

Balcatta FC



CLUB CHARTER 2018-2019

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This publication has been produced by Balcatta FC especially for use by all members, players, parents, supporters, volunteers and officials of Balcatta FC (Inc).

We urge adherence, in particular to our 'Codes of Behaviour' at all times whilst at Balcatta FC. This is essential if we are to uphold the tradition and respected name of the Balcatta Football Club and more importantly for everyone's ultimate enjoyment of the game and our facilities.

It is to be read in conjunction with the Football Federation Australia (FFA) National Curriculum. (www.footballaustralia.com.au/nationalcurriculum).

It is important to note the development of this charter will continue to be reviewed to reflect the changing game of football and in the best interests of Balcatta FC its members and the community.

Balcatta FC will strictly adhere to all rules and regulation as set down by FFA and in accordance with the guidelines of the newly formed National Premier League (NPL).

Should members have any queries concerning this policy, please contact John D'Orazio (Club Administrator/Secretary)

Balcatta FC, including its Board and entire Football Operations Group looks forward to your support throughout the year and reminds everyone that we all share in the responsibility of making Balcatta FC a welcoming and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Balcatta FC reserves the right to make changes to this document at any time it sees fit to do so, subsequently any changes will be communicated to its members.

Our Value Statement:



'Balcatta FC believes it should be a part of the community in the widest sense and that its success should not only be measured by the number of trophies it wins, but also by the impact it has on the community in which it exists.'

Our Mission Statement:



'Through the playing of football, engage and enhance the lives of young people in our community'



Balcatta FC Organisational Structure

Board of Management

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Peter Carlino

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Neil Alessandrino (Vice president)

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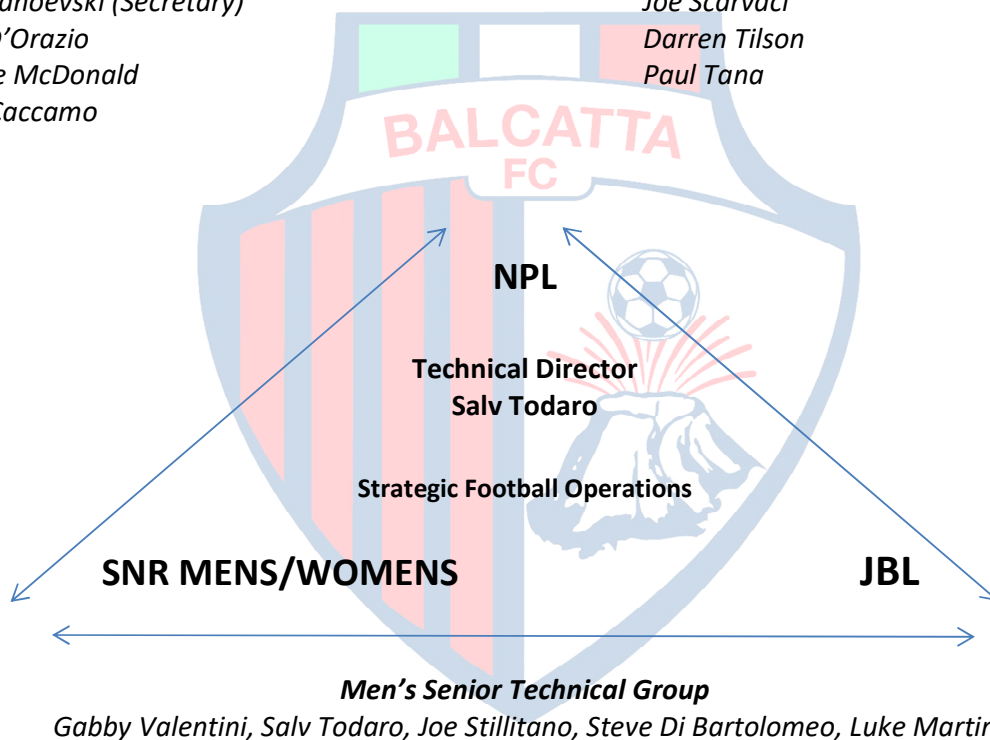
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Balcatta FC welcomes any members wishing to become involved in the operations of the club. Should you wish to become involved please email a brief expression of interest to Peter Carlino- President of Football Operations- Balcatta FC.



Soccer, or now referred to as Football, is the most popular sport in the world. Played in over 150 nations, it is the true international code of Football. In every nation of the world you can make friends through this great game. The beauty of the game is its simplicity, both boys and girls can play in safety and continue to play throughout their life.

Balcatta FC thrives on its professional approach to providing the very best in football opportunities for members of its community and participates in a range of FFA nationally recognised programs.

Balcatta FC Youth Academy

Balcatta FC is a leading supporter for the development of young players catering to all ages for junior boys and girls.

At Balcatta FC, we believe in assisting with the development of all players to reach their highest potential and playing in teams accordingly. The natural progression for our junior boys and girls is to be nurtured for our senior women's and men's National Premier League teams or our amateur women's and men's teams.

Our Balcatta FC Youth Academy and coaching philosophy comes under the guidance of our Technical Director Salv Todaro. Salv has had a long history with our club both as a player and coach. He coached our winning premiership side in 2009 that gained promotion to the WA State League now the NPL.

During recent years many people involved at the club have been working hard on securing a place in the new National Premier League (NPL) which kicked off its inaugural season in March 2014.

Balcatta FC is excited to announce and offer places in our Balcatta FC Youth Academy which will underpin our NPL teams from under 6 through to our Senior NPL teams.

Our Balcatta FC philosophy **PREPARE | PARTICIPATE | PERFORM** has been implemented throughout all age groups and teams within the club. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for our NPL players, but for all our members, players, supporters and volunteers involved in the club.

OUR VALUES: TRUST | INTEGRITY | TRANSPARENCY | RESPECT | FUN

For more info on Balcatta FC Vision, Culture and Identity go to www.balcattafc.com.au



Soccer Bambini

An initiative introduced to the Club in Season 2009, children as young as 3 years of age can join to begin the journey of learning to kick and control a ball. It is very much focused on having FUN with no pressure of competition. Soccer Bambini is for 3-5 year olds. It runs school term to school term. Soccer Bambini is played on a Saturday morning.

MiniRoos <https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos>

MiniRoos Club Football uses small sided games (4v4, 7v7 & 9v9) rather than the traditional 11v11 format to cater to 4-11 year olds. The smaller fields, modified rules and fewer players mean a more enjoyable game with more opportunities to touch the ball and more opportunities to score goals, once again increasing the likelihood of an overall positive experience. As your child progresses through the various age groups they will be introduced to playing environments that most suite their stage of development and prepare them for the transition to 11v11 football when the time comes.

Small Sided Football are games designed especially for children, with fewer players competing on a smaller-sized field. SSF meets the development needs of younger players whilst maintaining a strong focus on maximum participation and enjoyment. There are more touches on the ball, more opportunities to make decisions, more actual play. Players will be more active due to playing both attacking and defensive roles within a match and will understand the importance of team-mates and playing and working together.

SSF is for children aged between 6 -11 years of age.

U6's & U7's play on a 30m x 20m pitch with a Size 3 ball. The game is played in 2 x 15minutes halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 4 players per side with no goalkeeper.

U8's & U9's play on a ¼ size full pitch with a Size 3 ball. The game is played in 2 x 20minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 7 players per side including goalkeeper.

U10's & U11's play on a ½ size full pitch with a Size 4 ball. The game is played in 2 x 25minute halves with a 7.5 minute half time break. There are 9 players per side including goalkeeper.

- Games are played on a Sunday morning.
- All players will require soccer boots and shin pads.
- Club socks will need to be purchased.



U12 changes in 2018

<http://footballwest.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/U12-Playing-Formats-2018.pdf>

Sep 18, 2017

Football West News

Football West will adopt a new approach to U12 football from 2018 after consultation with the football community and under the technical direction of Football Federation Australia.

In the interests of emphasising fun and enhancing player development, all U12 divisions will be played under a nine-player format. This will provide a better learning environment to allow young players to realise their potential.

This change was also recommended in the NPLWA Review Report, which was developed by independent consultants between March and July, 2017.

All rules for U12 football will be the same as U11 from 2018.

Many Football Associations around the world have adopted a similar nine-versus-nine format at U12 age to allow players more touches of the ball, therefore improving technical development, and making the game more enjoyable.

The more fun a player has and the more engaged they feel, the more likely they will return to the game in following seasons.

This decision has been made in consultation with Football Federation Australia and as part of the ALDI MiniRoos review project, which involved the distribution of a survey to all ALDI MiniRoos clubs and Kick Off sites and all registered ALDI MiniRoos players.

Key benefits of nine-versus-nine at U12 age groups:

- *More touches of the ball.*
- *More football decisions to enhance learning.*
- *Development of decision-making speed and reaction time.*
- *Reduced team sizes increases coach attention on individual players.*
- *More flexibility in position rotation – players start to specialise in 11 v 11.*
- *Greater goalkeeper involvement.*
- *Increased scoring opportunities.*
- *Provides physical and mental preparation for 11 v 11.*
- *Absence of league table allows players, coaches and parents to focus on development.*
- *Divisions determined by location reduce travel time for players.*

The FFA's ALDI MiniRoos review project has also led to other changes to rules in 2018, including:

- *Increasing penalty box size to 10m x 20m for U10, U11 and U12.*
- *increasing match time to 20-minute halves for U6 and U7.*
- *Attacking team retreating 10m from the goalkeeper on restarts.*

Junior formats and rules will be continually reviewed to improve player development and enjoyment.



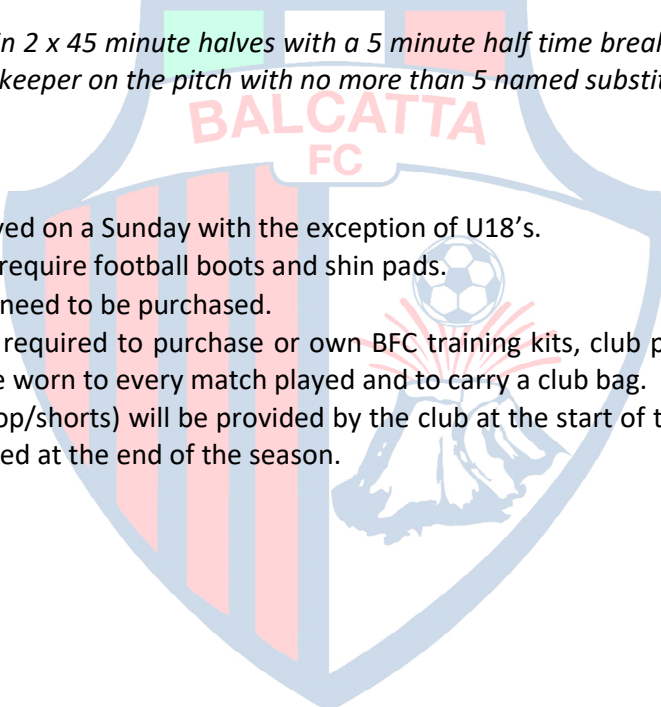
All U13's – U18's games are played on a full size pitch.

U13's – U14's game is played in 2 x 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 11 players per side including goalkeeper on the pitch with no more than 3 named substitutes to be listed.

U15's game is played in 2 x 35 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 11 players per side including goalkeeper on the pitch with no more than 3 named substitutes to be listed.

U16's game is played in 2 x 40 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 11 players per side including goalkeeper on the pitch with no more than 5 named substitutes to be listed.

U18's game is played in 2 x 45 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. There are 11 players per side including goalkeeper on the pitch with no more than 5 named substitutes to be listed.

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- Games are played on a Sunday with the exception of U18's.
 - All players will require football boots and shin pads.
 - Club socks will need to be purchased.
 - All players are required to purchase or own BFC training kits, club polo shirt, spray jacket which are to be worn to every match played and to carry a club bag.
 - Playing strip (top/shorts) will be provided by the club at the start of the playing season and must be returned at the end of the season.



General Code of Behaviour

Balcatta FC caters for the needs of all age groups from 3 years of age and has established a committee which will be convened to arbitrate over matters of concern. Parents, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Players who are members of Balcatta FC are bound by the rules of the club and in the event that any issue arises that is in variance to our codes of behaviour, it may be necessary for the Disciplinary Committee to consider this matter. The Committee comprises of three (3) members selected on the basis of their individual expertise

If any player, club official or parent has committed an offence under the by-laws or rules published by Football Federation Australia and is subsequently disciplined and/or fined, the person shall be liable to pay all costs associated with the offence.

Balcatta FC reserves the right to refuse any membership application as it sees fit and in accordance with guidelines as set out by FFA.

Winning and losing

Players have to learn to accept that winning and losing are part and parcel of the game of football. Everyone makes mistakes and players need to be corrected so as to learn from their mistakes. It is important for the player to accept constructive criticism from the coaching staff and ensure they work as part of a cohesive team.

A player may also have to be substituted during the game. This is another aspect of the game that young players need to understand.

Players should be encouraged and congratulated after every game regardless of the result.

***Balcatta FC believes that: WINNING IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN FOOTBALL.
IT'S NO GOOD BEING THE BEST AT FOOTBALL IF IT BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN YOU.***



Players Code of Behaviour

- Treat all players, coaches, team officials, referees and other teams with **RESPECT AND COURTESY** at all times when representing Balcatta FC.
- This means no fighting, arguing, name-calling or bullying others while you play football.
- Encourage all team members to participate **EQUALLY** at training and in the scheduled games no matter what their ability.
- Football is about **TEAM WORK** and **FUN**. Remember without your support and participation they will never improve.
- This means kicking the ball to all team members not just your friends or the players who you see as being most talented.
- Use of bad language is not acceptable at training or when playing football matches.
- You represent Balcatta FC while at football and your language should show **RESPECT AND COURTESY FOR YOUR CLUB AT ALL TIMES**.
- At all times play by the rules of football at training and during scheduled games.
- Thank your opposition players, referees, coaches and team managers at the end of each game.
- Remember that these people give up their time so you can play. Without them the Balcatta Football Club would not exist.



Parents and spectators code of behaviour

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports. Remember, children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment as well as yours.
- **ENCOURAGE** your child to play by the rules.
- Teach your child that an **HONEST EFFORT** is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards **SKILL IMPROVEMENT** and **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember, your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- Ensure that your child has boots that fit comfortably and that your child wears his uniform with **PRIDE** – with their shirt tucked in and socks pulled up.
- Do not pack your child off to the club **unattended**. Be **supportive** of your child's development and don't be afraid to discuss your child's progress with the coach.
- Please be supportive of the club and **offer your services to help out** any way you can.



Coach's code of behaviour

- Be **REASONABLE** in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Avoid **over-playing** the talented players. The "developing" players need and deserve **equal time**.
- Remember that all children participate for **FUN AND ENJOYMENT**.
- Ensure the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Take into consideration the maturity level of the children when scheduling and determining the length of training times.
- Develop **TEAM RESPECT** for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep them informed of sound coaching principles and the principle of **growth and development of children**.
- Create opportunities to teach **appropriate sports behaviour** as well as basic skills.
- Ensure **knowledge of the game** is such that the players are encouraged to play within the **rules and spirit of the game** and fully accept the role of the referee.
- To ensure that the appropriate **duty of care** is provided for the players at all times during training and playing the game.
- Provide appropriate **DISCIPLINE** when necessary and strictly in accordance with the club policy.



Official's code of behaviour

- Ensure that **equal opportunities** for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that **adequate supervision** is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing **sports behaviour and skill technique**.
- Remember that children participate for **enjoyment** and play down the importance of rewards.
- Provide clinics aimed at **improving the standards of coaching and officiating**, with an emphasis on appropriate sports **behaviour and skill technique**.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their **responsibilities regarding fair play**.
- Condemn **unsporting behaviour** and promote **respect** for all opponents.
- Publicly **encourage** the rule changes which will reinforce the principles of **participation for fun and enjoyment**.
- Ensure that your **behaviour** is consistent with the principles of **good sporting behaviour**.
- Makes a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of **sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children**.
- Ensure **promotion, wellbeing and safety of referees** and **encourage good sportsmanship** before, during and after matches.
- Ensure **positive player/referee relationships** are continually encouraged.



Club Officials and Volunteers

Balcatta FC is primarily staffed and run by volunteers who dedicate an enormous amount of their own personal time to make the Club what it is today. Some of these staff have children at the club and have a valid interest in making Balcatta FC an enjoyable and exciting environment to play football and enjoy the facilities.

Volunteers, Club Officials and Helpers are always required to assist in the operations of the Club. All parents are encouraged to become involved in the Club. From time to time the Club will request assistance with various roles such as sausage sizzles and other special events, field duties, cleaning, canteen rosters etc. If you are able to assist in any way please contact John D’Orazio (Club Administrator/Secretary) admin@balcatta.fc.com

Corporate Sponsors and Partners

As many people would understand it takes an enormous amount of money to fund and maintain the operations of Balcatta FC and cement our status as a leading force in WA football.

We cannot do this without the help of our very kind Corporate Sponsors and Partners who provide us with much needed funds, goods and services to maintain our facilities for both our Senior and Youth Football Operations. These people help us maintain our status in the FFA’s National Premier League (NPL).

***Should you wish to join us as a Corporate Partner or Sponsor please contact Peter Carlino
president@balcatta.fc.com.au***



BALCATT A FC Grading Guidelines

National Premier League (NPL) Pathway

U6 to U8 & U9 to U12

The word 'grading' is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in "liked skilled" groups where they are comfortable to play.
- Registering BALCATT A FC teams into divisions with Football West — our governing body, where they can compete at a level of enjoyment and also be competitive.

Grading takes place over a period of approximately two to three sessions. It is important to attend all grading sessions if possible, this will give the player the best possible chance of making the right team for them.

U6-U8 – At Balcatta these age groups are not graded. Coaching is delivered to ensure equal playing time for all, making new friends, and always providing a safe environment.

U9-U12 – Please read below

The Grading process will be conducted during term 4 of the school year.

The Grading process will be conducted by the club's Technical Director and will be assisted by our junior NPL coaches and the appointed coaches for the relevant age group.

Please help by encouraging players and their friends to register during registration days or online as close as possible to the official registration dates. Registration can take place online prior to the official days as determined by FFA and FW.

The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents and coaches to inform them of the grading policies of the Club.

We hope this information will help explain the sometimes-hard task the coaches and administrators have.

1. Skill level – the 4 key skills (1v1, running with the ball, 1st touch and striking the ball)
2. What the player does when they have the ball.
3. What the player does when their team mates have the ball.
4. What the player does when the opposition have the ball.
5. How the player behaves and responds to coaching instructions
6. Players Attitude and willingness to learn and participate.

GRADING DECISIONS

It is club policy to grade players every year to ensure that all Junior Players have the opportunity to progress. The club encourages players and parents not to focus on which team a player is selected into, but rather, on the players own development during the season. It is important that parents are supportive of their children during the grading process.

Once BALCATT A FC grading is complete, all players will be allocated a team. However, we will continue to fine tune team selections leading up to the commencement of the season. This will be to ensure they are playing at the correct levels. Our Technical Director, in consultation with the team's coaches has the authority to change players during these Grading sessions and up to a further 2 weeks into the season if necessary.

The Technical Director in consultation with the team coach also has the authority to drop players into a lower division team anytime during the season where a player is deemed to be disruptive to the coach and the team.



Registration refund policy

The intent of this policy is to provide some clarity about how refunds will be granted, to give a mutually amicable outcome for the Club and the Individual.

Junior players who register with BFC for the coming season but do not play part or all of the season, may be entitled to a full or partial refund of their registration fees based on the reason for not playing out the season.

The cut-off date for full refunds is the close of registrations for the year, as determined by BFC, typically 30 days after the official advertised registration days.

The cut-off date for partial refunds is prior to the commencement of Round 1.

The decision to refund is determined by the BFC Finance Committee, based on the guidelines below.

Applications for a full or partial refund need to be made in writing to the Club's Secretary on admin@balcatta.fc.com.au

BFC will only refund monies paid to the Club. If a player has utilised the Kids Sport voucher, this component will not be refunded, as cash may not have been paid.

Refund Policy

No refund will be paid to players that have accepted a position at another club after they have accepted and paid for a position at Balcatta FC.

A **full refund** will be made to players if the player has not yet been registered with the FFA/FW under the following conditions:

- Injury preventing the player from playing
- Player/player's family moving away interstate or overseas
- The team folds due to insufficient numbers

A **partial refund** is available to players who have played in less than half of the scheduled matches for the regular season due to reasonable factors beyond their control. Such factors might include:

- Injury preventing the player from playing for a period greater than half the season
- Player/player's family moving away to another region
- Player/player's family travelling interstate or overseas for a period greater than half the season
- The team folds due to insufficient numbers

All players must pay the full fee for the season at the time of registration and can only be refunded after the last match in which they participate.

The amount of the partial refund shall be the number of games not played in, divided by number of games scheduled in the regular season, times the club component of the registration fee. For example if a player did not play in 12 of 20 games in the season, and the club component of the registration fee was \$400 (after FFA/FW fees), the player would receive a refund calculated as:

$$12/20 \times \$400 = \$240$$

- **No refund** is available to players who play less than half the season due to suspension.
- **No refund** is available to players have played more than half of the matches of the season. To play in a match is defined as being included on the team sheet for that game.

Other Circumstances

Other circumstances that are not listed above will be assessed by the BFC Committee, taking into consideration the reason for a refund and the expenses incurred by the Club.

General

- It is not the Club's intention to make a profit out of players not playing for the Club
- The Club won't stand in the way of players who do not wish to be part of the Club
- The refund policy is intended to ensure the Club is not out of pocket due to refunding registration fees



Balcatta FC is extremely proud to remain a strong force in the FFA's National Premier Leagues (NPL).

Balcatta FC has implemented a range of changes across the club in order to further improve its facilities and market the club in such a way as to endeavour to become one of the leading local community football clubs in Perth.

With a focus on professionalism and a commitment to our members to work hard to make 'A Better Balcatta FC' we are hoping to make this season our best ever.

On behalf of the entire Balcatta FC Board and Football Operations Committee we thank you for your ongoing support, commitment and membership at the Club and we look forward to an exciting, successful and most of all fun year playing and enjoying football.

