

NORMANHURST EAGLES

2021 DEVELOPMENT SQUADS



NEFC DEVELOPMENT SQUAD PHILOSOPHY

Club Football is sometimes seen as second tier within the development pathway for players and resulting in talented players often having to choose between playing for the local club with friends or following a development pathway with association Skills Acquisition Programs (SAP) or Representative teams. The outcome of this is that the quality of club football drops off rapidly as talented players move to the development programs or players with strong potential choose to stay with their club and are not developed to their full potential.

Additionally, parents often must pick and choose to find the best area for development and traditionally players have had to travel outside the Northern Suburbs for tier 1 development.

The aim of NEFC Development Squads is to create a supportive environment for players to enjoy football and develop these skills within the club. We look to build a love for the game in all our players and to be competitive within the NWSF Competitions, as well as building a pathway for players to proceed to Representative Football if they desire.

It is of critical importance to the club that the community values and ethos of Normanhurst Eagles is maintained. The purpose of the Normanhurst Development Squad is not to develop an elite team to win competitions but to ensure that players are developing to their full potential and that they are able to maintain their connection to Normanhurst Eagles.

The presence of the development squad within the club will not reduce the opportunities for the development of other players in the same and other age groups, and we would always ensure that everyone choosing to play for Normanhurst gets the same opportunities in terms of facilities and coaching.



DEVELOPMENT SQUAD CULTURE AND PHILOSOPHY

PLAYERS

- Respect for the game, opposition and coaches
- Demonstrate a fair, competitive attitude during training and games.
- Respect the learning at training and games
- Support the club to support you

COACHES

- Coaching actions performed in a positive manner
- Understanding of coaching standards through partnership with Kano
- Opportunity for Team Coaches to further develop as well through the expectation that coaches be involved in coach development programs

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD PLAYING STYLE

- A proactive brand of football based on effective possession, decision making with the cutting edge provided by creative individuals focused on confidence with the ball.
- Defensively operate with quick transition and intelligent collective pressing
- Playing style underpinned by a strong 'team mentality' capitalizing on Australia's traditional strengths



2021 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD PLAN

- Development Squads will be run over the U10 through to U13 Mixed Age Groups in 2021, and the U9 to U13 Girls Age Groups and entry into the squads will be through selection.
 - Trials – Sunday 31st January
 - Further opportunity for selection as part of grading on the 7th and 14th February (players should aim to attend all sessions)
- Squads train twice a week with dedicated Kano coaches.
- Exact times are to be scheduled; however, it is expected that Development Squad training will commence in March. This gives the squad the opportunity to be ready for the start of the season through an extended pre-season with Kano.
- All Development Squads will train on **Monday night** with Kano coach(es) within the following four groups. The aim of the Monday night sessions is focus on specific areas of the game:
 - Mixed U10 and U11
 - Mixed U12 and U13
 - Girls U9 and U10
 - Girls U11/12/13
- For the second training night each age group squad (i.e. U10, U11 etc.) would then train as regular as decided by the team (as per normal arrangement).



2021 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD PLAN

- Players are required to be available for both training sessions and attend the games unless sick or injured.
- Monday Nights has been set aside as our Development Squad Night. All development squads train Monday night as this gives us the opportunity to organize games across other associations etc.
- The Mixed Development Squads will play as a team in the regular Saturday morning competition as the top Normanhurst side in each age division.
- Players in the Girls Development Squad program will play in the Sunday NWSF competitions, as part of the highest graded team.
- Development Squad teams are still graded into an appropriate division (e.g. Div 1 or 2).



2021 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD COSTS

- NEFC aims to keep costs comparable with other clubs in relating to coaching fees while giving the opportunity for further development without having to go outside of the club.
- The Development Squad Costs for 2021 are \$305* and cover entry into the Kano cup, all weekday coaching, ground hire, the increased cost to train twice a week (although some of this cost is borne by the club), as well as playing in games against opposition from outside of the association.
- Registration costs are still payable as per normal in addition to the Development Squad costs. Therefore, for an U10 taking part in Development Squad in 2021 the costs to be paid would be:
 - \$215 Registration Fee
 - \$305 Development Squad Fee
 - Total: \$520 for the Season
- Payment for the Development Squad portion of the fee will be able to be made via two installments through PlayFootball later in the year.
- As a comparison point, other SAP Development Costs range between \$1500 (NWSF) to \$4000 (Barcelona Academy) therefore this offers a good middle ground for further player development.

* Cost is still to be confirmed based on level of Kano coaching implemented.

