



## **Fulham United Football Club**

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# **Season 2026**

## **Club Information and Conditions of Position Acceptance**

### **For existing and new players**

Dear Parents and Players,

Congratulations on being offered a position with Fulham United for season 2026.

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for the 2026 -season. There have been a number of changes to the Junior League structure change, this document will provide you with information about the club, and everything that you need to be aware of for the upcoming season.

Whether you are continuing your football journey with us or are new to our club and community, we congratulate you on your selection and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Kindest Regards,

Fulham United Juniors Administration



### 1. Financial Eligibility (for Existing Players Only)

Players who still have an outstanding balance for the 2025 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2026 season unless it is paid in full. Those with outstanding balances will be notified individually. If you wish to check your own circumstances, please contact Jo-Anne Carcatis, Club Registrar at [futdfc@yahoo.com](mailto:futdfc@yahoo.com)

### 2. Training Grounds

Due to a ground share arrangement with the Fulham Falcons Cricket Club, Fulham United Football Club holds all preseason training and home games at Underdale High School until the end of March. From April, we move to Collins Reserve, Valetta Rd, Kidman Park. We will remain at Collins Reserve until the conclusion of our season in September 2026.

### 3. Age Groups

The table below shows the expected age groups and maximum squad sizes per team. to be filled per age group for season 2026 (including goalkeeper). These numbers may change dependent on player interest, coaches and pitch availability. Some points to note:

- i. Below is a guide only of squad sizes, teams may be formed with one more or less players.
- ii. Teams **will not** be formed if we do not have sufficient numbers in an age group and/or coaches appointed.

Age Group	On Field	Max Squad Size*
U6	4v4	7
U7	4v4	7
U8	7v7	10
U9	7v7	10
U10	9v9	14
U11	9v9	14
U12 (YPL & YSL)	9v9	14
U13 (YCC & YSL)	9 v 9	14
U14 (YCC & YSL)	11v11	16
U15 (YCC & YSL)	11v11	16
U16 (YCC & YSL)	11v11	16
U17 (YPL)	11v11	16

\* Maximum Squad Size per team, we may choose to select fewer players



#### 4. Team Selection

Team selection will be at the discretion of the FUFC Football department and FUFC coaching staff.

#### 5. Acceptance of Position by Selected Players

A **\$400** deposit of the Club Fee will be required to be paid to secure the position. All deposits are required by **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**.

Please visit <https://fulhamunited.com.au/juniors/registration-payment/> to complete payment, or visit the Collins Reserve Clubrooms on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October between 6pm-8pm to pay via cash or credit card.

Should you fail to pay the deposit by the date given, we will take this as your non-acceptance of your position and the spot will be offered to another player.

#### 6. Club Fees

Club fees for the 2026 season are:

Playing Fees per age group are as follows (please see notes on sibling discount and additional fees):

##### Girls Teams

Age Group	U6-U7	U8 – U9	U10-U11	U12-U14	U15-U17
Base Fees	\$345	\$495	\$605	\$665	\$715

##### Boys Teams

Age Group	U6-U7	U8 – U9	U10-U11	U12-U13	U14-U15	U16-U17
Base Fees	\$700	\$850	\$1,100	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250

##### Additional Fees

###### FSA Registration Fee

All players are required to register through PlayFootball for the 2026 season. More information will be sent out at a later date. The 2025 FSA Registration Fee was approx. \$105

###### U6 & U7 Boys, U7–U11 Girls, and Returning Players Levy

All U6 and U7 boys, U7 to U11 girls, and all returning players are required to pay a \$100 Uniform Levy in addition to the base registration fee.

- This levy does not include the matchday jacket or backpack, which can be bought at an additional cost.

###### U8 and Older Boys, and U12 and Older Girls New Players Levy

All new male players from U8 and above and new female players from U12 and above are required to pay a \$250 New Player Uniform Levy.

- This levy includes the official matchday jacket and backpack.
- These items are provided as part of the player’s initial uniform package.

###### YCC Levy

Players participating in a YPL team in the YCC (U13-U16) are required to pay a \$200 levy.



### Sports Voucher

The Sports Voucher discount will remain at two individual \$100 vouchers per child in 2026 for children in Reception to Year 9. These vouchers can be utilised when the 2026 FSA registration period begins in 2026.

### Registration Fees and Payment methods.

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 \$400 either at the uniform fitting nights (27–28 October, cash or VISA debit accepted at the clubrooms) or via online payment through our website.

Deposits not received by the conclusion of the second uniform fitting night (28 October) will be taken as non-acceptance of the position offered.

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.

### Payment Plans

Payment plans may be arranged in advance with the Club Registrar, Jo-Anne Carcasis ([futdfc@yahoo.com](mailto:futdfc@yahoo.com)), 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.

### Overdue Fees

After 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Sibling Discount

Families with more than one child registered with FUFC will receive a \$50 discount on the team fee for each additional player. The oldest child does not qualify for sibling discount and is required to pay full fees due.

### Hardship

Cases of hardship are to be presented to the club treasurer. The main committee will then determine if grounds for hardship exist and what level of variation will be applied.

### Volunteer Coaches

Volunteer coaches will receive an honorarium payment as per the Fulham United Junior Coach Honorarium Policy.



## Refunds

No refunds will be made to players that have accepted a position at another club after they have accepted a position at FUFC.

No refunds will be made to players that leave the club of their own accord.

No refund will be made to players that have played more than half of the matches of the season. To play in a match is defined as being included on the team sheet for that match.

A partial refund may be made to players that have played less than half of the matches of the season if there are extenuating circumstances that justify a partial refund. Such extenuating circumstances might include:

1. Injury preventing the player from playing for the remainder of the season
2. Players family moving interstate
3. The team is forced to be disbanded due to insufficient player numbers

The club main committee will determine if grounds exist for partial refund. The main committee will also determine the amount of partial refund. This amount shall not be greater than the value resulting from the following formula:

$(\text{Number of months remaining till end of season}) \div (\text{Number of months from start of scheduled pre-season to end of season}) \times \text{Base Fee}$ .

Base Fee = Team fee – cost of kit and Football SA registration fee.

For example, if the player stops 4 months before season end and if the number of months from pre-season to season end is 11 months and the team fee is \$950, the cost of kit is \$65 (for example) and the Football SA registration fee is \$60 (for example) then the maximum amount that is able to be refunded is:

$$4/11 \times (\$950 - \$65 - \$60) = \$300$$

A full refund will be made to players if the team is disbanded by Fulham United FC before the team's first scheduled match of the season.

In all other circumstances the deposit paid is non-refundable.

## Late Joining Fee

In the case of a player joining after the season has started, the team fee amount payable will be:  $(\text{Base Fee} \times \text{number of games remaining for season} \div \text{total number of games for the season}) + \text{cost of kit and Football SA registration fee}$

For example, if a player joins with 8 games remaining of a 20 game season and the normal team fee is \$950, the cost of kit is \$65 and Football SA registration fee is \$60 then team fee payable will be:

$$((\$950 - \$65 - \$60) \times (8 \div 20)) + \$65 + \$60 = \$455$$



## 7. Uniform Ordering

Returning players can order their 2026 playing kit by completing the online form at <https://fulhamunited.com.au/uniform-and-merchandise/>

Alternatively, you can attend our kit fitting nights at our Collins Reserve Clubrooms on:

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm**

**\*\*Please note that additional merchandise will only be available to be ordered at the Clubrooms on the kit fitting nights.**

Items included in fees are:

- Named home and away kit (U7-U11 Girls get home kit only)
- Home and away shorts (U7-U11 Girls get home short only)
- Home and away socks (U7-U11 Girls get home socks only)
- Family Pass to all Seniors home games
- Training and development from coaches and/or coordinators/technical directors

Please note returning players are expected to wear the Fulham United game day jacket on games day.

## 8. Junior Football Structure

The Under 13 to Under 16 YPL teams will compete in the Youth Club Championship.

Under 13s will be 9v9 played “box to box” on the main pitch.

If a YCC player chooses to leave clubs mid-season they will not be able to compete in the YCC league only the YSL unless they are promoted through a transfer window.

All YCC Teams (U13,14,15,16) will compete at the same club across all age groups:

- U13 Kick Off 8.30am
- U14 Kick Off 10.00am
- U15 Kick Off 11.30am
- U16 Kick Off 1.30pm

This will enable teams to borrow players with ease as they will be playing at the same grounds.



YSL players can only be promoted to YCC teams during specified transfer windows. YCC will play finals and have a point system similar to Senior Football.

## 9. Team Selection and Club Coaching Philosophy

At FUFC, our Coaching Philosophy is guided by the FFA's National Curriculum. All coaches adhere to its principles and all players are coached with its aim in mind - "to achieve a consistently high standard of learning and development for all players".

Our focus at FUFC is based on an effective possession style of play where we endorse:

- Development instead of results, whilst still fostering a winning mentality
- Skillful and technical players, not just the powerful
- Mistakes being learning moments instead of being punished
- Encouraging individual play instead of forbidding individual play
- Encouraging taking initiative/risks instead of forbidding taking initiatives/risks
- Playing out purposely instead of the long ball

## 10. Commitment of Players

At FUFC we believe that playing sport is more than just physical fitness. The life skills young people gain in playing at club level include teamwork, communication, resilience, perseverance and commitment. In joining our club, we expect that players will have a commitment to their team to attend all training sessions and games. Whilst entirely at the discretion of the coaches, please note the following minimum commitments are required:

- U5-U8 – training minimum 1 day a week, Sunday games
  - U9-U17 – training minimum 2 days a week\*, Sunday games
- \* YCC players may be required to train 3 days a week

The following guidelines represent how teams are selected and managed:



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Age Group	Stage	Attributes
U6-U7	Participation based. Introduction to team- based sport. Focus is on fun games and enjoyment in a club environment. Small sided games.	Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions. Teams in these age groups are evenly balanced across ability and talent. No goalkeepers. It is not uncommon for players to be rotated across team in this age group.
U8-U10	Discovery and skill acquisition stage.	Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions, but more emphasis on technical skill development, and game-based learning mixed into a variety of exercises. Goal Keepers are introduced into the games with players taking turns in goals on a rotational basis. Teams are evenly balanced across ability and talent.
U11-U12	Acquisition of appropriate technical foundation. Focus is on the four core skills	Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions. Skill, ability and potential, play a larger role in player selection at this level. Teams are selected on strength to transition into more competitive football.
U13-U17	Game Training Phase. Applying the functional game skills and learning how to use the technical 'tools' playing as a team, using 1-4-3-3 as the preferred formation. Developing tactical awareness, insight and decision making through a game-related approach to training. Teaching players to solve specific football problems	Teams and players are assessed on performance, attitude, willingness to follow instructions and learning ability. Teams are selected on strength and talent identification. Teams will be selected into A-grade and B-grade. All players at any time have the potential for movement between grades at the Coach's and Technical Director's discretion based on demonstrated Performance



## 11. Parent Volunteers

Fulham United Football Club is a community club, run mainly by volunteers. In most cases, volunteers are the parents of our players. Everyone has the capability to help, and everyone has their own special talents. Please consider where you can help. Some roles that are always needed are:

Team based volunteers	Club based volunteers
Coach	Senior Committee
Assistant Coach	Juniors Administration
Team Manager	Hospitality - Kitchen/Bar/BBQ
Ground Steward (Required at all games U12-U17)	Uniform and Merchandise Fitting & Distribution
Linesperson (U12-U17)	Equipment Manager
Referee (U6-U11*)	

\* U12 – U17 If a referee is not appointed by FSA for a match, or an appointed FSA referee does not attend a match, a parent volunteer will be required to referee the match

## 12. Codes of Conduct

At FUFC, we adopt the Player, Parent, Coach and Spectator Codes of Conducts of the FFA. As all stakeholders represent FUFC, whether it be at training, at home or away games, we take these codes of behaviour seriously, and insist that anyone joining the club, is aware of our expectations and agree to these codes. Full policy documentation can be viewed [here](#).

An overview of our expectations of players and parents is as follows:

### (a) Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.
- Be a good sport. Be humble when you win and gracious when you lose.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Respect your coaches, team manager, Club volunteers, team-mates, and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.



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- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### (b) Parents

**All parents and guardians should make sure that, in addition to abiding by the FSA Code of Conduct:**

1. The child under their care wears the correct clothing for football training and matches (in all weather conditions).
2. The child wears the correct football boots, shin pads and any eyewear is safe (if appropriate).
3. The child brings water with them to drink for re-hydration.
4. The child is delivered to and collected after training and matches by the appropriate person and at the right time.

#### **Parents and Spectators should not:**

1. Attempt to "coach" or "manipulate" the players while they are playing.
2. Use any jargon or dictate tactics.
3. Argue, swear, criticise, become violent or use sarcasm.
4. Shout aggressively.
5. Ignore children who need help.
6. Assess players by their mistakes.
7. Put the players under pressure to perform and win.
8. Behave in a way that could bring the Club into disrepute

#### **Parents and Spectators should:**

1. Respect the referee's decision both during and after a match.
2. Show respect to all club and match officials as well as to opposition players and parents
3. Look for aspects to praise in all children - not just their own.
4. Praise good behaviour quickly to show that adults value it.
5. Praise effort and performance more than results.
6. Emphasize playing first and winning second.
7. Be patient.
8. Give children a clear idea of the behaviour expected.
9. Give the children examples of excellent behaviour.
10. Show consistency.
11. Help children to understand the rules of football.
12. Adhere to the club's standards and policies on Child Protection.



Parents are reminded that the referee is the sole judge during a match, and they should not argue with, dispute or abuse the referee or other match officials in any way before, during or after a match. All parents are expected to always behave in a manner that will not bring Fulham United Football Club into disrepute in any way.

Team managers are instructed to report any failure to adhere to the codes of conduct to the FUFC Juniors Administration who may pass onto the FUFC Senior Committee who shall have the power to warn parents as to future conduct, advise parents and guardians that they are no longer welcome to attend games, and, in extreme circumstances, the parent and the playing member may also be suspended or expelled from the club.

**Remember:**

Children are often easily led, anxious to please and prone to over enthusiasm. So, plenty of praise and positive reinforcement is needed. Children find it hard to understand negative instructions and easier to understand positive reinforcement. This means playing down results and playing up performance. This will reduce the child's anxiety and decrease any worries they may have about failing. Children do not mean to make mistakes; mistakes are an inherent part of learning. Let the games be the teacher we have all learnt from experience, now it's the children's turn....