

Juniors Under 6 – 11 Information Sheet (2018)

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Age Group Definition: Every age group operates to the same rules and follows the calendar year. In order to register a player must be a minimum of 5 years of age (or turning 5 in the 2018 calendar year). We encourage all players to play within their age group, however the club is open to players playing out of their age group as per the below guidelines:

- Approval of a player playing up an age group is at the discretion of the club
- Requests to play up an age group must be made at time of registration
- Junior Players can only play up one (1) age group
- New Players (i.e without prior playing experience) are encouraged to play in their correct age group
- From Under 10 all teams are graded. Consent for an underage player playing in the Under 10 age group (or older) will be subject to the player's ability and experience as assessed during the club's grading process.

Working with Children Check (WWCC) All managers and coaches who register with the club in 2018 **must** obtain a WWCC number & provide this number to the Club. This is a mandatory Football NSW requirement. Please refer to the WWCC Information Sheet for more information on this process.

Under 6 players form teams of 10 to 12 players to play an introductory form of football involving 8 players (4v4, "mini" goals and no goal keepers). As this will generally be your child's first year with our Club, team forming is an important exercise and we encourage as many parents & children to attend on **18 February at 9am** in order to form teams for 2018. If you are unable to attend your child will be placed in a team by the Age Coordinator. You are encouraged to start forming a team as soon as possible, including identifying volunteers to coach, manage and referee your team. If you have any enquires about forming a team our VP and Under 6 Age Coordinator are happy to assist.

Under 6 teams have a team allocation time set for Sunday 18/02/18 at 9am at the Careel Bay Clubhouse.

Under 7 players continue to play 4v4 in the same format and team sizes (10-12 registered players) as U6. The majority of this age group is a continuation of an Under 6 team from last year.

Under 7 teams have a team allocation time set for Sunday 18/02/18 at 10am at the Careel Bay Clubhouse.

Under 8 players play a modified version of football. They play 7v7 on a 50m x 30m field with goalposts and a goalkeeper. We will be forming teams of 9 (preferred) to 10 players. In many cases there will be a continuation of Under 7 teams from 2017. All other registered players will be placed into teams by the Age Coordinator. **Under 8 teams have a team allocation time set for Sunday 18/02/18 at 11am at the Careel Bay Clubhouse.**

Under 9 players continue to play 7v7 games on a 50m x 30m field with goalposts and a goalkeeper. We will be forming teams of 9 (preferred) to 10. There will be NO Grading for U9 in 2018, however teams will be loosely graded by the MWFA as the season progresses.

Under 9 teams have a team allocation time set for Sunday 18/02/18 at 12pm at the Careel Bay Clubhouse.

Please note: If you are forming teams across U6, U7, U8, U9 and U10 age groups then all players in your team MUST be registered before the team forming day on Sunday 18/02/18. Both your Coach and Manager must be registered online with a photo uploaded or emailed to the registrar to finalise your team formation. WE DO NOT TAKE REGISTRATIONS ON THIS DAY.

Under 10 & Under 11 players These age groups play 9v9 on a 70m x 50m field. U11 play "box to box" on a full size field. We will be forming teams of 11 or 12 players. Grading is for all those players U10 and up that wish to trial for the top division(s) in their age group. If your child does not want to grade and prefers to play with their friends socially they are not required to attend trials. Please inform your Age Coordinator so that we can allocate your child into an appropriate team. Every effort will be made to keep friends and existing teams together, however this cannot be guaranteed. For those that wish to trial for top division teams, please be on time because we will be adhering to a strict schedule.

Grading Dates/Times

Age Group	Date	Field
Under 10	Sun. 18 th Feb. 7:45am	Careel Bay 1
Under 11	Sun. 18 th Feb. 7:45am	Careel Bay 2

Please arrive in good time, prepared with correct attire (including shin pads and boots), sunscreen and water bottle. We have allocated 1.5hrs for each session, some sessions may be shorter. Go to clubhouse to place names and preferred position on Grading sheets, and collect numbered bibs. Wait until called by Graders.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What do we need to supply?

A. All players must have shin pads, football boots, a training ball, Club shorts and Club socks. The Club will provide a playing jersey which is yours to keep after the end of the season. All gear is available on Club Orientation Days and thereafter from the Clubhouse which is open during grading, preseason trial matches and weekends when the season kicks off on Sat 7th April. Playing jerseys will be distributed by your team manager prior to the commencement of the season.

Q. When are the games?

A. All junior games are played on a Saturday morning, kicking off between 8.30am and 11.45am. Your match time and location will change from week to week. All age groups have games on the first and last weekends of NSW public school holidays (but not the middle weekend).

Q. Do we play in the rain?

A. YES! All games must be considered on unless you are notified to the contrary. A team CANNOT decide to not show due to poor weather. Wet weather procedure is outlined fully on our website. When a game is called off, the team manager will be officially notified by their Age Coordinator, VP or the Competition Secretary. The team manager will then contact players. Junior games are not replayed in the event of a "washout".

Q. When do we train?

A. All Under 6 teams train on Thursday from 4pm to 5pm.

All Under 7 teams train on Friday from 4pm to 5pm.

U8-11 teams train at a time agreed by the team members/coach/mgr and subject to field availability.

Q. If I coach or manage a team what do I have to do?

A. Avalon Soccer Club is run **entirely** by volunteers and this includes the coach, manager and referee from your team.

Managers: The Club runs specific information nights in March for managers to ensure all volunteers are well informed. Date to be announced.

Referees: We encourage attending an introductory evening run by the MWFA on how to referee a junior game. No previous football experience is necessary. Date to be announced.

Coaches: The MWFA will be hosting FFA Coaching courses near the start of the season. Please check the Club website, social media and newsletter for details as they are announced.

The Avalon Soccer Club encourages managers, coaches and team referees to attend courses that will assist them in providing their teams a truly positive and rewarding experience.

Important Playing Dates

Annual Trial day for Avalon v Narrabeen: **Sunday 18th March**

Annual Trial day for Avalon v Pittwater: **Sunday 25th March**

Season kick-off: **Saturday 7th April**

Equal Playing Time Policy for Juniors:

The Club's policy is that all players be given fair and equitable playing time over the course of the season. The manager and coach are responsible for this policy being enforced. If you feel your child is not getting fair and equitable playing time, please contact your age coordinator/VP

IMPORTANT – VOLUNTEER SUPPORT & ROSTERS: Irrespective of our players being 5 or 70, your team will be rostered on to help us during the year so please expect to spend an hour or two in our canteen, on the BBQ or doing some field set up or take down duty. **For further information and resources are located at www.avalonsoccerclub.com.au**