



KWFC Junior Boys – Frequently Asked Questions

Whether you are new to KWFC or returning for another season, the information below answers some of the most common questions about Junior Boys football at the club.

Please also refer to our [2027 Junior Boys Trials & Grading](#) page for further information about our programs and the process for joining KWFC.

Age Groups & Clusters

What age group will my child play in?

Junior football age groups are generally determined by the player's **year of birth**, rather than their age at a particular point during the season.

For example, if they are turning 10 years old in 2027, they will register and play in the Under 10s.

Players should initially register and participate in the Football West age group applicable to their year of birth.

Can my child play up an age group?

Players are expected to initially participate in their correct age group.

In some circumstances, a player may be considered for an older age group where this is considered appropriate for their football development.

Any decision for a player to play above their designated age group is at the sole discretion of the **KWFC Junior Boys Technical Director**, following observation and assessment of the player.

Previous experience or having previously played in an older age group does not automatically mean a player will play above their designated age group at KWFC.

What is the Clusters program?

The Football West Clusters program is the introductory format of football for players aged approximately 5–7 years.

The emphasis is on:

- having fun and enjoying football;
- developing basic football skills and coordination;
- maximising involvement and touches of the ball;
- learning to play as part of a team; and
- providing a positive introduction to club football.

Games are played in a small-sided format appropriate to the age of the players.

Do Cluster players train during the week?

Yes. KWFC Cluster teams generally train **once per week** during the season.

Specific training days and times are determined once teams and coaches have been finalised.

Do Cluster teams play against other clubs?

Yes. Cluster teams participate in the Football West Cluster program and generally play small-sided games against teams from other participating clubs within their allocated cluster.

The format is focused on participation and development rather than results and league tables.

Does my child need to trial for Clusters?

No.

Players aged 5–7 do not participate in the formal trials and grading process used for older age groups.

Parents should complete the relevant [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) so the Club can plan teams and coaching requirements for the following season.

My child is moving from U7 Clusters to U8. Do they need to attend grading?

Yes.

Players progressing from U7 Clusters into U8 MiniRoos enter the Junior Boys Trials & Grading process and should attend the scheduled U8 sessions.

Expressions of Interest, Trials & Grading

Does every player need to complete an EOI?

Yes.

All players wishing to play Junior Boys football at KWFC should complete the relevant Expression of Interest, including **existing KWFC players returning in 2027**.

Submitting an EOI allows the Club to plan age groups, teams, coaches and grading or trial requirements.

Does completing an EOI guarantee my child a place?

No.

An EOI indicates that a player would like to be considered for a position at KWFC. It does not constitute an offer or guarantee a position within a team.

Team numbers are subject to factors including player numbers, available coaches, competition structures and the outcome of the Club's trials and grading process where applicable.

We are new to KWFC. Is the process different for new players?

No.

New and returning players follow the same EOI and trials/grading process applicable to their age group.

What is the difference between grading and trials?

The process varies depending on the player's age group and competition level.

Grading is primarily used to assess players and create teams containing players of broadly appropriate and similar ability.

Trials are generally used for older or more competitive age groups where players are being considered for positions within specific squads.

Does my child need to attend every grading session?

Players should attend the sessions specified for their age group wherever possible.

Where multiple grading sessions are offered, attendance at all sessions is encouraged as it provides the Club's technical staff with the best opportunity to assess each player.

What if my child cannot attend trials or grading?

Please advise the Club as early as possible.

The Club will consider individual circumstances where a player is unable to attend due to illness, injury, travel or another reasonable reason.

However, alternative assessment opportunities cannot always be guaranteed.

Who decides which team my child is placed in?

Player assessment and team allocation are football decisions overseen by the **KWFC Junior Boys Technical Director and Junior Boys technical staff**.

Individual team coaches do not have sole discretion over player selection or grading.

Can I request that my child plays with their friends?

Team allocation is primarily based on football and team-balance considerations and the Club cannot guarantee that friendship requests will be accommodated.

Can I request a particular coach or team?

Team allocation remains at the discretion of the Club's Junior Boys technical staff.

When will we find out which team our child has been allocated to?

The Club will communicate offers and team allocations following completion of the relevant trials and grading process.

Timing can vary between age groups depending on player numbers, team structures and any further assessment required.

Please avoid contacting coaches individually seeking confirmation of team placement while this process is underway.

Offers & Registration**What happens if my child receives an offer?**

Successful players will receive a formal offer from KWFC setting out the next steps required to secure their position.

This will include:

- Club registration requirements;
- Club fees;
- payment deadlines;
- Football Australia registration requirements through PlayFootball; and
- the Terms & Conditions applying to acceptance of the position.

A position is not considered fully secured until the required Club registration and payment requirements have been completed.

How long do we have to accept an offer?

The acceptance and payment deadline will be specified in the offer.

Families should complete the required steps by that date. If registration and fees are not received by the nominated deadline, the Club may withdraw the offer and make the position available to another player.

Are Club fees refundable?

Club fees are **non-refundable**, subject to the Club's applicable Refund Policy.

A copy of the Refund Policy will accompany player offers.

Does KWFC accept KidSport?

Yes. KWFC accepts eligible **KidSport vouchers**.

Families intending to use KidSport should apply directly [HERE](#)

Once the application is approved, please forward your voucher code to secretary@kingsleywestsidefc.com

Can Club fees be paid in instalments?

Yes.

KWFC offers an **Afterpay payment facility**, allowing Club fees to be paid in instalments through Afterpay. Details of this will be included in the offer.

What is included in Junior Boys Club fees?

Junior Boys Club fees include:

- full match-day kit – shirt, shorts and socks;
- training top, shorts and socks (MiniRoos, JCL and JDL only)
- ¼ zip warm-up top for new players;
- choice of ¼ zip warm-up top or kit bag for returning players;
- Presentation Day;
- Team Photo Day;
- coaching;
- football equipment; and
- use of Club training and playing facilities.

Specific inclusions may be updated from season to season and will be confirmed as part of the relevant year's registration information.

Player & Parent Commitments**How often is my child expected to attend training?**

Players are expected to attend their team's designated training sessions wherever reasonably possible.

The Club understands that players will occasionally be unavailable due to illness, injury, family commitments or other reasonable circumstances.

Where a player cannot attend, parents should advise the coach or team manager as early as possible.

Regular attendance is important for both the player's development and the effective operation of the team.

Is my child expected to be available for every game?

Players are expected to make reasonable efforts to be available for scheduled fixtures, carnivals, grading games and other team commitments.

The Club understands that players will occasionally be unavailable.

Parents should communicate known absences to the coach or team manager as early as possible so the team can plan accordingly.

Are parents expected to volunteer?

Yes. KWFC is a community sporting club and relies heavily on volunteers to operate its teams and match days.

Parents and guardians are expected to assist with reasonable team and Club duties from time to time during the season.

These may include:

- referee or assistant referee/linesperson duties;
- ground marshal duties;
- match-day set-up and pack-down;
- scoring or other match-day roles;
- team administration; and
- other reasonable duties required by the team or Club.

Team managers will communicate volunteer requirements and rosters during the season.

What behaviour is expected from players and parents?

All players, parents and guardians are expected to comply with applicable **KWFC, Football West, Football Australia and competition rules, policies and codes of conduct.**

This includes respectful behaviour towards:

- teammates;
- coaches and team managers;
- match officials;
- Club volunteers;
- opposition players and officials; and
- spectators.

Acceptance of a position with KWFC includes acceptance of these standards.

What are parents responsible for regarding Club communications?

Parents and guardians are expected to monitor the Club and team communication channels used for their child's team and respond to reasonable requests from coaches, team managers and Club officials in a timely manner.

This is particularly important for training changes, match-day information, player availability and Club requirements.

Pre-Season & Communication

When will training start?

Once teams and coaches have been confirmed, coaches will contact players and families regarding training schedules.

These dates may differ between teams and age groups.

What communication platform does KWFC use?

KWFC Junior Boys will use the **360Player app** for Club and team communications in 2027.

Players and families will be added to the Club's 2027 360Player environment once the player's Club registration and Club fee payment requirements have been completed. Further instructions will be provided following acceptance of an offer.

Still Have a Question?

Before contacting the Club, please ensure you have:

1. read the Trials and Grading information on our website [HERE](#);
2. completed the relevant **Expression of Interest** if you are seeking a position for the upcoming season; and
3. checked the FAQs above.

If your question isn't covered, please contact the Club and we'll be happy to assist.

Please note: These FAQs are correct at the time of printing, and Kingsley Westside FC reserves the right to amend the information from time to time.