

**U19**

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### **Mixed U19 Overview**

In the U19 Mixed Youth Grade, players will engage in an expansive Auckland-wide competition organized by Northern Region Football, taking place on Sundays. Game times will flexibly adapt to field availability at each venue, typically starting in the afternoon. The competition follows a graded structure, ensuring teams compete at their appropriate skill level.

Ellerslie AFC sees the U19 Mixed Youth Grade as a crucial bridge connecting youth and senior football.

### **U19 Mixed Key Dates (Northern Region Football)**

KEY DATES	NOTES
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Registrations Open
TBC	Teams Announced
27 <sup>th</sup> April	First Game
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Last Game

### **U19 Subscriptions**

For 2024 the season registration fee will be **\$375**, the club will supply a playing shirt for the season via your team.

A prompt payment discount of 10% will be available if you pay in full before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024

### **U19 Eligible Ages**

For 2024 players wishing to play this grade must be turning 18 or 19 in 2024. Please note NRF requires, and the club recommends all players play in their correct age grade and we will make every endeavour to place all players in their correct grade. In certain circumstances a player may play up a grade, in which case the club will apply for dispensation from NRF.

GRADE
U19 Mixed

1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2006 inclusive

### **U19 Mixed Playing Formats**

For 2024 the club continues to implement the playing formats suggested under the NZ Football plan – you can find this plan on our website.

#### **Northern Region Football**

GRADE	Format	Game Length	Pitch Size	Ball Size	Offside	GK	Goal Size
U19 Mixed	11 v 11	2 x 45 mins	Full Field	5	Yes	Yes	Full



<b>U19 Championship</b>	11 v 11	2 x 45 mins	Full Field	5	Yes	Yes	Full
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## **U19 Mixed Trials**

The Youth Division hold pre-season trials for players in the Under 19 age group. These trials form part of process whereby the Club will endeavour to ensure players play in a team and at a level, appropriate to their skills, commitment etc.

For players to have the opportunity to be selected for top graded teams, they need to attend at least one of the trials scheduled. Please go to the [trials page](#) for further information and details including dates and times, what to bring etc.

If a player is likely to be unavailable for periods during the season (ie other sports, extended holiday etc) please let the Coaching Director, Ryan Shiffman by sending an email - [coaching@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:coaching@ellersliefootball.org.nz) to ensure that teams have the appropriate number of players for the season.

## **U19 Mixed Season Dates**

At the time of writing (information subject to change), NRF Youth community leagues will start on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The season will continue until the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and games will be scheduled (weather and ground conditions permitting) on all weekends, **including** King's Birthday weekend.

## **U19 Mixed Fixtures**

The fixtures for matches played in NRF competitions are published online for all grades approximately 1-2 weeks before the start of the season. This will also be updated to show if your match is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, usually on Friday evenings.

**Northern Region Football (NRF) Leagues - Fixtures published [here](#)**

These leagues are administered entirely by the local Federation and involve teams from throughout the Northern Region Football area. These leagues are competitive with teams initially placed in grades requested by their Clubs, then re-graded throughout the season. No league tables are maintained for Under 9-12 grades, but scores must be recorded for grading purposes. Games will be played against [clubs from Northern Region Football](#).

## **U19 Mixed Trainings**

Most teams train weekly by volunteer Coaches who freely give their own time to assist the players and the Club. For this reason, training days and times are normally decided by the Coach in discussion with the members of the team with most teams training one night a week.

The Club is based at [Michael's Avenue Reserve](#) in Ellerslie. A number of teams train at this venue and at Liston Park but these spaces are not large enough to cater adequately for all Club teams. Team

Coaches and Managers are encouraged to seek training facilities at local schools etc or [contact us](#) to discuss possible venues and times on Club controlled training areas.

## **U19 Mixed Playing Uniform**

Teams are issued with a set of playing shirts including a goal keeper's shirt and gloves in the gear bag issued to the Coach or Manager at the start of the season. All items remain the property of the Club and **MUST** be returned at the end of the season or earlier if a player leaves the Club. The Club reserves the right to seek compensation and mark a player's national record with a red flag for any club property that is damaged or not returned. It is preferable that the team shirts stay together as a set and a washing roster is set up for the season for each family to take turns to wash and bring to the game each Saturday.

Players will need to provide the following items of their own:

- Football Boots (NO metal studs to be worn on artificial turf)
- Shin pads (players without shin pads will not be permitted to play)
- Black shorts
- Gold Football Socks

Shorts, socks, guard stays and supporters gear (caps, beanies, jackets etc) can be bought online from Score Sportswear (Lotto) via special online shops for Ellerslie players and supporters. Click [here](#) to get more information.

## **U19 Player and Coach Development**

The Football department at Ellerslie AFC is overseen by Fred de Jong our Director of Football, Fred holds an NZF B Coaching Licence and has worked as the high-performance manager at New Zealand Football previously, as well as being a former First Team player at the club. Supporting Fred is our Director of Coaching Ryan Shiffman, Ryan holds an NZF A Coaching Licence and was an assistant coach for the Women's U17's at the World Cup in India. The club also has Ben Fletcher as our Football Development Manager, he has many years of coaching experience and hold his NZF B Coaching Licence. He will be an integral part of all player and coach development throughout our Mixed TDP teams.

The Club run a number of free Coaching courses for Junior coaches, please check [this page](#) for more info

## **Volunteers**

Like any organisation dealing with children's activities, the Club relies heavily on adult involvement. The vast majority of teams are coached by a parent or somebody connected to players in the team.

In order to organise teams this year, your club must have coaches and managers for all teams. **Please help your Club help your children by indicating how you can help** (you will be asked during the online registration process). Your family's involvement in the activities for your child, would be greatly appreciated.

The Club runs specialised training sessions for new coaches and support coaches who wish to up skill through various training programmes run both internally and by Northern Region Football.

If you would like to help and coaching or managing isn't your forte, please consider volunteering in one of the following roles:

- Grade Co-ordinator
- Ground setup
- Photos and Match Reports (for your team)

Please contact us on [info@ellersliefootball.org.nz](mailto:info@ellersliefootball.org.nz) if you would like to help with one of the above roles

## **Financial Support**

In common with most community based sporting organisations, the demand for and desire to, improve services to our members is often constrained by funding shortfalls. There is continual pressure to maintain an appropriate balance between reasonable subscriptions and fees and providing more and improved quality services for members.

In the past three years, the club has committed to employing a full-time Director of Junior / Youth Coaching, part-time Football Director and professional coaches and Operations administration staff. We are certain these moves will continue to have tremendous benefits for player and coach development at all ages in the Junior / Youth division, enhance the opportunities for our older teenagers as they progress into Senior football and enhance the way the club delivers services to our members with the experience the current staff provide.

We urge all members to financially support these initiatives by:

- Paying subscriptions in full and on time
- Adding a donation at registration time if able
- New Clubrooms Funding Appeal - [Further information](#)
- Becoming a Club Sponsor and partnering with Ellerslie AFC - [Contact Us](#) to discuss