



Youth Information Sheet (2026)



Mixed U12 – U16

All information on this sheet and more can be accessed via our webpage

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Age Coordinators

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Now we have registered to play, what happens?

A. All players aged in age groups U10/W10 to U16/W16 are required to grade. Grading is run by fully professional external coaches who provide a grading report on each player. Once those reports are received, the VPs and Age Coordinators will collate the grading with last season's Coach Reports to decide on final team make-up. The grading schedule is as follows:

U12 grading	Sunday 8 th February 9:00am to 10:00am	Careel Bay
U13 grading	Sunday 8 th February 10:15am to 11:15am	Careel Bay
U14 grading	Sunday 8 th February 11:30am to 12.30pm	Careel Bay
U15 grading	Sunday 8 th February 12.45pm to 1:45pm	Careel Bay
U16 grading	Sunday 8 th February 2.00pm to 3:00pm	Careel Bay

Grading takes place at Careel Bay. Please arrive on time to register. Be prepared with correct attire (including shin pads and boots), sunscreen and water bottle. We have allocated 1 hr for each session; some sessions may be shorter. Go to the club house to place your name and preferred position on Grading Sheet and collect your numbered bib. Wait until called by Graders. In the event of inclement weather, the club will look to reschedule but please assume grading is on unless you hear from us.

Players who wish to play at a lower level than their capability can sometimes do this, however, they must still be graded to allow the club to place teams in appropriate divisions. Please make the grading session. It is an important part of the team formation process. Any issues please contact your Age Coordinator in the first instance.

For more information regarding grading please see the document, Grading Explained/What to Expect.

Q. Once we are graded what happens next?

A. The Grading Committee will use the Grading Sheets and last season's Coach Reports to allocate players into appropriate teams. Further information and all team announcements will be made via our website, www.avalonsoccerclub.com.au.

Q. What do we need to play?

A. Each player in the U12s and older, needs an MWFA DRIBL ID, which is required before the player can take the field. WITHOUT THIS MWFA ID PENALTIES APPLY TO THE PLAYER AND THE TEAM.

Important Dates (All Avalon Junior & Youth teams)

External Club Challenge Day v Pittwater/Narrabeen	Sunday 29 th March	Times & Venues TBA
Youth & Junior season kicks off (U6-U16)	Saturday 11th April	Times & Venues TBA

Q. What happens if games get postponed?

A. All teams U12 and up could be playing catch up games on the middle weekend of the school holidays, or midweek evenings, or on Sundays.

Q. Where do we play?

A. All home games should be at Careel Bay. However, this is not always possible. Some teams might find themselves away from Careel Bay for a designated home game. Since the draw is prepared by the MWFA, this is an area the Club has no control over.

Q. What time are the games?

A. U12 – U16: You could kick off anytime between 8:30am and 11:30am.

Q. What size ball is required?

A. A size 4 ball is required for U12 to U13s; a size 5 for U14+. Bring a ball to every training session!

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 the Competition Secretary/DRIBL and will then contact players. Rescheduled games for U12 and above will be notified by the Competition Secretary.

Please Note: rescheduled games are often played on weekday evenings or on Sundays.

If your team forfeits within 24 hours of game time, the Club will be fined, and this will be passed on to your team. All forfeits are recorded as a 5-0 win to the opposition.

Q. What does Avalon Soccer Club expect of us now that we are an important part of the Club?

A. Consider others and not let your side down. Please let your Team Manager know as soon as possible if your player can't make a training session or game. If you are intending to be away on holidays during the season, please let your Team Manager know at the start of the season. The coach and manager are volunteers and deserve your support and respect in their decisions.

Equal Playing Time Policy

The Club's policy is that all Junior & Youth players be given a fair and equitable playing time over the course of the season, with the exception that players graded into the Club's top team in each age group will play dependant on acceptable attendance and behaviour. The manager and coach are responsible for this policy being enforced. If you feel there is an issue, please contact your Age Coordinator or Vice President.

IMPORTANT – VOLUNTEER SUPPORT & ROSTERS :- Irrespective of our players being 5 or 70, we will be asking your team 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. Further information and resources are located at www.avalonsoccerclub.com.au