

Black Cats Football Academy: September Report 2026

INTRODUCTION

September marked the successful conclusion of the 2025/2026 football season for Black Cats Football Academy. Throughout the month, we continued our mission of combining football, education, and child protection by ensuring vulnerable children remained in school while participating in competitive football. The highlight of the month was our Under-17 boys being crowned Safaricom Chapa Dimba Embu County Champions, earning the honour of representing Embu County at the regional tournament..





Programme updates



Education support

The ten learners who previously studied at All Saints School have now returned to county primary schools. Despite the transition, they have settled well into their new learning environments and are making encouraging academic progress.

We are grateful to Moving Mountains for their continued support in ensuring these children remained in education during this important transition.



Child protection & rescue

Black Cats successfully supported the rescue of Charles Fundi, an 11-year-old Grade 5 pupil from Rianjeru Primary School. Charles had walked approximately 15 kilometres from Rwika Market to Embu Town following conflict at home, where he lives with his grandmother.

Working together with local support systems, we safely reunited Charles with his school, and he has now resumed regular attendance.

Girls County League

Zone A

Outcome: The girls finished 4th in Zone A, qualifying for the Embu County Play-offs.

Youth County League

Season finish: 7th place

Outcome: The youth team finished the 2025/2026 season in 7th position, successfully retaining its place in the county league for next season.



Safaricom Chapa Dimba Embu County Tournament

The Under-17 boys delivered an exceptional tournament performance, remaining dominant from the sub-county stage to the county final.

Results: Champions
Qualified for regionals

Tournament achievements

Our players received both team and individual honours:

- Embu County Safaricom Chapa Dimba Champions
- Qualified to represent Embu County at the Regional Tournament
- Best Goalkeeper
- Top Scorer
- Most Valuable Player (MVP)

The 7-1 victory in the final reflected the team's discipline, teamwork, and attacking quality developed throughout the season.



Key outcomes

- 10 learners successfully transitioned back to county primary schools.
- 1 vulnerable child was rescued and returned to school.
- Girls' team qualified for the county play-offs.
- Youth team retained its county league status.
- Under-17 boys became Embu County Champions and advanced to regional competition.

Challenges

Despite the positive outcomes, several challenges remain:

- Inadequate football boots for many players.
- Shortage of goalkeeper gloves
- Some children continue to miss school because of unpaid school fees.

Recommendation

Expanding family counselling and home visits for children facing difficult home environments.

Appreciation

Black Cats Football Academy sincerely thanks Moving Mountains, our volunteers, and supporters for believing in the potential of every child. Your continued support enables us to use football not only to develop talented players, but also to promote education, protect vulnerable children, and build brighter futures for our community.

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