

U5 STARTERS REGISTRATION PACK



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Under 5 Starters Overview

Our Under 5 Starters program is for players who are just starting off their football journey. This program runs on Friday afternoons, 4:00pm – 4:45pm at Michaels Ave Turf Field and is perfect to help these players develop basic football and coordination skills, while also playing lots of fun games to help them fall in love with football! There are no formal games or uniform for the Under 5 Starters program.

Players show up to the sessions, are coached through the fun activities by one of our senior coaching members who are assisted by Ellerslie AFC youth players who are aspiring coaches looking to give back to their club. Start your football journey with us!

Under Five Starters Key Dates

KEY DATES	NOTES
20 th Jan	Registrations Open
3 rd May	First Session
20 th September	Last Session

Under Five Subscriptions

For 2024 the season registration fee will be **\$127.50**, this includes a team photo, and 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 17th of March 2024

Under Five Season Dates

Start Date: 3rd May

Finish Date: Friday 20th September

Session times: Fridays at Michaels Avenue from 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Under Five Playing Uniform

There is no uniform needed to be worn by the Under 5 Starters group. It would be best that they wear shorts and if they plan to play next season, you may want to purchase black shorts and long gold or yellow football socks (information below).

Players will normally 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)

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.

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 registrations@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**