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## Club Trials for 2026 Season

### **New and Existing Players**

### **Dear Parents and Players**

Thank you for considering Fulham United Football Club for the 2026 Season. We wish you the very best for trials and if you have any questions, please contact the Junior Administration.

Junior Administration juniors@fulhamunited.com.au

# 1. Registration for Trials

### 2025 Under 6 - Under 9 players

- Season 2025 Fulham Utd FC U6 U9 aged players (born 2016-2020) who register via our online form at <u>FulhamUtdFCRegistration</u> by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 will be automatically offered a place in for 2026 pending availability of positions and coaches.
- Online registrations will be open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- Registration will be via a form that will be made available to all who have expressed interest to return for 2025 and online via our website and social media pages.
- Players not taking up the above offer can still apply after the October 17<sup>th</sup> deadline as per all other players but acceptance for 2026 is not guaranteed.

### All other players

- Please complete the online Club Registration form at FulhamUtdFCRegistration prior to trials.
- Everyone attending trials must have the appropriate attire including boots and shin pads. Please also bring water and wear sunscreen if appropriate.
- All players trialling for U11-U17 teams must attend a minimum of 2 trials in their age group unless advised by the Fulham Utd Junior Football Department. Existing players are advised to arrange this with the Fulham Utd Junior Football Department prior to trials.
- New players U6-U10 are registration only i.e., no trial process. However, numbers are limited, and preference will be given to existing Fulham Utd FC players. If you register online at <u>FulhamUtdFCRegistration</u>, then you do not need to come to the clubrooms to register.
- All trialling players and new U6 U10 players will be notified of their acceptance by Friday 31<sup>st</sup>
  October 2025.
- All players who are successful will be offered position in their trialling age group first. It is up to the
  discretion of the Fulham Utd Junior Football Department whether players are offered a position in
  an age group other than their trialling age group.
- Please note the responsibility of providing accurate contact information at registration is on the Parent/Carer of the player. Please provide details for 2 Emergency Contacts. If contact details change after registration, the Parent/Carer is to notify Fulham United FC by emailing juniors@fulhamunited.com.au with updated details so that records can be updated.
- Please note that the club will not submit a team to play in 2026 if a coach cannot be found or if the
  minimum number of players is not registered. In such a case, the club will notify affected families
  and allow one week to find a coach or additional players. If, by the end of that week, no coach or
  players have been secured, the team will unfortunately be withdrawn. While we will make every
  effort to offer spots to current 2025 Fulham United players, we cannot guarantee this will be
  possible.



2. Trial Dates/Times (all times are PM)

Registration link: https://fulhamunited.com.au/juniors/2026-junior-registration/



# 2026 JUNIOR REGISTRATION AND TRIALS

# BOYS

- SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
  - FULHAM NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

U11 & U12: 9:00AM - 10:00AM U13 & U14: 10:15AM - 11:15AM U15, U16 & U17: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

- TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
- **UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

U11 & U12: 5:45PM - 6:45PM U13 & U14: 7:00PM - 8:00PM U15, U16 & U17: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

# GIRLS

- MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER
- **UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

U11 & U12: 5:45PM - 6:45PM U13 & U14: 7:00PM - 8:00PM U15 & U16: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

- WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
  - **UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

U11 & U12: 5:45PM - 6:45PM U13 & U14: 7:00PM - 8:00PM U15 & U16: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

AGE GROUP: U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 BIRTH YEAR: 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009

ALL PLAYERS WISHING TO REGISTER FOR U6 (BORN 2020/21) THROUGH TO U10 (BORN 2016) ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR REGISTRATION ONLINE VIA THE LINK PROVIDED IN THE DESCRIPTION.

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# 3. Selection of players

The selection of players is entirely at the discretion of the Technical Directors, Coaches and Junior Football Department. A new player will be given preference over existing Fulham United players only if they are of significantly higher standard. We will endeavour to let players know at the earliest opportunity if they are likely to be unsuccessful, so that they have the chance to trial elsewhere. Selected players will be notified by email.

# 4. Proposed Teams

	Training nights		
Age Group	per week	Maximum Squad Size	Team Size
Under 17	2	16	11
	3 (Boys YCC)		
	2 (Boys YSL and		
Under 16	Girls YCC)	16	11
	3 (Boys YCC)		
	2 (Boys YSL and		
Under 15	Girls YCC)	16	11
	3 (Boys YCC)		
	2 (Boys YSL and		
Under 14	Girls YCC)	16	11
	3 (Boys YCC)		
	2 (Boys YSL and		
Under 13	Girls YCC)	14	9
Under 12	2	14	9
Under 11	2	14	9
Under 10	2	14	9
Under 9	2	12	7
Under 8	1	12	7
Under 7	1	7	4
Under 6	1	7	4

<sup>^</sup> Additional sessions will be offered for players to further develop their technical skills, strength & conditioning and tactical awareness as appropriate for the age group.



## 5. Fees and Payment

Fees per age group can be found on our **2026 Fee and Finance Policy.** 

Note: Sibling discount of \$50 applies to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and every subsequent child.

Season 2025 Fulham United FC U6–U9 players (born 2016–2020) who register by Friday, 17 October 2025 will automatically be offered a place for the 2026 season, **subject to the availability of positions and coaches**.

Following trials, all players selected for the 2026 season will be notified by the club. To confirm their place, selected players must pay a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the team fee either at the uniform fitting nights (28–29 October, cash or VISA debit accepted at the clubrooms) or via online payment through our website.

Payment plans may be arranged in advance with the Club Registrar, Jo-Anne Carcatsis (<a href="futdfc@yahoo.com">futdfc@yahoo.com</a>), and must be finalised prior to the Uniform Fitting Night. All payment plans are required to be paid in full before the commencement of the season.

An invoice will be emailed to you from the club. This is an automatically generated email from MYOB for the remaining balance of the fees. The remaining balance of fees will be due for payment on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

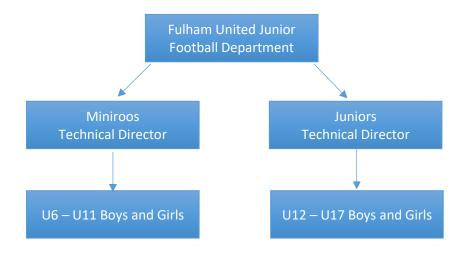
After 1st February of the year following trials, any players with overdue fees who do not have a payment plan in place will not have their FSA registration approved and will be unable to play any games until payment is received.

Any players recorded as unfinancial will have to pay all overdue fees to FUFC (if an existing player) or to the club concerned for new players, before they can be accepted.

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### 6. Juniors Structure



The structure for 2026 for the FUFC Miniroos Program will involve a Miniroos Technical Director overseeing the team coaches who will be responsible for implementing training programs developed by the TD.

Technical Directors will oversee the team coaches in the age groups listed above and will guide them in implementing training programs and support them with football decisions throughout the season.

The Fulham United Junior Football Department will be responsible for the administration of the Miniroos and Junior programs and to support the Miniroos Coordinator and Technical Directors throughout the season.

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# Juniors Vision and Philosophy

Our vision is to operate a high-quality youth football program with a focus on development rather than results. We will strive to be a club that gives all members the opportunity to enjoy the sport at a level consistent with their ability and commitment, which enables them to grow as both players and as young men and women. Our goal is to provide the best possible competitive football experience for all members.

We aim to generate players who have outstanding technical ability on the field and behaviours off the field, who will go on to compete in State leagues, National Premier leagues (NPL), Women's National Premier Leagues (WNPL), A-League and National teams (From U13s State Teams to Australia National Football Teams). Our graduates will possess strong mental resilience, tactical understanding, be physically prepared and have healthy lifestyle habits. Above being players, they are good young men & women and the future of our society.

The club's philosophy is in line with the Football Australia's National Curriculum "we should primarily teach young players the proper skills and allow them to play without negative pressure, to express themselves and be allowed to learn from mistakes".

We are not a fitness club, "fitness is made far too important in youth football because many coaches think that it is going to make their team win. Analysis shows fitness was not a decisive factor at the FIFA World Cup". Exercise without the ball (running laps, sprints, push ups etc) is a waste of valuable football training time.

Age Group	Stage	Approach
U6-U8	<ul> <li>Discovery Phase</li> <li>Discovering one's possibilities through trial and error</li> <li>Natural development: 'learn football by playing football'</li> <li>No 'coaching' but organising fun football exercises</li> <li>Replicating the 'street/park' football environment of the past</li> <li>Emphasis on building a love of the game</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The game is the teacher.</li> <li>Teams and players are assessed on behaviour, willingness to follow instructions and skill development.</li> <li>Teams are evenly balanced across ability.</li> <li>Players belong to a squad and it is not unusual for them to be rotated across teams.</li> <li>No goal keepers for u6 – u7</li> <li>Goalkeepers are introduced at u8 with players taking turns in goals on a rotational basis.</li> </ul>
U9-U12	Skill Acquisition Phase     Coaches must focus exclusively on providing a solid foundation of technical skill using the G.I.G Methodology (Game/Intervention/Game), whilst also continuing to develop decision-making abilities	<ul> <li>Teams and players are assessed on behaviour, willingness to follow instructions and skill development.</li> <li>Ability &amp; potential play a key role in player selection.</li> <li>Focus on 4 key skills         <ul> <li>Striking the ball</li> <li>First touch</li> <li>1 v 1</li> <li>Running with the ball</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>No amount of fitness of competitive spirit will ever compensate for deficiencies in functional game skills</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>u10 – u11 Teams are evenly balanced.</li> <li>u12 – u13 Players will be placed in JPL or JSL teams</li> <li>Players may be moved between teams for training or training &amp; games throughout the season depending on their performance</li> </ul>
U13-U17	<ul> <li>Game Training Phase</li> <li>Preparing players for senior football by teaching them to apply the functional game skills in a team setting using 1-4-3-3 as the preferred formation</li> <li>Developing tactical awareness, perception and decision-making through a game-related approach to training.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teams and players are assessed on performance, attitude, willingness to follow instructions and skill development.</li> <li>Players will be placed in JPL or JSL teams (if JSL team exists for age group)</li> <li>Players may be moved between teams, including higher age groups, for training or training &amp; games throughout the season depending on their performance</li> </ul>

# 8. Extraordinary Events

Neither Party will be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations.

In the occurrence of an Extraordinary Event, Fulham United FC, under guidance from Football SA, will determine and apply the appropriate remedial action.

### 9. Your commitment to us

All parents must read the clubs (available on club website):

- Participation Policies
- Finance Policy
- Unclaimed Property Policy
- Player Pathway Policy

and should only register the player if they are in full agreement and acceptance with all content of the policies and all content of this club trials document. Players are expected to attend every training session and game. They should arrive at training in the appropriate attire, in ample time to allow the session to commence at the allocated time. There are always extenuating circumstances and coaches will be able to use their discretion, but absence or lateness for a session may result in reduced or no game time the following Sunday.