

Dear AUSC MiniRoos parents. Welcome to season 2022.

This season AUSC will offer two different pathways for our MiniRoos players, the 'Community Pathway' and the 'Performance Pathway'.

In essence, there will be a different process for organising players into teams from previous years. In recent times, too many of our players have been placed in teams that are not quite right. This led to disengagement and frustration for players and parents.

The new Player Pathways innovation gives our players the best possible chance of having fun, being challenged and retaining their passion for football. We feel this innovation will provide scope to keep all of the things that has made AUSC a great community club for 43 years intact, whilst providing our MiniRoos players with greater opportunities to take their football to the next level.

### So, what's the difference?

The *Community Pathway* is a continuation of the footballing experience that Ashy has been offering its players since 1979. This pathway is for players of all abilities. It enables players to join teams with their friends and make new friends. A love of football, camaraderie and competitiveness are all the qualifications needed for participation in this program.

Alternatively, the *Performance Pathway* is for more capable players who want to fast-track their football development. This pathway provides access to an accredited coach who will help prepare players for participation in the high performance NPL program which begins at U14s. Players who choose the Performance Pathway may not be able to play with their friends, as team selection is based on capability.

Key differences between the Pathways		
	Community Pathway	Performance Pathway
<b>Coach</b>	Community Coach	Accredited Coach
<b>Training Commitment</b>	Community teams train one night per week. A second night is with a Head Coach and all players train as a cohort.	U10/11 players minimum of 2 nights a week. U12/13 players 3 nights a week.
<b>MiniRoos Team Ashy Academy</b>	Primarily Joeys and Wallabies teams Players are encouraged to participate	Primarily Kangas teams Players are expected to participate
<b>Cost</b>	MiniRoos registration fee, plus optional Ashy Academy registration of \$100 per term.	\$1000 (covering accredited coach, uniform and 3 nights of training per week.
<b>Matchday</b>	Saturday or Sunday	Sunday

### What is the process?

Players interested in joining the Performance Pathway will be properly evaluated by AUSC accredited coaches during the preseason. Coaches will base their evaluation on what they know of players from the previous season(s) and performances and

behaviours during the early season training sessions. It is important to note that players who are invited to join the Performance Pathway are under no obligation to join these teams and may choose to remain in their Community Pathway team. In addition, players who do not wish to take part in the evaluation can opt out of this process.

#### [More information](#)

Martin Holt, our MiniRoos Co-ordinator, will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 22 February 2022 with our Technical Director Matthew Borowicz to provide more detailed information and answer any questions regarding the MiniRoos program in Season 2022. Keep an eye out for further info.

In the meantime, visit our new look [website](#) for further information on the player pathways program at AUSC.

See you on the pitch!