

Saturday Program: Small-Sided Football for U5, U6s and U7s

Our Small-Sided Football Program is designed for children who are just beginning their football journey. The program has two simple aims: to develop a set of fundamental football skills and a love of the game in each player.

Children are placed into groups of 10-12 according to age, each with 2 parent coaches. This becomes their squad for the season and many children will form close friendships within this group.

As we recognise the importance each child places on being with their friends, we do our best to accommodate friendship requests. We will ask for these requests close to the start of the season.

Sessions are run according to our football curriculum, adapted from Football Federation Australia's extensive curriculum and overseen by our qualified Head Coach. The sessions run for 60 minutes each week, broken into a 30 minute skills practice and a 30 minute game. Our full season begins in the middle of Term 1 and runs for 20 weeks.

The Key Points

Years of Birth:	2014, 2015 and 2016
Places:	We cater for up to 140 girls and boys
Where:	Eltham North Reserve, Wattletree Road, Eltham North
When:	Saturday Mornings. Subject to the final break down of ages and places, our U7s will train at 9:00am, while our U5s and U6s will train at 10:15am. Due to parent feedback, boys and girls are placed in separate squads.
Uniform:	A full Redbacks kit of playing shirt, shorts and socks, as well as a jacket for those colder mornings, is provided. Boots and shin pads need to be purchased separately from a sports store – we recommend our excellent sponsor Sport First Eltham who provide a discount to Redbacks members.
Cost:	<p>\$440 if you are new, or \$345 if you are a returning 2020 Redback and are happy to continue using your 2020 kit.</p> <p>This fee is <u>all inclusive</u> and covers club expenses such as governing body association fees, hire of pitch and clubroom facilities from council, season trophies, coaching fees, training equipment and a building levy contributing to the repayment of loans for our new clubrooms.</p>





Unfortunately the governing body charges a 1.8% credit card surcharge upon payment which we must pass on – we have once again provided feedback to them about the size of this charge.

Dates for 2021:	27 February	5 June
	13 March	19 June
	20 March	17 July
	27 March	24 July
	24 April	31 July
	1 May	7 August
	8 May	14 August
	15 May	21 August
	22 May	28 August
	29 May	4 September (final session/trophy presentation)

The program is not scheduled to run over the school holidays or weekends with a public holiday as many families like to use this time for a getaway.

Should our program be impacted by COVID-19, these dates will change.

Volunteer Roles: The club is a not-for-profit sporting body and relies heavily on volunteers for it to run effectively. A strong sense of community exists throughout the club and is particularly prominent in the Saturday Program. It is common to see three or more parents per squad giving up their time to coach each weekend.

If you are able to lend a hand, in either an on field role, in the canteen or in an administrative role, please email saturdayprogram@elthamredbacksfc.org.au.

All coaches and behind the scenes volunteers are trained and well supported by our Program Coordinators, Head Coach, club committee and duty managers. We are proud of the number of volunteers who return each season for another year of football and happily 'go around again' in their roles as we believe it is the best indication of how our volunteers feel.

To register: Visit Play Football via www.playfootball.com.au and follow these steps. Note that this is the only method of registration and payment. Due to the burden it places on our volunteers, we do not accept cash or bank transfer payments.

Step 1) Head to the Eltham Redbacks page on Play Football [here](#). Clicking this link directly is easier than navigating via Play Football's homepage!

Select the relevant pathway for your circumstance. Are you:

Returning to Football?

Step 2) For members returning to football in 2021, log in using your account. If you cannot remember the account details, we strongly suggest you reset your password or click the link 'Having trouble signing in?' It is

New to football?

Step 2) If you're new to football, create a new account. *Ensure the account is in your name.* A profile for your child can be made within your



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much easier in future years if you do not create multiple accounts!

account. Multiple children can be managed within one account.

Step 3) Select your child's existing profile. Click 'Continue'

Step 3) Select '*I am registering a new person*'. Click 'Continue'

Step 4) Select the relevant product. For U5, U6 and U7 players, the product is called '*Saturday Program – Small Sided Football*'. Add to shopping cart, then click 'Continue'

Step 4) Confirm that they have not played football before.

Step 5) Confirm that your child's details have not changed since last registering. Alter as needed if they have (especially contact info!!). Click 'Continue'

Step 5) Enter your child's details, including a fake email – annoyingly they really want to make sure your child hasn't already got a registration! Click 'Search', then click 'Continue'

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Step 7) Enter further details about your child. Click 'Continue'

Step 8) Do not upload a photo – this is not required until older age groups. Click 'Continue'

Step 9) Review your 'order'. Read and confirm your acceptance of all T&Cs. Click 'Continue'

Step 10) Submit payment via credit card and click 'Submit'

After payment has been processed, the club receives your registration from Play Football through our administrative portal. We will approve your registration close to the commencement of the season.

In early February, all registered participants will receive an email inviting them to select squads and request friendship pairings.

In mid February, uniform and kit will be handed out.

Questions:

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