



# BLACKHILLS FC

THURSTON COUNTY'S  
PREMIER SOCCER CLUB



## WHY BLACKHILLS FC?

**Philosophy:** Blackhills FC is a child centered soccer club that focuses on developing skillful, tactically intelligent, and competitive soccer players within a team environment. A player's individual qualities are a function of the team and how we play the game is a greater priority than winning the game. Our model of the game is based on ball retention and recovering the ball as soon as possible to create scoring opportunities. We want our athletes to strive for excellence in the classroom, attain their highest level of play, and be respectful citizens and outstanding role models that exemplify sportsmanship.

**Professional Coaching Staff:** Our Coaches are the heart and soul of our club. All of our coaches are required to be licensed with US Soccer. We believe in a paid coaching staff model because we believe it allows us to attract and retain high quality coaches. It also allows us to deliver consistent coaching quality. Our coaches are supervised and mentored by our Technical Director. The Technical Directors role is to develop and implement a club-coaching plan across all age groups, lead training sessions, and consistently mentor our coaches. Blackhills FC encourages our coaches to attend US Soccer licensing courses to continue to improve their skills. Our current coaching staff includes coaches with the following credentials: 3 US Soccer "A" License, 3 US Soccer "B" License, 1 US Soccer "C" License, 3 US Soccer "D" License, and 12 US Soccer "E" License.

**Competition:** BLACKHILLS FC(BFC)is the only Thurston County Club that competes in the Regional Club League (RCL). The RCL is comprised of the highest-level soccer clubs from across the State.

**Training:** We are a Club that works as one team. All practices are open to Blackhills players so players can train with older or younger teams and attend optional Skills Training Center sessions. We are constantly striving to provide the best environment that stimulates player and team development. We want our children and teams to learn, improve and most importantly enjoy their soccer experience.

**Cost:** Our fees are all inclusive. The fee you pay covers all tournament, coaching, and league costs. We do not add on to our base fee for coaches travel expenses, administration fees, or tournament costs. Many other clubs add these costs on top of the advertised fee. Please see our website for the complete list of player fees by age group.

**New Select Program:** This year we will be adding a SELECT Level program to serve as a bridge from recreational soccer to our PREMIER program. This program is designed for the players that are not ready to commit to a year round Premier program. Please see our website for more details.

**Tryouts:** BFC will be conducting tryouts for the 2016-2017 season between April 20 and May 12. Please see the Blackhills FC website for the dates and times for each age group

For more information go to: <http://www.blackhillsfc.org>

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