



CHRISTIES BEACH FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

P.O. Box 234, Christies Beach. SA 5165 Phone 8382 2213 ABN 76 660 864 694

Affiliated Southern Football League & SANFL Inclusive League

2024 Minis Welcome Letter

Under 7's, Under 9's, Under 11 Girls and Under 11 Boys

To all players and parents,

Welcome to the 2024 season at Christies Beach Football Club! Thank you for choosing us to begin your football career or for choosing to continue with us.

Our minis program is focused on teaching strong basic skills and game knowledge in a fun and connected environment. We do our best to provide the children with equal chances and clear communication to see any child of any ability succeed and thrive in a sport that we all love.

Below you will find all information to help you get ready and know what is expected of you for the season.

Team Names

With the multiple teams that Christies Beach Football Club has in the minis, we have ensured that our team names are a direct reflection of the future potential paths for our players. The names are inspired by our local SANFL feeder clubs. These are the Wolves (West Adelaide Football Club), Panthers (South Adelaide Football Club) and the Tigers (Glenelg Football Club).

Age Brackets

2024 sees a change to the age brackets within the minis. These look like:

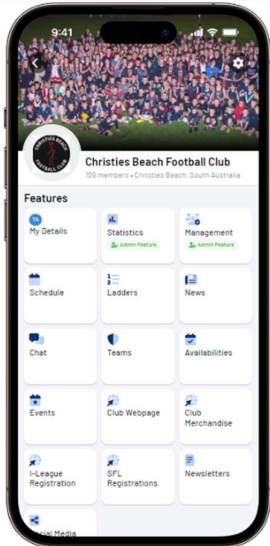
- Under 7's Mixed
Girls and boys born between 1/1/2017 up to and including 31/12/2017 which means players turning seven years of age in 2024.
- Under 9's Mixed
Girls and boys born between 1/1/2015 up to and including 31/12/2016, which means players turning eight and up to nine years of age in 2024.
- Under 11's Boys
Boys born between 1/1/2013 up to and including 31/12/2014, which means players turning ten and up to eleven years of age in 2024.
- Under 11's Girls
Girls born between 1/1/2013 up to and including 31/12/2015, which means players turning nine and up to eleven years of age in 2024.




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Communication



2024 sees Christies Beach Football Club bring in a new way to communicate. You can sign up on a PC, smartphone or tablet.

- On a PC, please go to <https://www.teamapp.com/> and sign up for the application.
- On your smartphone or tablet, download the “Stack Team App”  app in the apple app store or google play store.
- Sign up and fill in all your details. Please make sure you use an email that you use every day.
- Once you have registered and downloaded the app, you need sign into your team app account with your email address.
- Search for “Christies Beach Football Club”.
- Select “Christies Beach Football Club” and select become a member of this team.
- Select team you are associated with. E.g. Under 14 Girls.
- Select continue and type in the player’s name or your relationship with the player under “Access Request Message”.

- Select “send”.

Until all are transferred over to Stack Team App, we also two Facebook groups that we recommend joining. These are ‘CBFC Minis’ and ‘Christies Beach Football Club’.

Training

The start date of the minis training, as well as the times are still to be confirmed.

Please also note that we do play and train throughout school holidays, except for a few weeks that will be confirmed by the SFL. Some coaches however will continue to have training when there are no games so make sure to get join the Club App and the appropriate team to stay up to date on all communication.

Training dates for the Under 7s, Under 9’s Under 11 boy’s and Under 11 girls is expected to commence on the 1st of March at Christies Beach Football Club.



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Team Placement

The task of working out the teams is extensive and involves more than it would seem, so being able to fulfill all of peoples requests isn't possible. However, we will always ensure that each child has at least ONE familiar face in their team. We ask that you have a conversation with your children regarding the importance of sportsmanship and resilience as the children progress, chances are the unknown faces will become their teammate at some point.

We do not place teams based on abilities in minis but will always try to ensure an equal mix based on age.

Siblings will always take priority over friendships to ensure that the days are as easy as possible for families. For example, if a child has a brother or sister in the Under 9 or 11 Panthers team, then the younger sibling will automatically play in the Under 7 Panthers team. This is because each of the teams GENERALLY play at the same oval each week, all one after the other.

Registration and Fees

Registrations are expected to open in January 2024. They are complete through the PlayHQ which can be accessed via our club website. At the time of registration, fees are also required to be paid. There is also SANFL registration fee that is not part of our club fees but are payable at the time of registration. The expected amount for this in 2024 is \$22.50. You will see it as part of the total fees at the end of the online process.

Minis fees in the 2024 season are \$185. Sports vouchers can be used for all minis as long as they have not been used in the calendar year. The vouchers reduce the club fees by \$100, taking fees down to \$85.00 (prior to SANFL fee) and is applied for throughout the registration process.

A step-by-step guide on how to register can be found on the registration page. If you are transferring from another club or this is you first time playing with Christies Beach Football Club, we will need a copy of your birth certificate to be able to complete the registration process.

Game Day

The first game for our minis sides for the 2024 is expected to be on the 28th of April 2024. Games are played on Sundays and players are generally required to be at the grounds 45 minutes prior to game time to warm up and be addressed by their coach. This is dependent on the coaches requirement so please make sure to check in prior to the first game.

Under 7 Mixed	Game time: 9am	Arrive between 8 - 8.15am
Under 9 Mixed	Game time: 9.55am	Arrive between 8.55 - 9.10am
Under 11 Boys	Game time: 11 am	Arrive between 10 - 10.15am
Under 11 Girls	Game time: 9.55am	Arrive between 8.55 - 9.10am

Times will be confirmed when we receive a final fixture from the SFL.



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Friday Night Presentations

Once the season is underway, all minis team will have presentation on Friday nights at 6.30pm within the clubrooms at Christies Beach Football Club. Coaches will talk about the game and hand out awards for players that played well, trained well, and demonstrated the club GRIP values. There are generally 3-4 players a week who receive an award. We encourage everyone to come into the club for this to support the players. It will also allow all to stay up to date with any important information.

We understand that it is hard to keep children quiet (especially when surrounded by friends, still excited from training and at the end of a long week) but we appreciate if you could reiterate the importance of being quiet while presentations are happening. It ensures families and players can hear what is being said and shows respect to the coaches and children receiving recognition.

Meals will be available to pre-purchase and there is an aim that they will be no more than \$15 per meal (kids meal options available). This is not only a great fundraiser for the club, but also a great opportunity for parents/ guardians to have a night off cooking. Please keep an eye on Team App and Facebook for purchase information throughout the season.

Uniform/ Player Needs

Shorts- Our club wears black shorts with white and red stripe and the SFL logo. Generic black footy shorts can be purchased from sport stores and will also suffice but it is preferred that your child be in the club shorts.



Socks- Our club wears black socks with a red and white stripe. They are available in either short crew cut or standard long length.

Both socks and shorts are able to be purchased either from the Sportspower store in Colonnades or through the club website at https://sportspowerzq.com.au/shop/?club_q=1186342.

Guernsey- The football club will supply your child with a guernsey to wear on game days. Children do not get to keep it and it is required to be returned to team manager each week to be washed.

Boots- Football boots are available at several locations depending on the budget. These can be Kmart and Spendless Shoes or Rebel Sports and Sportspower. Please be aware that boots are not able to be worn on the oval until the club advise as it is shared with cricket and we cannot damage the turf.

Training clothing- There is no set clothing for training nights but most children wear footy shorts as well as a t-shirt, football guernsey or club training tops.



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Drink bottle- please ensure that your child attends all games and training with a labelled drink bottle.

Mouth guard- Your child will need a mouth guard to train in and to play with. They will not be able to participate without a mouthguard and by having the mouthguard, it ensures that if any injury occurs to their mouth, they will be covered by the clubs insurance. These can be purchased from chemists and sports stores. Correctly fitted ones can be purchased from dentists. These are generally more expensive however may be reduced with private extras cover.

Other items such as Club jackets and Hoodies and polos are available to purchase via our online portal. This can be found via our club website. Special orders will be available throughout the season and will be notified via the club app and Facebook groups.

If your child wishes to wear skins under their shorts on game day, they will need to be skin/flesh coloured. Black is not permitted by the SFL during a match, however they are fine for training.

Club Expectations

It is expected that all players are accompanied by a parent/guardian during training and game day. Dropping off players to training and game day where a parent/guardian is not present is not acceptable.

Christies Beach Football Club is not a childcare drop off centre.

Christies Beach Football Club understands that all people have their own lives outside of the club and at times this may be complicated. If the registered player is part of a child custody agreement or restraining order/ domestic violence order, please ensure to provide a copy to the club (email to secretary@cbfcsaints.org) to ensure player safety. We can ensure all information will be confidential. Only the coach, team manager and club officials will have access to the information you have provided.

Web: www.cbfc saints.org **Twitter:** @cbsaints **Instagram:** @cbsaints

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cbsaints **LinkedIn:** www.linkedin.com/company/cbsaints



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Club Volunteering

Christies Beach Football Club is run dominantly by volunteers. Coaches are selected by our committee, however there are several club and team supporting roles that are required to be filled each week.

These include (but are not limited to):

- Assistant coaching staff
- Team manager
- Team trainers
- Team runners
- Boundary umpires (must be 13 years old)
- Goal umpires (must be 13 years old)
- Timekeeper (must be 13 years old)
- Water runner (must be 13 years old)
- BBQ worker
- Canteen worker
- Committee members

It is a requirement of the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 that all volunteers working within a community sports setting are required to complete a Working With Children clearance. It is a free check that is accessible through <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/rights-and-law/rights-and-responsibilities/screening-checks/apply-for-a-screening-check>.

After listening to feedback from our community, 2024 will see us focus on recognising and rewarding our volunteers. So please if you have an hour to spare and want to give back to the club, please contact us on board@cbfcsaints.org

End of Season Carnival

The season usually finishes in late July/early August. Minis games are not scored and do not play for a premiership or a cup, however there is a Carnival for each grade. On this day there will generally be 3-4 games for each team that are shorter than a standard and are generally for fun, although Under 11 boys will play for an overall winner.

Traditionally these are played at different grounds and scattered across three games.

- Under 7 Mixed/ Under 11 Girls- Hallett Cove Football Club
- Under 9 Mixed- Hackham Football Club
- Under 11 Boys- Aldinga Payinthe College

Dates for the carnivals will be released throughout the season.



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End of Season Presentation Day

Minis presentation day will generally be a few weeks after the carnival. We do our best to make it a bit of an event for the kids and will release the date as early as possible to make sure that we can have as many players, families and coaches in attendance. This will be when all players receive their medal for the season and is a final chance for all players to get together.

We look forward to seeing you in the 2024 season and hope you enjoy your time at the club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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