



Ellerslie AFC 2021 Trials - General Information

Thank you to those players who have already registered for the 2021 Season.

As a reminder to you, and as a message to those of you who have not registered yet and who are intending to play for Ellerslie AFC this year, trials for the 2021 Season are commencing on Wednesday 10th February.

Please see the Ellerslie AFC website [trials page](#) for further information about the trials and for those who have not registered yet, see the [registration information page](#) for details of how to register for 2021.

All players (boys/mixed) who will be in the Under 9 (U9) competition for 2021 (born in 2012) should attend trials if you are keen to be placed in one of the top three teams that competes in the Northern Region Football leagues. Being placed in one of these teams requires travel to other clubs to play opposition teams. All other U9 players will be placed in Tamaki League mixed teams, playing 7-a-side at Michaels Avenue Reserve.

Everyone older than U9 should also attend the correct age group trial if they want to be placed in one of the top graded teams at the club. (Preferably both trials that are scheduled for their age group).

Please trial with the group for your correct year of birth, even if you played in a different age group for the 2020 season.

Only girls who wish to play in mixed teams should attend the boys/mixed trials for their age group. **Separate trials have been scheduled for those girls wishing to play in girls only teams.**

Remember that attendance at the trials does not constitute registration and you will still need to register online before the registration (and early bird discount) deadline date of Monday 1st March 2021, in order to be included in a team.

Registrations after the deadline date will only be accepted if there is space in a team for the appropriate age grade.

A separate reminder will be sent to everyone before the first trial date of your appropriate age group.

The trial process will be run the same way at both trials. Players should arrive at least 15 minutes before the trial starts to check in and receive a numbered bib from the trial registration desk. Once they have received their bib, they should head out onto the field to warm up. The trial will be a combination of small sided games and some larger format games depending on the age group. There will be several assessors on hand who will be grading players on their footballing ability. The assessors will be looking for passing, 1st touch, dribbling, defending, vision/awareness, turning, shooting and game understanding from the players and scoring based on that criteria.

Some grades may have additional trials after the two that are listed for each age group to further help determine the top teams in the age group.

Players wishing to play goalkeeper can come to the trials but should note with the trial registration desk that they wish to play goalkeeper and there will be two goalkeeping trials for those players wishing to try for a goalkeeping spot within a top graded team.

Players should bring appropriate footwear for the artificial turf, water bottle, and shin pads to all trials. They do not need to bring a football as the club will have plenty.

We look forward to seeing you there!