

U6 - U8 REGISTRATION PACK



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U6 - U8 Overview

Players in the Under 6-8 Grades will have one main competition, this is called the Tamaki League.

Ellerslie AFC run the Tamaki League, it's our "inhouse" league and it means all games will be at Michaels Ave each weekend and you will play a variety of other Ellerslie teams as well as some local school teams.

U6 - U8 Key Dates (Tamaki League)

KEY DATES	NOTES
20 th Jan	Registrations Open
7 th April	Muster Day
4 th May	First Game
28 th September	Last Game

U6 - U8 Subscriptions

For 2024 the season registration fee will be **\$205**, 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

U6 - U8 Eligible Ages

For 2024 players wishing to play this grade must be turning 6/7/8 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	
U6 Mixed	1 st Jan 2018 to 31 st Dec 2018 inclusive
U7 Girls Only	1 st Jan 2017 to 31 st Dec 2017 inclusive
U7 Mixed	1 st Jan 2017 to 31 st Dec 2017 inclusive
U8 Girls Only	1 st Jan 2016 to 31 st Dec 2016 inclusive
U8 Mixed	1 st Jan 2016 to 31 st Dec 2016 inclusive

U6 - U8 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.

Tamaki League

GRADE	Format	Game Length	Pitch Size	Ball Size	Offside	GK	Goal Size
U6's Mixed	5 v 5	2 x 13 mins	1/8 of Full Field	3	No	No	1.8m x 0.9m
U7's Mixed	5 v 5	2 x 13 mins	1/8 of Full Field	3	No	No	1.8m x 0.9m
U7's Girls Only	5 v 5	2 x 13 mins	1/8 of Full Field	3	No	No	1.8m x 0.9m
U8's Mixed	5 v 5	2 x 20 mins	1/8 of Full Field	3	No	No	1.8m x 0.9m
U8's Girls Only	5 v 5	2 x 13 mins	1/8 of Full Field	3	No	No	1.8m x 0.9m

U6 - U8 Season Dates

At the time of writing (information subject to change), the club will start the Tamaki League on Saturday 27th April. The season will continue until the 21st of September and games will be scheduled (weather and ground conditions permitting) on all weekends, **except 1st June and 13h July.**

U6 - U8 Fixtures

The fixtures for matches played in the Tamaki League 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.

Tamaki League - Fixtures published [here](#)

U6 - U8 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.

In the event that a player in a Tamaki League team cannot attend a particular training day and time arranged by the team, the Club will attempt to find an alternative team that trains on an acceptable day. If this cannot take place, a full refund of fees can be arranged.

U6 - U8 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.

U6 - U8 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.

There is one main player development course for U6-8's, this is our Friday Skills programme which is our open skill acquisition course, with a focus on individual skill building for both outfield and GK's.

For more information please check [this page](#).

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

We also run Holiday Programmes in each school holidays – please check [this page](#) for more info and how to register for those courses.

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 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**

