



# Brighton Bombers Football Club

## Parent Handbook

### 2024





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## 1. Welcome from our Presidents

Hello and welcome to the Brighton Bombers Football Club.

We are so fortunate to all be part of this local community club and now even better for having you join us! Whatever your grade and however you fare through the season in terms of wins and losses I hope you enjoy playing footy with your mates, both existing and new.

Footy for me has always been about having fun. Fun at training with your teammates improving the skills and fitness to be able to play better on the weekend. Fun during the game wearing the club jumper with pride and doing your best, fun after the game having a drink and something to eat, or in the clubrooms at match presentations, and fun for your family and friends watching you play and cheering you on from the sidelines.

So whether you are with us for 1 year or 20 years, play senior football at the Bombers or go on to play SANFL or maybe even AFL, I wish you all the very best with your footy both this year and the years ahead.

GO BOMBERS!



**Travis Kalleske**  
Club President

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Welcome, Bomber families, to a new season of footy! We're thrilled to kick off another year of fun, teamwork, and passion for our yellow and black.

To our returning families, welcome back! Your commitment, positivity and contribution are the heartbeat of our club, and I have no doubt that you'll continue to inspire and support us on and off the field. And to our newcomers, a warm Bombers embrace awaits you! You're now part of a tight-knit community where respect, generosity, and sportsmanship reign supreme, please roll up your sleeves and get involved!

As we embark on this journey together, let's remember it's not just about the wins and losses, but about the friendships forged, the lessons learned, and the memories created. So, gear up, lace those boots, and get ready to soar to new heights with The Brighton Bombers.



**Kylee Noble**  
Junior President

## 2. Our Club

The Brighton Bombers Football Club was established in 1991 following the merger of Brighton Football Club (1885 – 1990) and Brighton High Old Scholars Football Club (1968-1990).

Bombers Football Club competes in the Division One of the Adelaide Football League, which is the top football league in South Australia outside of the SANFL.

### Over our history, Bombers have:

- Played in 122 Preliminary Finals
- Played in 91 Grand Finals
- Won 57 Premierships:
  - 17 Senior Premierships
  - 40 Junior Premierships



### Our teams:

- 3 Senior Men’s teams
- 1 Senior Women’s team
- 35 Junior teams:
  - 8 Girls teams
  - 27 Boys teams



### Our A Grade has:

- Played in 24 Finals series
- Played in 11 Grand Finals
- Won 4 Premierships



### Player & Community Stats:

- 180 Senior players
- 770 Junior players
- 1500+ parents
- 200 volunteers

## 3. Club Vision, Mission and Values

### Bombers Vision

We aspire to be Adelaide’s community football club of choice.

### Bombers Mantra

Where You Belong.

### Bombers Mission

To develop a strong and inclusive One Club culture that will:

- Provide enjoyment and a sense of connection for our community.
- Encourage development, high performance and professionalism on and off field.
- Have strong governance and be sustainable in its financial operation and use of resources.

## Bombers Values

RESPECT	We will treat others as we expect to be treated.
POSITIVITY	We will adopt a can-do attitude no matter how tough the task.
CONTRIBUTION	Our community will give more than it takes.
COMMITMENT	We will support Club decisions and do what we say.

## 4. Club Song



### CLUB SONG

SEE THE BOMBERS FLY UP, UP!  
 TO WIN THE PREMIERSHIP FLAG.  
 OUR TEAM WHO PLAY THIS GRAND OLD  
 GAME,  
 ALWAYS STRIVING FOR GLORY AND  
 FAME!

SEE THE BOMBERS FLY UP, UP!  
 THE OTHER TEAMS THEY DON'T FEAR,  
 THEY ALL TRY THEIR BEST,  
 BUT THEY CAN'T GET NEAR,  
 AS THE BOMBERS FLY UP!



## 5. Communication

Brighton Bombers Football Club aim to provide all members with consistent, relevant and up to date information for the 2024 season. The primary methods of communication will be via:

- [Brighton Bombers Football Club website](#)
- Brighton Bombers [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
- Heja (used by teams to communicate internally).

Please make sure you are signed up to Heja and are following our socials. Email will be used at that start of the season for coaches and team managers to make initial contact with families.

## 6. Coaching Policies

All Brighton Bombers coaches implement a consistent coaching blueprint that's in line with our aims and philosophies. The key principles for the coaching and development of the Brighton Bombers are outlined below.

### Mini Bombers - Under 7 to Under 9

**Focus:** The focus for our U7 to U9 is for the children to actively participate, have fun and learn the basics of football.

Match conditions for **boys** in this age level can be found [here](#).

Match condition for **girls** in this age level can be found [here](#).

The key principles for the coaching and development of these age groups are:

- Focus on participation in all activities and having fun!
- Basic skill development and understanding of rules.
- Players will get equal game time irrespective of their ability.
- Players will be rotated through forwards, midfield and defence each quarter.
- The score will not be a key motivator by the coach.
- Player awards will be shared evenly amongst the playing group.
- Understanding positions.
- Concept of sharing the ball with teammates.
- Respecting umpires, teammates, parents and the opposition.

### Junior Bombers – Under 10 and Under 11

**Focus:** The focus of the U10 & U11 remains on fun and participation, with further development of their skills and understanding of the game.

Match conditions for **boys** in this age level can be found [here](#).

Match condition for **girls** in this age level can be found [here](#).

The following principles apply to the coaching and development of the U10s and U11s:

- Focus on participation in all activities and having fun!
- Continued skill development and introduction of game sense drills.
- Players will get equal game time irrespective of their ability.
- Increased awareness and understanding of positions with the expectation children will spend no longer than a half in one position.
- Scores can be kept and advised but not emphasized.
- Best player awards are not generally provided although outstanding efforts at this level may be recognised. Rewards will be shared evenly across the team.
- Basic structures and stoppages.
- First gives to expose opposition.
- Kicking and leading to space.
- General ball movement.
- Respecting umpires, teammates, parents and the opposition.



### Junior Bombers - Under 12 & Under 13

**Focus:** The focus for our U12 and U13 is to ensure they are enjoying football while further developing their skills and understanding of the game. Teams begin to play for premiership points from Under 12.

Match conditions for **boys** in this age level can be found [here](#).  
Match condition for **girls** in this age level can be found [here](#).

The following principles apply to our U12 and U13 teams:

- Further skills development and understanding of the game, including general ball movement, basic structures, stoppages and introduction of switching the play.
- Introduction to rotations and their importance.
- Increased awareness and understanding of positions. Players may play a block of 3-5 games in one position to increase knowledge and learning, with the expectation they will learn how to play several positions over the course of the season.
- All players will be on field for at least three quarters of the game.
- Where there are sufficient numbers to field two teams in an age group, the initial expectation is that the teams will be selected with an 'A' and a 'B' grade and play in separate Divisions.
- Each age group will conduct warm up and warm down drills together at training.
- Scores are kept and can be used as a motivation.
- Best player awards are provided at the end of the season and outstanding results and improvements are recognized during the season.
- Respecting umpires, teammates, parents and the opposition.

### Senior Development - Under 14 to Under 17.5

**Focus:** The focus for our Senior Development Bombers is to give them the tools to be the best they can be both as a footballer and as a young adult.

Match conditions for **boys** in this age level can be found [here](#).  
Match condition for **girls** in this age level can be found [here](#).

Once players reach this age group the emphasis shifts from rotation policies to gaining levels of competencies in certain positions. Coaches will emphasize the importance of leadership and commitment to themselves and their team.

The following principles apply to the U14 to U17.5 age groups:

- Advanced skills development and understanding of the game, including specific game sense drills based on Brighton Bombers Senior A grade.
- Rotations and their importance.
- Kickouts, zones and forward structures
- Development based on specific SANFL philosophies when required.
- All players will be on field for at least three quarters of the game.
- Players must have the opportunity to play in a number of different positions during the season.
- When the opportunity arises (eg. when games are lopsided), players will be moved around to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in the game.





- Where we have enough players to form two teams at a certain age group, these teams will be selected with an 'A' and 'B' grade and play in separate Divisions.
- The full age squad will warm up and warm down together at training.
- Best player and other significant awards are provided at the end of the season.
- Respecting umpires, teammates, parents and the opposition.

## 7. 2024 Season Information

### Training

Due to the amount of junior teams, along with the amount of football that kids are playing at school/SANFL level, the club has capped each U7 – U15 team to train one night per week. In special circumstances consideration will be given for teams to train on our oval (if available) or other locations on a voluntary basis should it be required and benefit the players. The U16s and U17.5s may train twice a week, oval space permitting. The club has a responsibility to monitor the welfare and workload of its players to ensure a balance with other commitments such as school, family and other sporting commitments.

Squads from Under 12 and above will conduct warm up and warm down drills together, as one squad, to ensure the teams are unified and maintain our 'One Club' philosophy.

Where possible and within reason parents will be encouraged to be involved and assist with training sessions.

### Game Day

Start times and venues vary from week to week. Please check the SANFL Juniors on [PLAYHQ](#) for up to date fixtures.

All players are expected at the ground a minimum of 30-60 minutes prior to the game. Your Team Manager will advise players and families of requirements relevant to their team each week.

Please make sure your child is at the game on time, with their mouthguards and correct uniform. Remember to allow plenty of travel time when heading to an oval you have not been to before.

### Weather Policy

The Brighton Bombers Football Club adhere to the Weather Policy of the South Australian National Football League that specifically relates to Minis, Juniors and Girls teams. A full copy of our Weather Policy is available [here](#).

### Uniform Requirements

All players are required to have their own SANFL approved shorts and socks as per below requirements:

- **Boys - Under 7 to Under 11; and Girls – all ages:** black shorts and yellow and black striped socks.
- **Boys - Under 12 and up:** black shorts (home games) and white shorts (away games) and yellow and black socks striped socks.



Shorts and socks can be ordered from [O'Neills](#) (see '[Merchandise](#)' on the website for details on ordering) and collected from [Sportspower Marion](#) once ready for collection. Please note that this season we have limited socks and shorts available through the club.

The Brighton Bombers Football Club will supply the playing guernseys at the beginning of the season. Please note these are not to be worn at training. Guernseys are allocated to players for the season and are to be returned at the end of the season washed and in good condition.

Boots with metal tipped sprigs are not permissible within this competition. Players must remove boots before entering club rooms.

For safety reasons, no jewelry is to be worn during training or games.

### **Mouth guards**

It is both a Brighton Bombers and a SANFL policy that all players MUST wear mouth guards during all football games – No mouth guard No Play. It is also recommended that all players bring their mouth guard to training and use it when involved in contact training.

Mouth guards are available from our club sponsor, [Performance Mouthguards](#) at 45 Broadway, Glenelg (0419 821 358).

### **Merchandise**

Brighton Bombers merchandise for season 2024 will be available via an online shop throughout the year from our provider, [O'Neills](#). Orders are placed by midnight on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Orders will be delivered to [Sportspower Marion](#) for collection and will take 1-2 weeks to be delivered from each order date.

You will be advised via email when your order is ready for collection from Sportspower. As these items are bespoke garments, they that cannot be exchanged so please choose sizes carefully.

### **Injuries**

All players should immediately report any new injury at training to their coach and/or team manager. Players who are injured or unwell may have a graduated return to play and it is expected that information is provided to coaches and team managers in a timely manner to help them to plan for absences in the team that an injury may create.

### **Concussion**

The SANFL have recently introduced new [Concussion Management Guidelines](#) aimed at ensuring both the long and short-term health and safety of any player who is returning from a concussion injury and will be followed with any players who suffer a concussion to manage their return to playing.



## 8. Conduct

All players are bound by the [SANFL Junior Players Code of Conduct](#). This code sets out expectations around respectful behaviour and being a good sport that align with the broader cultural expectations of the Bombers Football Club. It is expected that all players abide by this code.

Additionally, all parents and spectators must abide by the [SANFL Spectator Code of Conduct](#).

Any issues should be brought up in the first instance with the coach or team manager in a timely and respectful manner, keeping in mind unless a matter is urgent, coaches and team manager's primary focus at training and games is to their players. If matters cannot be successfully resolved through this means, parents should see the club [Grievance Policy](#).

## 9. Volunteers

The Bombers currently has over 200 regular volunteers, without whom the club would be unable to run. Bombers are always looking for more people to get involved, and with a broad range of skills needed to run a community club, there are many ways to get involved helping with administration, events, operations and committee positions. Please [contact us](#) if you are keen to find out more about these roles!

On game days, it is expected that parents of the team will fill the following roles:

- Goal umpire
- First aid officer
- Time keeper.

These roles may be rostered for the season by your team manager, or may be on a voluntary, week-by-week basis. Please put your hand up to fill these roles – people offering to help makes game day run much more smoothly!

You can find more information on game day roles [here](#).

Please note that once your child is in under 12s, the team will also need to supply volunteers for the canteen and BBQ when their home games are being held at Brighton Oval. Each team needs to provide two volunteers for each role for the duration of the game.

## 10. Sponsorship

Local community sponsors are pivotal to our club. We have a range of sponsorship options available to suit all sizes of businesses, from Titanium sponsorship through to team sponsorship. If you are interested in further information regarding our 2024 Community Partner Packages, please contact our [President and Sponsorship Director](#).

We also recommend you get behind our local community sponsors. You can find a list of our sponsors [here](#).



## 11. Key Club Contacts

Your coach or team manager is your first point of contact with the club. If you need to contact someone outside of your team, you can submit an enquiry via our [website](#) that will be directed to the appropriate person.