



## **Saturday Program: Spiderlings for U3s and U4s**

Our Spiderlings Program is designed for children who are getting into organised sport for the first time. The program has three simple aims: to develop fundamental motor skills in children, to enhance social and emotional development, and to introduce players to a positive sporting club environment.

Children are placed into a group of 15 each week alongside the other 3 and 4 year olds. This then becomes their 'team' for the season and many friendships are made. We will ask for session time requests close to the start of the season.

We recognise the importance each child places on being with their friends and aim to group players who know one another together. Please consider this when requesting a session time.

The sessions run for 30 minutes each week. The season begins in mid Term 1 and runs for 20 weeks. A 10 week program is available for those who wish to 'try' before committing to the full season.



### ***The Key Points***

- Years of Birth:** 2017 and 2018
- Places:** We cater for up to 60 players
- Where:** Eltham North Reserve, Wattletree Road, Eltham North
- When:** Saturday Mornings. Available start times include 9:00am, 9:40am, 10:20am, 11:00am.
- Uniform:** A Spiderlings playing shirt is provided. Though runners will get the job done, children may like to wear football boots and shin pads 'like the big kids do'. These can be purchased separately from a sports store – we recommend our excellent sponsor Sport First Eltham who provide a discount to Redbacks members.
- Cost:** \$375 for the 20 week season, \$245 for the first 10 weeks. A \$29 discount is available if you are a returning 2020 Redback and are happy to continue using your 2020 kit.
- This fee is **all inclusive** 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.
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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. Many of the parents in the U5s, U6s and U7s are involved as coaches or in off field roles and we encourage parents of our Spiderlings to get involved too.

If you are able to lend a hand in the canteen or in an administrative role, please email [saturdayprogram@elthamredbacksfc.org.au](mailto:saturdayprogram@elthamredbacksfc.org.au).

All volunteers are trained and well supported by our Program Coordinators, 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](http://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?*

*New 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

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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link *'Having trouble signing in?'* It is much easier in future years if you do not create multiple accounts!

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

account. Multiple children can be managed within one account.

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

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

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'

Step 6) 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 7) Enter further details about your child. Click 'Continue'

Questions:

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