



Brunswick Juventus Junior Football Club MiniRoos 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the pre-season training start?

Pre-season training is starting on Wednesday 10th February at Balfe Park. For under 8 and under 9 teams, training will be between 6-7pm. For under 10, 11 and 12 training will begin at 7:15 pm. Scheduling of training beyond the first four weeks of pre-season depends on the availability of training grounds and the number of teams.

What is pre-season?

Pre-season goes for four weeks. This is an opportunity to organise children into teams, to ensure we have a volunteer coach and a volunteer team manager for each team and to begin working on skills.

Where and how often do we train?

In the 2019 season, there were 19 MiniRoos teams training across four grounds: Sumner Park East Brunswick, Balfe Park Brunswick East, Clifton Park Synthetic Soccer Pitch Brunswick and McAlister Oval Parkville.

The training schedule will be confirmed during pre-season. It is likely to be on Mondays and/or Wednesdays for under 8, 9 and 10 and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for under 11 and 12, though this may change depending on ground availability. Under 8 and 9 teams will likely train once per week with a game on Sunday. If your child is in an under 10, 11 and 12 team you can expect to train twice per week with a game on Sunday.

How do I know which age group my child belongs to?

Children who are 7 or under as at 1st January 2021 can join an under 8 team, children who are 8 or under as at that date can join an under 9 team, children who are 9 or under can join an under 10 team, and so on. There is some flexibility with these requirements at MiniRoos level, but any request will need to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

When do matches begin and how long does the season go for?

Football Federation Victoria (FFV) organizes the competition structure including game scheduling. The season starts with the first game which is likely to be scheduled in mid April, 2021. There are usually 18 games in a season. Games are usually scheduled throughout school holidays. This cannot be changed. During the season, your team will have a couple of free weekends (bye). These can be used for a catch-up game or just for a bit of rest. Usually, the competition finishes in September before the school holidays.

Where do I travel for matches?

We play teams from the northern suburbs of Melbourne, so you may need to travel to Epping and Eltham, as well closer suburbs such as Coburg and Preston.

How much are the fees?

The fees for Mini Roos remain the same as last year - \$550. Returning players from 2020 season who have paid their registration and have not sought the refund will have a fee of \$250. In November 2020 Victorian Government announced the Get Active Kids Voucher Program which aims to support families with the cost of participating in community sports by providing \$200 vouchers. Eligibility criteria and details on how to apply will be available in the coming weeks. For more information you can visit [Sport and Recreation Victoria website](#).

How do we enroll?

Registration will be open in early-February 2021. An email will be sent to you with a link to the Brunswick Juventus Junior Football Club website for registration, along with a booklet explaining how to register. Please note that the registration system changed in 2019. Many parents reported issues with the new system which took patience and time to resolve. All registration queries need to be emailed to admin@brunswickzebras.com.au.

What kind of experience does my child need to have?

No prior experience of soccer is required. Mini Roos provides an enjoyable participation experience for young people of all abilities with a focus on skill development, learning to play as a team and above all, having fun. The club supports all levels of play from beginners to advanced.

What are Joeys, Wallabies and Kangaroos?

There are three categories of play: Joeys (no or little experience), Wallabies (beginning to develop their football skills) and Kangaroos (strong grasp of football skills). Volunteer Coaches determine the category of play in the pre-season training for their team depending on the team's level of skill, experience and motivation to train.

Not all year levels will have a Kangaroos team. If there is enough interest to form a Kangaroos team at a particular age level, a process for selecting players will be developed to ensure teams are competitive at that level.

Do you have girls' teams?

The club encourages female players and there is a long history of women's soccer at Brunswick Juventus Junior Football Club. In 2019 the Club launched a Women's Soccer Strategy to focus its efforts on supporting girls and women in soccer.

We are actively recruiting girl players for all age levels. Girls are welcome to form a girls' only team (dependent on numbers – min 10 players for U8, 9 or 10 team and min 12 players for U11 and 12 teams). Girls can also join any team if they wish to play in a mixed team.

What do I need to do as a parent?

You are expected to attend your child's training and be supportive of your child, other team mates and parents. Parents are also expected to participate in fundraising activities allocated to your team including rostered canteen duties. Other examples of tasks include equipment stock take, coordinating photo day schedule and lines marking. All our coaches and team managers are volunteers.