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# Ellerslie AFC Inc – Junior/Youth Division

## Federation Youth Teams – 2021 Key Points

### 1 Key Club Contacts

In an attempt to spread the workload, a number of people have taken on specific tasks for the 2021 season. Please refer to the Key [Contacts list](#) and contact the appropriate person from the list wherever possible.

### 2 Fixture Information

This year, all fixtures will be held on the [Northern Region Football Federation \(NRF\) website](#)

Look at the dropdown menu under competitions to find the fixtures for your relevant grade from either the Junior Football button for Under 9's to Under 12's or Youth Competitions button for Under 13's to Under 19's. For youth teams, all teams (apart from the few Red teams who are playing in the NRFL competitions) should look at the Auckland Youth Competitions information to find your fixtures. There is also some useful information on the Ellerslie AFC website under Match Day Information on the dropdown menu of the Information tab on the home page.

### 3 Results

- Results must be agreed between coaches at the end of each game. Where there is a dispute about the result of a game, NRF 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 match day weekend **by Sunday evening** either in person to Lynnette at the hub/office at Michaels Ave on Saturday (or leave a note there if she is not in the office), or by

- ❖ Email to [operations@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto: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. Under 11 Red 2 vs. Fencibles Blue 0.

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**It is particularly important to state the grade (Under 10, Under 11, Under 12 etc.) of your team when you are sending in the results because almost every grade has a "Red" team and a "Black" team so saying "Ellerslie Red 2 vs. Fencibles Blue 0", or "Red 2 v Fencibles Blue 0" does not correctly identify which team you are.**

- The Club is required to lodge results for all its teams with NRF 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 NRF 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.
- Please note that this year the results and ladders will not be shown on the NRF website for any Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 or Under 12 Grade teams, but we are still required to advise NRF of the results from those games so that they have an idea of how the teams have been going to enable adjustments to be made for their "fluid" grading system, and how they should be graded for next year, so you do still need to send the results through to us if you are associated with a team in one of those grades.
- 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 by Sunday evening.

#### 4 **Change of Strip**

Where there is a colour clash with a particular fixture, the away (second named) 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 either on Fridays by arrangement, or from 8.00am on Saturday morning. Please return the strip **CLEAN** (and dry) by Tuesday of the following week to the hub.

Unfortunately, there are several Clubs that 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.

#### 5 **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 goals 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. Goals may sometimes also need to be rearranged between games as well, for example when an U11 or U12 half field game is following on after an U9 or U10 quarter field game.

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

For any teams with games scheduled on Michaels Ave 1 (artificial turf), please take note of the **rules for use of the artificial turf**, which are available [here](#).

All teams playing on the artificial turf are expected to follow the information provided, 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.

## 6 **Home Games Away from Michaels Avenue (Mainly only applies to Under 13 Grade and Above)**

With the continued growth of our Club, many home matches need 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, Ngahue Reserve and possibly also Sir Woolf Fisher Park for some teams in 2021.

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 [click here](#).

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.

## 7 Spectators

In order to preserve the pitches, spectators **must at all times** at any ground

- ❖ stay **outside** the designated boundary where the pitches have boundary fences or ropes;
- ❖ stand at least 1 metre back from the sidelines and do not stand inside the main pitch area;
- ❖ walk around pitches to get from one to the other and not across fields;
- ❖ not stand behind the goals;
- ❖ and finally, where full-sized pitches are broken up into smaller pitches, spectators **must** remain outside the perimeter of the full-sized pitch (especially when using prams because tracks from them can ruin the grass surface).

This is particularly important for the spectators at junior (U9 to U12) games as they are quite often held on smaller pitches that are part of a full sized pitch so please be aware of where the full sized pitch is and only stand on the sidelines of your game that are outside the perimeter of the full sized pitch.

## 8 Rules

The full "Rules and Regulations" under which teams compete in Auckland or combined NRF leagues is available to download on the NRF website [here](#). Any questions or concerns regarding these Rules should be emailed to Kelly on [info@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:info@ellersliefootball.org.nz)

## 9 Team Catalogues (Under 9's to Under 12's)

The 2021 NRF competition regulations contain the following clauses regarding team catalogues (which are now being used instead of the team mastercards that AFF used to use for team member identification) :-

*13.2 Clubs must enter their Team Catalogues in COMET prior to the commencement of the Competition.*

*13.3 A player may be included in more than one Team Catalogue.*

*13.4 Teams must produce their Team Catalogues if requested by the opposition. Failure to produce the Team Catalogue on request may incur a sanction to the team's Club.*

*The Team Catalogue may be viewed electronically.*

You cannot use a player who is not in a team catalogue to fill in for your team as all players on the field are required to be in a team catalogue. Therefore if you are short of players and need to use any players who are not in your team catalogue, please contact Kelly on [info@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:info@ellersliefootball.org.nz) so that she can either add them to your team catalogue for you or check that they are in the catalogue of another team at the club and are eligible to play for your team as well. If the change is required on the day of the game, you must call (not email) Kelly 021 896 210 to get the change made.

The club will endeavour to send all Under 9 to Under 12 teams a copy of their team catalogue by the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. This can then be shown electronically at the game if you are requested to do so by the opposition team.

10 **Match Day Line Ups (Under 13's to Under 17's)**

Match Day line-ups replace team cards and were introduced in 2019 for some divisions. In 2021 all divisions in the Under 13 to Under 17 competitions are required to use them, so teams will be given access to COMET (the NZ Football database software) and given instructions to enable you to create a match day line up for your team. When placing players in the match day line-up, a playing shirt number is required to be entered. If your team has been issued numbered shirts, the number on the match day line up must match the number on the shirt that the named player is wearing. If (as in the majority of cases) your team has been issued unnumbered shirts you should then just list a number in sequence 1,2,3, etc. next to your players names.

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](#) near the bottom of that page.

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 please 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 any of your team shirts please contact Kelly on [info@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:info@ellersliefootball.org.nz) and she will endeavour to allocate a more suitable size from our existing stock. We will do our best with the stock that is available.

13 **Pump & First Aid**

A first aid kit and ice are kept at Michaels Ave in the Club Hub/Office next to the Artificial Turf and an electric pump (for pumping footballs) is available there every Saturday morning game day from 8am.

In the event of a heart related emergency there is a defibrillator on top of the filing cabinets in the hub office, and if the hub is not open, there is also one situated at the YMCA.

Resources at other grounds are limited. We suggest team coaches/managers make provisions for first aid, cold packs etc. for any games at other venues.

#### 14 **Ground Locations – Away Games**

Northern Region Football home page [www.northernregionfootball.org.nz](http://www.northernregionfootball.org.nz) has a tab called "clubs" and the home grounds of the various clubs are listed by the club name so if for instance you are playing against Fencibles, if you find the Fencibles Club information on the Northern Region Football website you will see William Green Domain, Riverhills Park, Barry Curtis Park and Meadowlands Reserve listed as their ground locations or you can search a map website.

There is also a page on the Auckland Council website that has the field layouts for various grounds around Auckland. It can be found at the following address <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/sports/Pages/booking-sport-facilities.aspx>

Previously you used to be able to just look up individual fields, but currently there are just four documents that can be downloaded that contain the winter sports field layouts for four different areas of Auckland - Central, North, South and West and each document contains field layout maps for all applicable sports fields in those areas.

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.

The tab for the Competition Regulations and Resources on the Northern Region Football website also has a document called "Artificial Turf Rules" which gives an outline of the rules that you should be aware of if playing on one of the artificial turf fields listed there.

15 We hope you have an enjoyable season!

