



Balmain & District Football Club

2021 Season

Coaches & Managers Information



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Welcome to Football 2021



Football is (mostly) planned to return to normal this season...

...but there are some big changes for Team Managers & Coaches

2021 Competition Structure

Under 8 – Under 11



The 2021 season will revert to the standard April to August timeframe, including a Presentation Round

- Season begins Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th April
- A mixture of 8- and 10-team divisions with up to 16 rounds
- No games scheduled
 - April 25 Anzac Day
 - June Long Weekend (auto re-grade)
 - Middle week of July School Holidays
- Balmain teams DON'T FORFEIT – contact your AC to borrow players
- Washed-out games are NOT rescheduled
- There are no points, no tables and no finals
- August 21/22 - Last round is a Presentation Round with all players receiving a CDSFA medallion

2021 Competition Structure

Under 12 – Over 45



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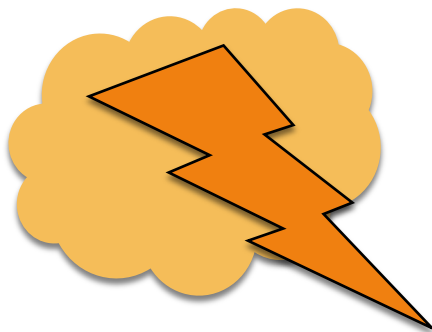
- 18-week season beginning Friday 9th April
- 10 team divisions WILL have a double-header weekend early in the season
- U12 and above will play through school holidays and June Long Weekend
- O35 & O45 MEN Division 1 competitions will be scheduled for Friday nights where possible
- Where possible, washed-out games will be rescheduled (if 50% or more of that division has played games for that round)
- Balmain teams DON'T FORFEIT – contact your AC for Coach/Manager details of other teams to borrow players

Match Scheduling



Match schedules are now available on [Dribl](#)

Regular training [schedule](#) begins from 6th April



Wet weather procedures

- The Club will provide updates via social media for wet weather closures of training & home Games as soon as they are known.
- For weekend matches on away grounds, updates are posted by [CDSFA](#). If a field does not have CLOSED against it then it is deemed OPEN.
- It also pays to check [local council](#) hotlines or websites for the most up-to-date to date ground status.
- During wet weather, grounds may be closed at any time - even once you have arrived or started a match.

Ultra Football Kit 2021



- New players received a full credit to purchase their kit through Ultra Football
- Returning members received \$25 credit to put towards topping up kit or for items in the Balmain club store in Ultra Football

Actions

- ✓ Players need to contact playerstrip@balmainfootball.com.au or visit the FAQs on the club website if they have not received a code to order their new kit or shirt.
- ✓ Managers need to check the players jersey matches the number on the Match Sheet. Contact playerstrip@balmainfootball.com.au if there are any discrepancies



Match Officials

Referees and assistant referees



Referees and assistant referees are provided for all games from U10 upwards

Paying match officials

- Managers of both teams in a match pay the match officials prior to the start of the match
- Balmain DFC manage referee payments on a reimbursement basis
- Match Official Payment form must be completed and signed by all officials that were paid
- Referees do not carry change, so it is important to bring the correct money to the match
- All match official payment forms and online reimbursement requests can be found on the [Manager Information](#) page of the website

Reimbursement

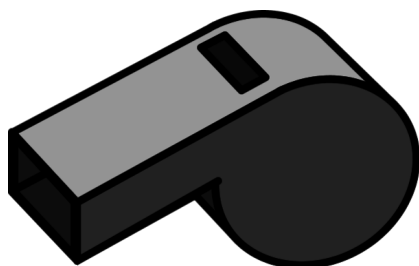
Managers can only claim reimbursement of match official fees by:

- Using the [Match Official Payment](#) form and getting referees to sign it at each game
- Completing the online [Match Official Reimbursement Request](#) (Jotform);
- Include at least 4 games per Reimbursement Request

When there is no supplied match official

Sometimes, there are not enough referees to cover all matches. When this happens:

- The home team is responsible for supplying a referee
- The away team must agree to the person nominated
- Non-appointed referees are **not** paid for officiating the match
- The volunteer referee must be added to the electronic match sheet



Looking out for match officials

- Referees are often young, sometimes inexperienced, and always human. Like all of us, they can and do make mistakes
- The availability & retention of referees is often impacted by the negative and inappropriate ways they are sometimes treated by players, spectators, and team officials
- Be kind and respectful to referees, and be a role model for the way they should be treated.

Ground official duties arrangements for 2021



It is a CDSFA requirement for clubs to provide a ground official for each of their home grounds upon which a match is being played. This year teams will need to provide one ground official each time they play a home game

Organising

- Each **Balmain home team** needs to provide ONE volunteer for EVERY HOME game, EVERY WEEK. However, this is only for the game immediately prior to their HOME GAME. This means if you are playing at one of Balmain's Home Grounds (as the HOME team) at 11am, you will need to provide Ground Official service for that field at 9:30am (or for whatever time the game before yours is scheduled).

Duties on the day

Ground officials are required to:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Arrive 10 minutes before the game commences to check in at the Canteen to obtain the Ground Official Vest
- Make themselves known to the referee before the start of the match
- Ensure that spectators stay behind ropes and fences and do not enter the field of play
- Ensure that the area behind the goal is kept clear at all times
- Ensure that no persons including coaches and managers enter the field of play until signalled by the referee
- Assist the referee as requested at any time
- Ensure that the consumption of alcohol or smoking does not take place in the immediate vicinity of the playing field until after the completion of the last match.

Locations for ground official duty

Ground official volunteers are required in the following locations
Waterfront, Glover Street Sporting Fields, Easton Park, Birchgrove Oval, Cohen and BHS.

Ground Officials



A ground official (wearing an orange vest) must be present at each match:

- Ground officials are provided for each of Balmain's home matches played at our home grounds
- If no volunteer ground official is present you must provide a substitute
- For home matches played at away venues you will need to provide your own ground official

What can go wrong?

- The referee may not allow play to start
- The home team can be fined by CDSFA \$110 for each match this occurs
- Where issues with the game lead to judiciary proceedings- the absence of a ground official is distinct disadvantage

The technical area



Permitted in the technical area

A maximum of TWO team officials are permitted in the technical area regardless of the age group:

- Must be wearing an official high-viz vest
- Must display a current season Team Official ID card

Only players entered on the match sheet are permitted in the technical area

Not permitted in the technical area

- Sick, injured, surplus, suspended or banned players
- Additional team officials above the maximum of 2
- Player's or Team Official's children, partners, friends or animals

What can go wrong?

- The referee may not allow play to start
- It can create issues for the ground officials trying to apply the rules for the technical area
- The home team can be fined by CDSFA \$110 for each match this occurs

Eligible players



Playing up or for another division

- Rules for using players from another team are complex
- There are restrictions on the age, grade and number of players who can be used as substitutes
- There are also rules about how many times a player can play up in a higher division or age group.

- There is a maximum number of players that can be listed on the team sheet.
- There is a maximum number of players that may be brought up into a higher graded or different age group
- These rules differ by age group

Incorrect match sheet records

Common problems on match sheets are:

- Too many players
- Ineligible players
- Players who are not playing or suspended and not struck off the sheet.

Match officials do not check eligibility.
Team managers & individual players are held accountable for eligibility
[See the Rules of Association](#)

What can go wrong?

CDSFA review match sheets each week & detect ineligible players. Where ineligibility is detected:

- The game is awarded to the opposing team
- The team losses 3 additional competition points
- The team is fined an additional registration fee
- An adult player deemed ineligible is suspended for a minimum 2 matches, but 12 months if they were already ineligible through a disciplinary issue.

Staying out of trouble



Player cards

- U12 and over: Opposition digital ID cards must be checked prior to kick-off – this is up to each Team Manager (using the Dribl app)
- U10 & 11s need their digital ID card ONLY if playing up in an under 12s team (manager must add borrowed players to the electronic match sheet BEFORE the game)
- U8-11 – ID cards are NOT required for matches

What can go wrong:

Players who require an ID card will not be permitted to take the field if their name & ID card is not present on the electronic match sheet - no exceptions.

Out of bounds

- Warming up behind the goal is not allowed
- Warm up in the goal area is not permitted for night matches

What can go wrong:

- Your team may be fined \$110 by CDSFA
- If a night-time venue offence - you will be banned from future night fixtures



All CDSFA clubs will continue to adhere to COVID Safety Plans

- All coaches and managers should familiarise themselves with the [plan](#).
- You will have a key role supporting your team through any conditions

Key notes for coaches/managers

- ✓ Match & Team Officials not to share personal equipment such as whistles, flags, cards or pens.
- ✓ No sharing of jerseys- including keeper jersey
- ✓ Bibs should be retained and laundered by the individual wearer
- ✓ Players must have own labelled drink bottle
- ✓ No sharing of fruit, lollies or any other food
- ✓ Contact tracing (if necessary) will be facilitated by Match sheets and player details collected in PlayFootball.

Coach Support



Coaches webpages

- FFA & NSW age appropriate coaching plans in the public section;
- Development Coaching plans for each week of the season in the 'Coach Only' password protected section
- Additional coaching material and other training resources in the 'Coach Only' section
- New suite of coaching support and information is being put together
- YouTube Channel – [BalmainDFC](#) includes Coaching corner and Training problems videos
- Age appropriate outcomes
- Reading materials
- Coaching philosophy
- Links to [Kanga Cup](#), [FNSW State Cup](#), and [CDSFA resources](#)

Professional coaches for non-graded teams

- Development Squad Coaching sessions for 2021 are full.
- Requests for 2021 can be submitted to matteo@balmainfootball.com.au

C licence

- Balmain volunteer coaches can apply for fee assistance to complete a C-Licence coaching course

2021 Laws of the Game changes

A more detailed summary is available on our website: <https://www.balmainfootball.com.au/manager-resources/>



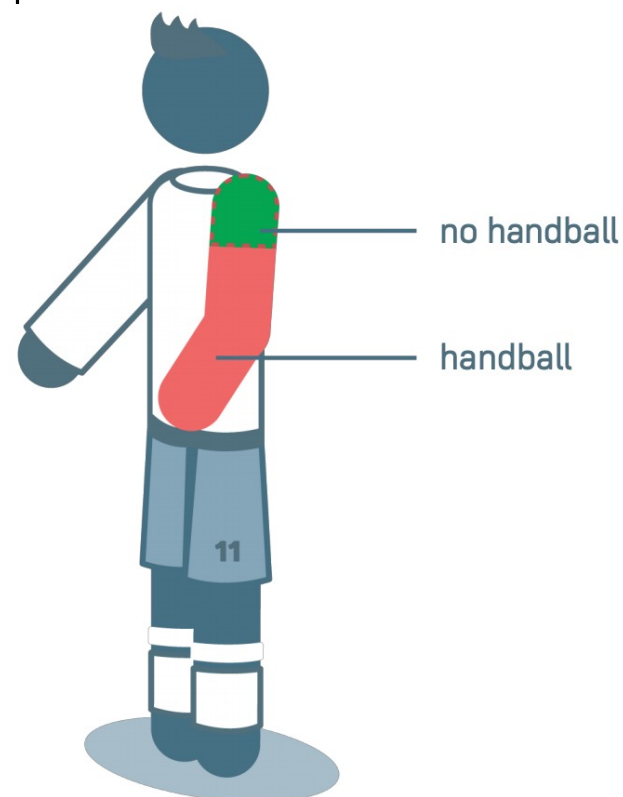
CDSFA Changes:

- Team officials (Coaches/Managers) are at all times to display their ID card outside of their clothing and hanging around their neck. Team officials will be required to have their ID card checked by the referee or game leader prior to the commencement of any CDSFA fixture (and line up with the team if a line-up occurs)
- Temporary Dismissals (TD) will be implemented for U12 and above

FIFA Laws of the Game – Changes:

Changes are summarised in this document: [Laws of the game 2020/21 – Changes & clarifications](#) – please read and be familiar with updates.

- One of the main changes is the definition of handball: “the boundary between the shoulder and the arm is defined as the bottom of the armpit”.



Introduction of Electronic Match Sheets and Digital ID Cards



- As of the 2021 season, CDSFA is introducing electronic match sheets and ID cards
- These will be implemented using the Dribl app (available for Apple and Android)
- **Coaches & Managers will still have physical ID cards. These will be available for pickup by the start of the season.**
- Each team will have two new roles assigned:
 1. A **Team Reporter** – has access to manage and submit the match sheet before games
 2. A **Team Recorder** – has access to review & submit the score after each match
- These roles will initially be assigned to BOTH the Team Manager(s) and the Coach(es) for each team. You **MUST** be registered and allocated to a team for this to happen.
- An activation email with login details to Dribl will be sent to C&Ms this week
- Team Managers will be responsible for checking opposition ID cards using the Dribl app
- User guide is available on the BDFC website on the [Manager Information](#) page in the **Match Sheets** section
- Also check the **Match Day Procedures** section for steps on pre- and post-match tasks
- Please ensure you activate your Dribl account, download the Dribl app and familiarize yourself with the new processes **BEFORE** the season begins.

Match sheets will be moving to electronic format using the DRIBL app (and website)



A submitted match sheet is required for all games involving teams U8 upward. They are a record of the match including details of all players, scores, red and yellow cards, and any injuries. They are used by all clubs to record results and drive any required disciplinary actions

How do I access them

- Both teams are responsible for checking and submitting the match sheet before the game
- Balmain teams can access their match sheets via the DRIBL app or [Dribl.com](https://dribl.com) website
- Detailed instruction are on the [website](#)
- Individual Dribl app login details will be provided to team coaches and managers prior to Round 1

What do I need to do

Team Managers (or Coaches):

- Ensure all team and borrowed players are entered on the electronic match sheet with their FFA & correct shirt number
- Remove all players who are NOT playing that game
- Submit the match sheet prior to kick-off
- Enter score at conclusion of the match

Recording away results

Results will be entered by the Team Manager or Coach at the conclusion of the match using the Dribl app

CDSFA disciplinary rules for 2021



Temporary Dismissals (TD) - applies to U12 and above

Where a player is guilty of Dissent by Word or Action and receives a TD:

- The Referee points to the technical area where the player is to remain
- The TD period is for 10 minutes, which commences when play is restarted. The referee(s) notes the time in their notepad.
- Player may only return to the field after referee's permission. Dissenting the time can result in another YC.
- All cautions for Dissent by Word or Action (Y2) are punished with TD.

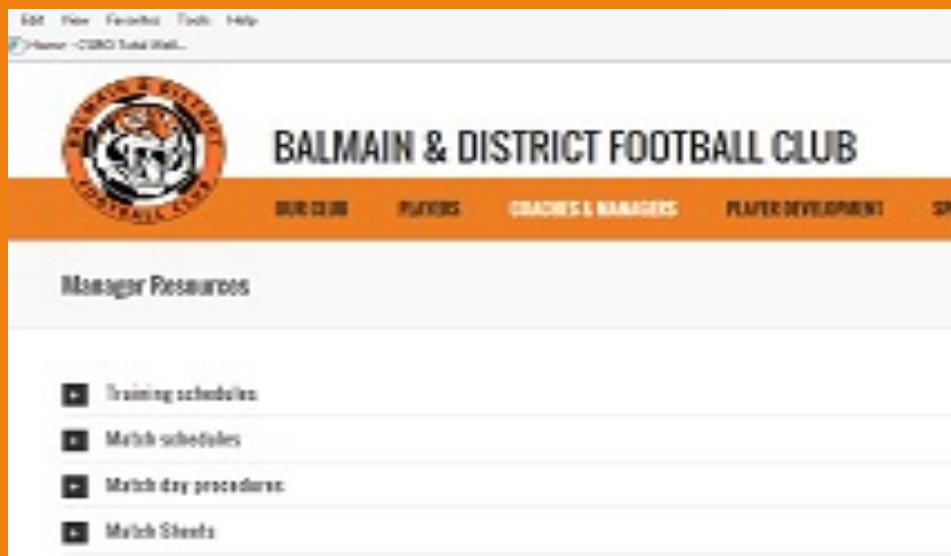
Dissent by word or action examples:

- Clear use of arms and action showing dissent toward the referee's decisions
- Aggression in the player's tone when communicating to the referee without swearing. Working with Zero-Tolerance?
- Any swearing remains as an immediate send-off.

When you need information or help?



Our website



<http://www.balmainfootball.com.au>

Our website contains

- All information & links required by managers and coaches
- A coaches only area, with the club's development training plans and additional resources to support coaches

Your Age Coordinator



Executive Committee & sub-committees



Development

Comms

Finance

Registration

Grounds

Sponsorship

Useful Links



- **Dribl App** - User guide for managing match sheets and results in Dribl - <https://www.balmainfootball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ed-Club-04-Competition-CDSFA.pdf>
- CDSFA fixtures and results – <https://cdsfa.dribl.com>
- BDFC Managers Information and Resources page: <https://www.balmainfootball.com.au/manager-resources/>
- BDFC Coaches & Managers Quick & Useful Links: <https://www.balmainfootball.com.au/cm-quick-links/>
- BDFC Coaching materials and content: <https://www.balmainfootball.com.au/coach-resources/>