

TRIALS INFORMATION PACK



Ellerslie AFC 2025 Trials - General Information



To attend the trial sessions, please make sure you have registered for the 2025 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 2025 Season are commencing on Tuesday 4th February.

Please see the Ellerslie AFC website [trials page](#) for further information about the trials and for those who have not registered yet, see your specific grade [registration information page](#) for details of how to register for 2025.

All players (boys/mixed) who will be in the Under 9 (U9) competition for 2025 (born in 2016) 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 who want to be placed in Tamaki League mixed teams and continue to play with their friends at Michaels Avenue Reserve, do not need to attend trials.

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 if they 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 2024 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 **17th March 2025**, 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, first 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 ones 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.

All trial dates can be found below.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FEBRUARY

Day	Date	Time	Grade	Venue
Monday	10th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U9 Grade Trial #1	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Monday	10th	6:30pm -7:30pm	U10 Grade Trial #1	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Tuesday	11th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U11 Grade Trial #1	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Thursday	13th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U12 Grade Trial #1	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Friday	14th	5:30pm - 6:45pm	Girls Trial #1: U10 - U12 Grades	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Monday	17th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U11 Grade Trial #2	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Monday	17th	6:30pm -7:30pm	U12 Grade Trial #2	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Tuesday	18th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U10 Grade Trial #2	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Thursday	20th	5:00pm - 6:15pm	Girls Trial #2: U10 - U12 Grades	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Friday	21st	5:30pm - 6:45pm	U9 Grade Trial #2	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf
Monday	24 th	4:45pm – 5:45pm	Goalkeeping Trial #1: U10 – U12 Grade	Michaels Ave No. 1 - Turf

Day	Date	Time	Grade	Venue
Tuesday	11th Feb	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U13-U17 Youth Girls Only	Ngahue Reserve
Thursday	13th Feb	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U13-U17 Youth Girls Only	Ngahue Reserve
Tuesday	18th Feb	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U13-U17 Youth Girls Only	Ngahue Reserve
Thursday	20th Feb	5:00pm - 6:15pm	U13-U17 Youth Girls Only	Ngahue Reserve

Day	Date	Time	Grade	Venue
Tuesday	28th Jan	4:45pm - 5:45pm	U13-U14 Mixed	Michaels Avenue
Tuesday	28th Jan	6:00pm - 7:00pm	U15-U17 Mixed	Michaels Avenue
Wednesday	29th Jan	4:45pm - 5:45pm	U14 Mixed	Ngahue Reserve
Wednesday	29th Jan	6:00pm - 7:00pm	U17 Mixed	Ngahue Reserve
Thursday	30th Jan	4:45pm - 5:45pm	U13's Mixed	Michaels Avenue
Thursday	30th Jan	6:00pm - 7:00pm	U15's Mixed	Michaels Avenue
Tuesday	4th Feb	4:45pm - 5:45pm	U14's Mixed	Ngahue Reserve
Tuesday	4th Feb	6:00pm - 7:00pm	U17's Mixed	Ngahue Reserve
Wednesday	5th Feb	4:45pm - 5:45pm	U13's Mixed	Ngahue Reserve
Wednesday	5th Feb	6:00pm - 7:00pm	U15's Mixed	Ngahue Reserve

