the leagues to keep traveling to a minimum, and usually you will play each team in your draw twice, one away game then a home game. Within each age grade are a variety of divisions catering for all abilities, and we do our best to enter each team accordingly. The first few games of each round are sometimes done as a grading and teams can sometimes be moved before continuing on the rest of the season.

NRF league competitions start from 9th grade and go through to the senior ranks. There are a variety of grades/division across all age grades to ideally keep the challenge point right for each team.

Girls in football

NRF teams are **extremely beneficial for junior and youth girls**, as girls play and develop differently to boys. In majority of cases it is better socially and developmentally for girls to be in the NRF Girls league playing other girls teams, they get more time on the ball therefore developing their own skills in a much better environment.

What is NRF Team Grading? Is this the old Trials?

Who needs to attend?

The NRF Team Grading takes the place of the 'Trials'. We found the word 'trials' created an unnecessary anxiety among many players. The main objective is to see who wishes to play in an NRF traveling team and place the players into appropriate teams, based on age and ability. Consideration is also given to those players wishing to play with their mates.

In-house players DO NOT need to attend the NRF Team Grading.

What is a Rep Team?

This is an old term which doesn't have a position in today's community football. All teams competing in the NRF Leagues are representing BBAFC within their own divisions, and we are proud of all our teams' accomplishments, and the high standard that our coaches and players conduct themselves is a real asset to BBAFC, displaying our core vision and values to the wider football community.

Rep teams used to be selected to represent Auckland in inter-regional competition. But AFF and now NRF don't run these programmes and now push it back to clubs to compete.

Team Kits?

We have two kits. One for In-house and one for the NRF teams. Both wear blue shorts, yellow socks, and a yellow shirt. But the In-house players purchase a two pack of shirts containing a Yellow and Blue to differentiate Home and Away teams dictated by the draw. There are two different links to purchase your kit through the website, Junior In-house and NRF Adidas Playing Kit (marked "Purchase Adidas Gear")

All kits are delivered directly to you via courier which must be paid online to ensure your purchases get dispatched.

Club Registration and Fee Payment

For both in-house and NRF players we please ask for fees to either be paid or part-paid prior to players being allocated into teams. If you have registered with BBAFC for the 2024 season and have changed your mind please contact admin@bbafc.org.nz to remove your registration from the system.

Facebook and Instagram

BBAFC has an active Facebook and Instagram presence, there is a lot of information and flyers circulated through social media. If you have not done so already please "like" and follow our pages to keep informed



<https://www.facebook.com/bbafc1976>

<https://www.instagram.com/bucklandsbeachafc/>

Website

BBAFC has a website full of ever-changing information.

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