

The Bear Essentials

January 2021—Happy New Year!

Date	What	Where
4 Jan	2021 Registration opened	www.playfootball.com.au
30 Jan (Sat) 9am-11:30am	Face to face registration and merchandise sales.	Clubhouse
3 Feb (Wed) 5:30pm-7:30pm	Face to face registration and merchandise sales.	Clubhouse
4 Feb (Thurs) 6pm	U11 Advanced Trials	Clubhouse/Grounds
Feb (date TBA)	U13 / U14 grading day	Clubhouse/Grounds

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Bear Essentials*, a place where you can find out what's happening at your Club and keep up to date with upcoming events and key dates.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our **U15/1 Girls** team who ended the season as undefeated minor-premiers and 2020 Champions.



Congratulations to our **U13/1 Boys** team who are 2020 Champions!

Honorable mention to the following teams who made it to the finals:

Under 13/2 boys—Semi Finalists

Under 12/1 boys—Semi Finalists

All Age Women 5—Grand-finalists and runners up.

2020 Season Survey Results

At the end of the season we sent around a short survey to our members to see what your experience was like in 2020. Here are the results:



What we asked about your

- 2020 Season experience
- 2020 Experience in the Bears Team
- 2020 Experience with the Bears Club
- Bears Club management of COVID
- The Bears Club for Season 2021



Most of the responses were appreciation of the volunteers efforts in 2020.

- Thanks to the Coaches / Managers / Helpers and Committee

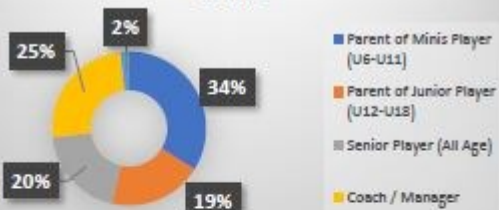


Actions and Takeaways

- Work with managers to ensure there is a jersey of adequate size for each player in the team
- Toilets for training nights
- Education for coaches for equality in mixed teams
- QR Codes for fences and all fields
- Better Hot drinks options
- Club Communication more responsive
- Coaching assistance for All Age Teams
- Earlier returning team engagement
- Ensure COVID practices around team huddles are followed
- Ensure player protection policies are promoted in the club
- Field numbers displayed at grounds
- Healthy Food Options at Canteen.
- Review of participation trophies replacement with soccer ball or something useful
- Team App promotion and communication
- Team player allocation earlier
- Trials to be organised by Jan 31
- Upfront match fee payment

This is what we learnt about our members :

Affiliation with the Bears Club



How many years with the Bears Club



Please rate your 2020 season



Please rate year in Bears Team



Please rate the Bears Club this year



How the Bears Club managed the COVID



Returning to Bears in 2021



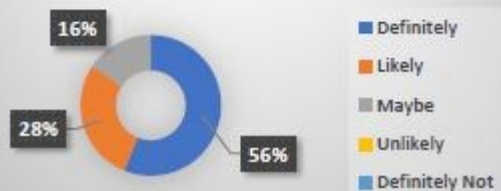
Preferred registration method



Are you interested in Coaching / Managing



Recommend Bradbury Bears





In season 2021, Macarthur are introducing MFA Local SAP (Skill Acquisition Phase) League, starting with U8 only then expanding to U11 by 2024. The SAP league is open to boys and girls as a mixed team. **Bradbury Bears** has been successful in becoming one of the ten foundation clubs for this league. This is such an exciting opportunity for our Club.

We are looking to build the coaching team ahead of registrations and promotion. We are offering this to our 2020 coaches first as an opportunity to enhance your coaching skills and provide an advanced pathway for kids of Bradbury Bears.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in coaching the SAP team:

You will:

- Need to attend training to complete the SAP coaching certificate (No cost to you)
- Run training twice a week of 45-60 min sessions.

The club will:

- Endeavour to find an assistant coach for you if you don't have one available from the parents of the team
- Coaching coordinators will assist and mentor you
- The team will be fitted out with all clothing and equipment.
- All coaching needs will be supplied.
- Look to source a direct sponsor for the team.

There will be no additional costs for a player to be in the SAP team as compared to the local competition teams. Email play@bradburybears.org.au for further details.

2021 Registrations

When?

Registration for the 2021 season are open from 4 January 2021 via www.playfootball.com.au. Registrations are done online only. If you require assistance, there will be a face to face session at the Clubhouse on Saturday 30th January (9am-11:30am) and on Wednesday 3 February (5:30pm-7:30pm). You only need to attend these sessions if you require assistance registering online. We encourage you to ensure that you have a valid Play Football login and, if relevant, have applied for your Active Kids voucher prior to coming down. As part of registration you also require a photo of each player for upload.

Already have a team?

If you already have a team together for the 2021 season, please email the team list (don't forget the age group) to Heather at registrar@bradburybears.org.au.

Grading

Grading for teams U13 and U14 will be held in January, date TBA. For competition teams, It's important that kids with similar skill levels are grouped together. This allows fairness on the field and increases the chance of each child getting a fair turn at the ball.

Advanced U11 team

The Club is looking at putting together an advanced U11 team, please email play@bradburybears.org.au if you are interested or would like some further information. Trials for this team will be held on Thursday 4 February at 6pm at the Club.

Girls Teams

Where possible and across all age groups we will allocate all girls teams over mixed teams.

Interested in becoming a Coach or Manager?

It's a rewarding gig and a vital one for each team. If you'd like some details on what's involved in being a Coach or Manager, please email play@bradburybears.org.au for further info. There will be an opportunity for coaching courses (no cost to you) throughout the season, from beginners to advanced.

Existing Coaches and Managers

If you'd like to Coach or Manage your team again this year, please let us know during registration or by sending an email to play@bradburybears.org.au.

AROUND THE GROUND:

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN & KERRIE GALE

We would like to congratulate Bradbury Bears long time past committee members John and Kerrie Gale on being recognised by the MFA for their long time commitment to our sport. John was the first life member of the Club and Kerrie served the committee for many years. The boardroom at Lynwood Park (home of the MFA) will now be known as the "John and Kerrie Gale Boardroom" in their honour.



Picture: MFA Facebook page. John and Kerrie Gale with MFA Chairman Darcy Lound.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Bradbury Bears recently delivered our *Play soccer in Season 2021* leaflets and donated branded soccer balls to local schools. These schools included Ambarvale Public School, Bradbury Public School, Rosemeadow Public School, St Helen's Park Public School, Thomas Acres Public School Woodland Road Public School, Ambarvale High School and Thomas Reddall High School. If you have any contacts in our local community and would like to provide them with some Bears leaflets please get in touch.



Play soccer in Season 2021

Bradbury Ambarvale Football Club
Home of the Bears
are looking for players of all ages,
both girls and boys to join our fantastic club

Girls Only teams for U6 through to Ladies



Free Shorts, Socks and Soccerball for New U6 Players



Free Registration with Active Kids Voucher for U6 to U18
Payment options for Seniors available

Coaching opportunities available for Mini's up to Seniors

Season 2021 is a great time to join the BEARS family club

The Bears are focused on developing our coaches, teams and players to make season 2021 the best year yet.

Programmes are offered for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Levels for players in Mini's, Junior's and Senior's

So now is the perfect time to join the Bears!

EMAIL TODAY: play@bradburybears.org.au

Registration:

Registration will be open from 1st January, 2021.
Registration fees will be published from early December
Nominations for teams and players accepted now for all ages



<http://www.bradburybears.org.au>  /BradburyAmbarvaleBearsFootballClub

THANK YOU TO OUR FANTASTIC SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following sponsors who will be continuing to support us in the 2021 season. If you or someone you know has a business that would like to sponsor the Bears in 2021 please let us know. We have a variety of packages available. Sponsorship can be for the Club in general, or for a particular team or age group.



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