



## Blue Mountains Football Club

Under 5s to Under 7s

### Team Muster

**When** Friday, 9 February 2024

**Time** Under 5s: 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm  
Under 6s: 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm  
Under 7s: 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Where** Knapsack Park, Glenbrook

**On the above date and time, players are formed into teams.**

Teams are not graded and players usually group themselves with their friends.

Players not represented by a parent, guardian or friend at Team Muster will be randomly placed into a team.

**Please make prior contact with the Club if you are unable to attend Team Muster and wish your child to be placed in a specific team.**

**Boots and shin pads are not required at Team Muster.**

**Coaches and Managers are also selected, and registered, on this day.**

If you would like to coach an U5–U7 team, you will need to hold a current MiniRoos Certificate coaching accreditation. Don't have one? Don't worry!

To help you gain the accreditation, search for a course by visiting <https://www.playfootball.com.au/coach/find-a-course>.

For U5–U7 teams, training is on Saturday mornings, prior to games.

For more information:

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Team Muster – Parent Information Sheet

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### Introduction

BMFC encourages players to play with their friends at these ages. Players and their parents are initially left to sort themselves into teams, say, with their friends or in teams who have previously played together. This generally results in teams being formed based on who players and parents already know. While this approach is usually OK, there are times when this can work against the players' enjoyment of the game and BMFC reserves the right to place players into teams that will best suit the majority of players.

When players enter the Under 8 age group, and above, players and teams are then graded according to ability.

### Balancing of Team Numbers

Balancing of team numbers in the first few weeks after Team Muster is sometimes required, due to late registrations, players dropping out or changing clubs. BMFC would prefer that this didn't happen ... but it does, and it needs to be addressed fairly for all teams. At times, there is no easy answer to this problem.

Having large teams means each player participates less. The coach's time is spread across more players, with less time spent on individual players. Players spend less time playing and more time on the sideline. Ultimately, the skill level of the players is reduced.

To balance the need for all players to enjoy playing football, BMFC may need to move players between teams to ensure everyone gets a fair go. Although there can be some reluctance for players and parents to be split from their friends, BMFC is a community club and we see it as a positive for children and parents to extend their circle and meet others within our local community.

### Late Registrations

When a player registers late and requests placement in a specific team, BMFC will try to accommodate that request team, provided the team has room for an additional player.