
Ellerslie AFC Inc – Junior/Youth Division

Federation Youth Teams – 2017 Key Points

1 Team Contact Details

Please complete and return this sheet by **Wednesday 29th March 2017**. We need accurate information to keep in touch, especially where we know of cancellations on a Friday evening.

Please return by:

- Email to admin@ellersliefootball.org.nz
- Post to Ellerslie AFC, PO Box 11-328, Ellerslie, Auckland 1542
- Hand in at the Ellerslie hub/office near the turf at Michaels Ave Reserve

2 Key Club Contacts

In an attempt to spread the workload, a number of people have taken on specific tasks for the 2017 season. Please refer to the Key Contacts list herewith and contact the appropriate person from the list wherever possible.

3 Fixture Information

This year, all fixtures will be held on the Auckland Football Federation (AFF) website <http://www.aucklandfootball.org.nz> For a link directly to the fixtures information page, refer to the “**Match Day Information/Draws and Results**” page on the Ellerslie AFC website, or click on Fixtures/Results/Ladders on the Auckland Football home page as above. Further information on how to access the fixtures will be provided nearer to the start of the season.

4 Results

- Results must be agreed between coaches at the end of each game. Where there is a dispute about the result of a game, AFF have advised they will take the ‘Home’ team’s result and score as being correct. Away teams wishing to dispute any such result will need to apply in writing.
- All teams must advise their results each weekend **by Sunday evening** either in person to Lynnette at the hub/office at Michaels Ave on Saturday if she is there, or by

- ❖ Email to operations@ellersliefootball.org.nz, or
- ❖ Text to mobile 021 151 2690

The result should state the grade and name of your team (and “Girls” for the Girls only teams), the number of goals that your team scored, and the name and number of goals scored by your opposition

e.g. 11th Red 2 vs. Fencibles Huff 0.

11th Girls Red 2 vs. Fencibles Huff 0

It is particularly important to state the grade (10th, 11th, 12th etc.) of your team when you are sending in the results because virtually every grade has a “Red” team and a “Black” team so saying Ellerslie Red 2 vs. Fencibles Huff 0 does not give any idea as to which team you are.

- The Club is required to lodge results for all its teams with AFF by 10am Monday and can be fined for failure to do so. Fines will be passed on to teams if they are repeat offenders!
- Even if the result from your game is showing on the AFF website before you have sent the result through to Lynnette, (as both clubs can enter the result on the website), please do still send your result through so that we can verify that your team agrees with the result on the website and we don't need to check with you separately.
- It does not necessarily need to be the coach or manager that sends the result through, but just make sure that an arrangement is made so that each week someone from the team will send the result through.

5 **Change of Strip**

Where there is a colour clash with a particular fixture, the away team is required to change strip. Team Coaches and Managers will be advised (by email) when this is necessary and will need to collect an alternative strip – normally from the Ellerslie AFC hub/office at Michaels Avenue (between 8.00 and 10.00 am each Saturday). Please return the strip **CLEAN** by Tuesday of the following week to the hub.

Unfortunately, a number of Clubs play in red and there are often several fixtures each Saturday where we are required to change. We have limited alternative strips so your help in returning them promptly will be appreciated so that they are available for use by another team the following week.

6 **Home Games at Michaels Avenue**

Teams playing first or last games on any Michaels Ave grass pitch will be required to put up/take down nets and corner flags (or put the smaller goals out or away for younger teams). The nets on the artificial turf are permanently in place, so only corner flags will be required for first or last games on the full pitch there, but the smaller goals will still be required to be moved for the younger teams. You will be advised (by email) of this on a weekly basis.

Please be aware that these requirements often change on Fridays as a result of cancelled or rescheduled games, but any changes will also be notified.

Please take note of the **rules for use of the artificial turf**, as per the separate sheet and which can also be found at http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4202-0-0-0&slD=248678 (This is a link to the AFF website page with rules for the various artificial turfs around Auckland which have slight variations from field to field) All teams playing on the artificial turf are expected to abide by the turf rules in order to help prolong the life of the playing surface for the benefit of all club members. If you are hosting a team from another club, please make them aware of the rules as well. There is a summary of the rules next to most of the entrance gates to the turf that you can refer them to if necessary, and there are brushes near the gates to help with the cleaning of boots if required. Water is available from the tap situated on the footpath near the dugouts, and there are also two taps on the outside walls of the changing room building.

7 **Home Games Away from Michaels Avenue**

With the continued growth of our Club, many home matches have to be played at overflow venues such as Simson Reserve and Point England. As the home team, we are required to provide nets and corner flags (failure to do so may result in a challenge

to the result of the game). There may also be some “home” games at Liston Park and Ngahue Reserve for some teams in 2017.

When the draw becomes available each week, we determine which teams will need to take nets and flags to a particular ground and which teams need to collect them at the end of the day. This information will be advised (by email) to teams when necessary and as with alternative strip, this gear will need to be collected from, and returned to Michaels Ave.

If you are playing at Point England Reserve please ensure that you set up the nets and corner flags on the correct field. Point England is used as an overflow ground by several clubs, so we need to make sure that the nets are only set up on the fields that have been assigned to Ellerslie to use for the day, otherwise our other teams that arrive to play games later find that there are no nets on the field they are supposed to be playing on. For the field layout at Point England refer to the Ellerslie website www.ellersliefootball.org.nz and look at “Grounds” from the drop down menu under “Match Day Information” which in turn is on the drop down menu from “Information”.

If you are asked to put the nets up at Point England please leave them on the goals when your game finishes unless you have been specifically asked to take them down again as well. There may be no other teams around when your game finishes but someone could be scheduled for an hour later and they get there only to find there are no nets so they then have to rush around to find some before their game can start.

8 **Rules**

The full “Rules and Regulations” under which teams compete in AFF leagues is available on the Auckland Football website. Go to www.aucklandfootball.org.nz – select the “Comps” tab and then “Regulations and Resources”. The regulations are currently being updated by Auckland Football so the 2016 regulations are still on their website at the moment, but we have been advised that unless there are any serious anomalies found in last year’s regulations the only thing that will be changing is the date from 2016 to 2017.

Any questions or concerns regarding these Rules should be emailed to admin@ellersliefootball.org.nz

9 **Team Mastercards**

You will note from the competition rules that teams are required to produce a team mastercard if requested. The Club will produce these cards based on the information held on its database and copies will be supplied to AFF for their records. Clearly it is imperative that we are advised of **any** changes or corrections (particularly additions) to your team before such players take part in a competition game. It is fairly rare for team mastercards to be checked but if they are and the players participating in the match are not listed, competition points could well be lost.

10 **Match Team Cards**

Match Team Cards are required for all “Metro” and “Conference” teams and the completed cards must reach AFF by Wednesday of the week following the game (or three business days after a mid-week game) or the Club will be fined.

11 **Teams playing against Waiheke**

If your team is scheduled to play a fixture against a Waiheke team (either at home or at Waiheke), there are some specific requirements. These will be loaded to the website when agreed with Waiheke United, and can be found on the Ellerslie website under Information/Match Day Information/Grounds.

12 Club Gear

Each year we have a significant amount of gear that goes missing (and this costs the Club several thousand dollars each season). To try and reduce this, we require gear to be kept together in team lots, issued before and retrieved after each game.

Amongst other things, your team gear bag contains a set of shirts for the team. These are for use on match days only and, as with all other gear, are to be returned (clean) at the end of the season.

Please help us to prolong the life of the shirts by ensuring that your team members do not wear them for training sessions, and advise their parents not to add player's names to the shirts in a permanent manner, and not to cut them off to shorten them as has happened on the odd occasion in previous seasons. If there is a problem with the sizing of them please contact Lynnette and she will endeavour to find something more suitable from our spare shirts, although this may not always be possible due to the limited number of spares that are held.

13 Ground Locations – Away Games – go to the field finder page on the Auckland Football website http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4202-0-0-0&a=VENUE – or search at www.wises.co.nz

There is also a page on the Auckland Council website that has the field layouts for various grounds around Auckland. Here is the link <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/parksfacilities/sportsfields/Pages/Home.aspx>

This can be quite useful when teams are playing at large grounds like Keith Hay Park for example, as there are several entrances and therefore if you have looked at the field layout before you go to the game, you will be better informed as to where exactly you will need to be, and it can also help give you an idea of where the closest parking will be.

As noted with the Michaels Ave Turf Field Rules, please see http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4202-0-0-0&SID=248678 to find the rules of use for the other turf fields around Auckland.

Some of the girls' teams playing in the Combined Leagues, and "Metro" or "Conference" boys/mixed teams may have away games at Northern Football grounds. These can be found on the grounds directory on www.nff.org.nz

14 We hope you have an enjoyable season!

