



FULHAM UNITED
FOOTBALL CLUB

2027 JUNIOR PARENT & PLAYER GUIDE

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At Fulham United FC, we want every young player to enjoy their football, develop their ability and have the opportunity to progress as far as their ambition and potential can take them.

For 2027, we are strengthening our junior football program and creating a clearer pathway connecting our youngest MiniRoos players through junior football and ultimately into our State League 1 senior program.

Our focus is simple: Develop better footballers. Develop better people. Create genuine opportunities to progress to play senior football at Fulham United FC.

OUR VALUES

Our HEART values underpin our coaching and the way we expect players, coaches and families to interact.



Our goal is to develop football ability alongside confidence, character, leadership, life skills and love of the game.

A Stronger Football Structure

To support our junior players, families and coaches, Fulham United FC has introduced a strengthened football structure for 2027.

Junior Strategic Steering Committee

Providing strategic oversight of our junior program and strengthening the connection between junior and senior football. This committee includes our Senior Coach, Technical Director, YCC Head Coach, Chair of the Junior Committee and Club President.

Football Steering Committee

Giving coaches a stronger voice in setting the club's football direction and making key football decisions. This will include input into our junior development programs and identification of players with potential to play up age groups when opportunities arise.

Technical Directors and Phase Leads

Providing technical leadership across the junior program, supporting coaches and establishing a consistent approach to player development. Phase Leads will provide dedicated support across our MiniRoos, Juniors, Youth Club Championship and Girls programs to assist coaches and improve consistency across each phase of development.

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YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AT FULHAM UNITED WILL NOT BE DETERMINED BY THE MINIROOS LEAGUE, YPL/YSL OR YCC TIER THEY PLAY IN.

Our 2027 program will progressively introduce and strengthen:

Fulham United FC Academy

A structured development environment supporting our youth players through a consistent curriculum and club playing philosophy.

Specialist Coaching

Additional technical support, including goalkeeper development and strength and conditioning for appropriate age groups.

Futsal Program

Complementing outdoor football and helping players develop technique, decision-making, creativity and confidence in tight spaces.

Increased Training Opportunities

Structured development opportunities including three sessions per week for our U13+ age groups.

Coach Development

Providing our coaches with greater technical support, education, resources and mentoring so that they can provide a better development environment for our players.

One Club. One Pathway to Senior Football

Our ambition is to provide a genuine pathway from junior to senior football. Players shouldn't have to leave to find their next football opportunity. We want talented young players to see a future at Fulham United FC.



Fulham United FC is proud to announce the launch the Fulham United FC Academy and Futsal programs in 2027. The program will be available to all registered Fulham United FC junior players across MiniRoos, Juniors, YPL/YSL and YCC teams, and will be provide additional training and development opportunities outside of regular training for those who want to undertake additional development.

Best of all, you won't have to pay thousands of dollars per year to access these programs outside of the club!

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Our focus is on creating the right development environment for every player through quality coaching, structured technical development, futsal, specialist support and a clear pathway from junior football into our senior program. As part of this program we will be partnering with experienced coaches to deliver the best possible junior development program for our players and families.

Fulham United FC Academy x Luis Garcia Academy Partnership

Fulham United FC has announced a new partnership with the Luis Garcia Academy, delivering the Fulham United FC Academy and Futsal Program in 2027. This partnership reinforces one of our most important messages to families:

Your child's development at Fulham United FC will not be defined by the MiniRoos league, YPL/YSL or YCC tier they play in.

Luis Garcia brings extensive experience across football, futsal and goalkeeper development. Originally from Brazil, he played youth football with Sport Club Corinthians Paulista and has coached in Australia for around eight years, including F-League teams, state-level goalkeepers and national youth academy environments.

His coaching philosophy strongly aligns with Fulham FC's values and approach — developing technical ability, decision-making, confidence and game understanding.

Luis said:

"I'm really looking forward to working with Fulham United FC, supporting the players and coaches, and contributing to both the football and futsal development programs."

This partnership is another important step in strengthening the Fulham United FC player pathway and delivering greater development opportunities for every junior player.

FIND YOUR PATHWAY

Every Player's Journey Is Different. Junior development isn't a straight line.

Players develop physically, technically and emotionally at different rates. Our responsibility is to provide an environment that challenges players while allowing them to enjoy football and develop confidence.

U6-U9 | MINIROOS

FUN → CONFIDENCE → SKILLS → LOVE OF FOOTBALL

Our youngest players should look forward to coming to football.

The emphasis is on fun, participation, fundamental football skills, confidence and creating a lifelong enjoyment of the game.

We want players placed in an environment appropriate to their skills, ability, experience and confidence, allowing them to enjoy football while continuing to develop.



U10-U11 | MINIROOS

DEVELOP → CHALLENGE → PREPARE

As players progress through MiniRoos, development becomes increasingly structured while retaining the enjoyment that is fundamental to junior football.

Players will be appropriately graded wherever possible so they can be challenged at a level suited to their development.

Our U10-U11 program begins preparing players for the transition into 11-a-side junior football.



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U12 | YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE & YOUTH STATE LEAGUE

TRANSITION → DEVELOPMENT → PREPARE FOR YCC

U12 represents an important transition point in the Fulham pathway and the transition to competitive youth football.

Players continue developing their technical ability, tactical understanding, decision-making and confidence as they prepare for Youth Club Championship football.



U13-U16 | YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & FULHAM ACADEMY

DEVELOP → PERFORM → PROGRESS

Our Academy will provide a more structured development environment for players entering the Youth Club Championship phase.

The program will progressively incorporate:

- ✓ A structured football curriculum
- ✓ Club playing philosophy
- ✓ Three training opportunities per week
- ✓ Specialist coaching
- ✓ Goalkeeper development
- ✓ Strength and conditioning
- ✓ Futsal
- ✓ Player development and performance monitoring
- ✓ Greater support for coaches from our Technical Director and Phase Leads.

The objective isn't simply to win junior matches. It is to develop players capable of progressing through the Fulham pathway and play senior football at Fulham United.



U17-U18 | TRANSITION TO SENIOR FOOTBALL

PREPARE → INTEGRATE → OPPORTUNITY

As players approach senior football, the focus increasingly shifts towards preparing them for the physical, technical and tactical demands of senior competition.

Our U17 & U18 programs provides an important bridge between junior and senior football. Players demonstrating the required ability, attitude and readiness will have opportunities to progress towards our Reserves and Senior programs.

BUILDING OUR FEMALE PATHWAY

Rebuilding female football is an important priority for Fulham United.

We want to create opportunities for girls to begin playing through MiniRoos, continue through dedicated junior girls teams and ultimately establish a sustainable pathway into senior women's football. Our female program will be supported by dedicated football leadership and a Girls Phase Lead as we progressively rebuild this pathway.



JUNIOR REGISTRATION, COME & TRY AND TRIALS

What Parents & Players Need to Know

All new and returning players must register for 2027 via the Fulham United FC website at [2027 Junior Registration - Fulham United Football Club](#) and are encouraged to participate in the relevant Come & Try or trial sessions.

Where a player is unable to attend the 'Come and Try' or Trial sessions (e.g. on holiday, medical reasons) they should e-mail juniors@fulhamunited.com.au so this can be recorded against their registration.

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MINIROOS U6–U9

Our youngest MiniRoos will participate in ‘Come & Try’ sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for new and returning children to enjoy football, meet coaches and other players and experience Fulham United FC. They also help the club understand each player’s experience and development level so we can form appropriate teams and place children in an environment appropriate to their ability and confidence.

U10–U17

Players from U10 upwards will participate in structured trials appropriate to their age group. Players should register before attending and make every effort to attend the sessions scheduled for their age group.

Before You Arrive

- Complete the 2027 junior registration online and check the correct session for their age group
- Arrive approximately 15 minutes before commencement and attend the registration desk
- Wear suitable football training clothing (returning players wear their Fulham United FC training kit)
- Bring a water bottle and wear football boots and shin guards
- Goalkeepers should bring goalkeeper gloves.

Parents should advise the club or relevant coach of any injury, medical condition or other information that may affect a player’s participation.

What Happens at Trials?

Trials may include a combination of small-sided games, football drills and match play. This gives coaches an opportunity to observe players in different football situations rather than making decisions based on a single activity.

What Are We Looking For?

Trials are about more than identifying the best player on the day. Our coaches will consider a range of factors including:

Technical Ability: Ball mastery, passing, receiving, finishing and other age-appropriate football skills.

Game Understanding: Decision-making, positioning and understanding of football situations.

Attitude & Effort: Willingness to work, compete and positively contribute.

Coachability: Ability to listen, learn, respond to feedback and try new things.

Teamwork: How players communicate, support teammates and contribute to the team.

Athletic Development: Age-appropriate movement, coordination, agility and physical development.

Development Potential: Where we believe the player can progress with appropriate coaching and support.

Above all, we encourage players to enjoy the experience, work hard and show us their love of football.

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Parent Expectations During Trials

To provide players and coaches with the best possible environment, we ask parents and guardians to:

- Remain outside the designated playing/training area
- Allow coaches to communicate directly with players
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines
- Respect players, coaches, volunteers and other families
- Direct questions through the appropriate club contact rather than approaching coaches during sessions.

Our coaches and volunteers understand that trials can be an uncertain experience for young players and their families. We ask everyone to help us create a positive, respectful environment.

Our Commitment to Families

We understand that trials and team selections can be exciting but sometimes uncertain for young players and parents. Fulham United FC is committed to running a fair, transparent and respectful process.

We will communicate clearly about trial requirements, team placement and next steps and seek to place players in an environment appropriate to their development, ability and confidence.

MiniRoos Team Placement

MiniRoos is about developing players and building a love of football. Wherever possible, players will be placed with others at an appropriate level so they can have fun, be appropriately challenged, build confidence and continue developing.

MiniRoos leagues (Joeys | Wallabies | Kangaroos) are designed to provide players with an opportunity to play at a level that is appropriate for their development and enjoyment. Team placement isn't intended to label a young player. Children develop at different rates, and teams and grading may change as players progress.

U12 & Youth Club Championship Selection

Selection for competitive junior teams will consider:

- Current football ability
- Development potential
- Position and squad requirements
- Appropriate competition level
- Training commitment
- Attitude and coachability
- Team balance.

Registration or participation in trials does not automatically guarantee selection into a particular team. Our objective is to make decisions that support both the player's development and the formation of appropriate squads.

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Selection & Offers

Following trials, families will be advised of the outcome as soon as practicable.

Families should complete the required acceptance and registration steps within the timeframe provided so the club can finalise teams.

If My Child Isn't Selected for Their Preferred Team?

A selection decision shouldn't automatically mean the end of a player's Fulham United FC journey.

Where possible, we will consider whether another appropriate team or development opportunity exists within the club. Our objective is to retain and develop players wherever we can provide an appropriate football environment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my child need to register before attending?

Yes. We encourage all new and returning players to register before attending Come & Try or trials.

Do returning players need to attend?

Yes. Returning players should attend the relevant sessions so coaches can assess squads and determine appropriate team placement for 2027.

Can my child trial in a different age group?

Players should generally participate in their correct age group unless an alternative arrangement has been approved by the club's Football Steering Committee.

How are MiniRoos teams formed?

We aim to create teams with players playing at a level appropriate to their ability, development and confidence.

How are competitive teams selected?

Coaches consider football ability alongside development potential, game understanding, attitude, effort, coachability, positional requirements and team balance.

Registration of Selected Players

Season 2026 Fulham United FC U6–U8 MiniRoos players who register by Sunday, 11 October 2026 will automatically be offered a place for the 2027 season, subject to the availability of positions and coaches. A non-refundable 50% deposit of the team fee will be required to be paid.

During and immediately following the final trial for each age group, all U10-U17 players selected for the 2027 season will be notified by the club. To confirm their place, selected players must pay a non-refundable 50% deposit of the team fee.

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Uniform Fitting Day

Selected players must attend the uniform fitting day in person to try on uniforms and merchandise before orders are sent. If the player fails to attend, the parent will be asked to make an estimate. The uniform will be ordered in accordance with the estimate **and the club will take no responsibility for errors in sizing.**

It is anticipated that uniform fitting will be held in early November.

Club Registration Fees

The remaining balance of registration fees will be due for payment following trials.

All payments are to be made in full before the child will be registered to play.

Fees per age group will be determined by the Club shortly and made available online prior to trials commencing.

Sibling Discount

Discount of \$100 applies to the second and every subsequent child.

Sports Vouchers

The Sports Vouchers Program is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation Sports and Racing. The program provides an opportunity for primary and middle school aged children from Reception to Year 9 to receive up to \$200 discount on sports memberships/registration fees.

Volunteers

Club volunteers are the backbone of any community club. At Fulham United FC we are always looking for volunteers to assist with areas such as:

- Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers
- Bar / Canteen Volunteers
- Events and Marketing
- Grants Coordination
- Age Group Facilitators
- First Aid Officers
- Junior Committee and Sub-Committee (Events & Sponsorship, Facilities) Membership

If you have a particular skill, professional background or interest that you feel may contribute to the club, please come and speak to the Junior Coordinator or e-mail the club at juniors@fulhamunited.com.au

Discounts on registration fees for your child will be provided for coaching and committee membership, depending on the time commitment associated with these roles.

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READY FOR 2027?

We would love for you to join us in 2027 as Fulham United embarks on a period of exciting change.

2027 JUNIOR TRIALS

BOYS & GIRLS

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER		TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER		THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER	
9:00 – 9:45	U6–U9 Come & Try (Boys & Girls)	6:15 – 7:15	U10/11 Boys	6:15 – 7:15	Girls – U10 to U18 Boys – U16/17
10:00 – 10:45	Girls – U10 to U18	7:30 – 8:30	U12/13 Boys	7:30 – 8:30	U14/15 Boys
11:00 – 11:45	U10/11 Boys				
12:00 – 12:45	U12/13 Boys				
1:00 – 1:45	U14/15 Boys				
2:00 – 2:45	U16/17 Boys				



WEST BEACH PARKS FOOTBALL CENTRE
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PLEASE ARRIVE *EARLY*
FOR CHECK-IN

We look forward to you being part of the Fulham United FC community.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at juniors@fulhamunited.com.au

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