

Juniors Under 6 – Under 11 - Information Sheet (2020)

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Age Co-Ordinators

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Age Group Definition: Every age group operates to the same rules and follows the calendar year. The minimum age we allow a player to register is one who is turning 5 in the current 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 at registration time and reported to the age co-ordinator
- Players can only play up one (1) age group unless the player has consent by the Club & MWFA
- New Players (i.e without prior playing experience) are encouraged to play in their correct age group
- From Under 10 all players 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 2020 MUST obtain a WWCC number & provide this during registration. This is a mandatory Football NSW requirement. Anyone (over 18 yrs of age) can apply for a WWCC via the Service NSW website.

Under 6 players will form teams of 10 to 12 (being the maximum) to play an introductory form of football involving 8 players (4v4, no goal keepers). Due to the fact this will generally be a child's first year with our Club, team forming is an important exercise. We encourage parents to attend at the start time below to liaise with other parents to form teams together. You are encouraged to start forming a team as soon as possible. Each team requires the following volunteers - Coach (x2), a Manager & a Referee.

Under 7 players will continue to play 4v4 in the same format as U6's with player numbers as per last season (10-12 per team). In many cases there will be a continuation of U6 teams from last season. We encourage new parents to attend at the start time below to liaise with other parents to form teams together as required. Each team requires the following volunteers - Coach (x2), a Manager & a Referee.

Under 8 players will play a modified version of football. They play 7v7 on a 50m x 30m field with proper goalposts and a goalkeeper. We will be forming teams of 9 or 10 players. In many cases there will be a continuation of U7 teams from last season. All other registered players will be placed into teams as appropriate.

Under 9 players will continue to play 7v7 games on a 50m x 30m field with proper goalposts and a goalkeeper. We will be forming teams of 9 or 10 players. There is NO Grading for U9 teams.

Under 10 & Under 11 players These age groups play 9v9 on an approximately 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 mandatory for both age groups. If your child does not want to play in the highest Division(s) in their age group and simply play socially, that's ok. Your age co-ordinator can allocate your child into an appropriate team after grading results are provided. For Grading, please be on time because the Club will be adhering to a strict schedule. All players must grade at times provided on this sheet. If you are unable to attend, please advise the club in advance.

Team Forming

WE DO NOT TAKE REGISTRATIONS ON THIS DAY

Under 6	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9
Sun 17th Feb at 9am	Sun 17th Feb at 10am	Sun 17th Feb at 11am	Sun 17th Feb 12pm

If you are forming teams across U6, U7, U8 and U9 age groups, all team players MUST be registered before the team forming day. The Coach & Manager must be registered online, with their WWCC details, including the expiry date. Referees do not need to register online or require a WWCC.

Grading

Age Group	Registration Time	Warm Up/Grading Time
Under 10	Sunday 23rd Feb 12:15pm	Sunday 23rd Feb 12:30pm
Under 11	Sunday 23rd Feb 10:45am	Sunday 23rd Feb 11:00am

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 the Avalon Clubhouse to place your name and preferred position on the grading sheets, and collect a numbered bib. Wait until called by Graders to commence your session.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What do we need to supply?

A. All players receive an Avalon Shirt. All players must have club shorts, club socks, shin pads, football boots and a training ball. All gear is available on Club Open Day and thereafter from the Avalon Clubhouse which is open during grading, preseason trial matches and weekends when the season kicks off.

Q. When are the games?

A. All junior games are played on a Saturday morning, the first kick off is 8.30am, the last 11.45am. All age groups have games on the first & last weekend of 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 will be officially notified via your Age Co-ordinator. Junior games are not replayed.

Q. When do we train?

A. All U6, U7 & U8 teams train on a dedicated night allocated by the club. U6's train Thursday 4-5pm, U7's train Friday 4-5pm, and U8's train Friday 5-6pm. U9-11 teams train at a time agreed by the team members/coach/mgr and subject to field availability – requests are submitted to your Age Co-ordinator.

Q. If I Coach, Manage or Referee a team what do I need to do?

A. Avalon Soccer Club is run entirely by volunteers and this includes the coach, manager and referees.

Managers: The Club runs a specific information night in March for Junior Managers to ensure all volunteers are well informed. **Date: Wednesday 18th March at 7pm**

Referees: We encourage any referee to attend an introductory evening run by the MWFA on how to referee a junior game (called Game Leaders in Juniors). **Date: Thursday 2nd April 6-7pm at Careel Bay**

Coaches: We encourage any coach to attend a FFA Mini Roos Coaches course run by the MWFA. Careel Bay will be hosting an event this year. **Date: Thursday 2nd April 7-9pm at Careel Bay**

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 22nd March

Annual Trial day for Avalon v Pittwater:

Sunday 29th March

Season kick-off:

Saturday 4th April

Equal Playing Time Policy for Juniors:

The Club's policy is that all players be given a 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 speak with your manager & coach.

IMPORTANT – VOLUNTEER SUPPORT & ROSTERS: Irrespective of player age, the Club will ask teams to help during the season. Parents will need to volunteer their time (when a team is requested) to spend an hour or two in our canteen, on the BBQ or doing some field set up or take down duty.

Additional Information can be accessed via our webpage: www.avalonsoccerclub.com.au