



SEASON 2019 CLUB TRIALS

Club Information and Conditions for Trials

For current players and newcomers to the club

Dear Players and Parents

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to welcome you to the North Eastern MetroStars Soccer Club. We wish you all the best for the pre-season trials and look forward to having an excellent 2019 season.

Please read this information carefully as it forms the framework for the trials and registration process for season 2019. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the committee members or club staff.

Franco Principe
SECRETARY

1. Register for Trials – Online Registration Only

Prior to attending trials, all players are to register online. The registration form is available from the MetroStars Website (www.metrostars.com.au).

On your nominated day of trial, please report to clubrooms to sign in. You will receive a name badge and be advised of your trial location. Under no circumstances are individuals to go directly to the coaches.

2. Trial Dates

Trials are run over 3 nights, unless otherwise advised by club officials. This gives the opportunity for coaches to assess players.

Juniors and MiniRoos are divided across various time slots and pitch areas to facilitate the review of applicants.

The below table will provide you an outline of the trial times and days for the various age groups. We suggest you are prompt to the trial session.



MINIROO - TRIALS							
Team	Year of Birth	MON 24-Sep	TUE 25-Sep	WED 26-Sep	THUR 27-Sep	FRI 28-Sep	SAT 29-Sep
U6	2013		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		
U7	2012		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		
U8	2011		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		
U9	2010		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		
U10	2009		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		
U11	2008		6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		

JPL / JSL / NPL - TRIALS							
Team	Year of Birth	MON 24-Sep	TUE 25-Sep	WED 26-Sep	THUR 27-Sep	FRI 28-Sep	SAT 29-Sep
U12	2007		7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30		7:15-8:30	
U13	2006			7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	
U14	2005		7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30		7:15-8:30	
U15	2004		7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30		7:15-8:30	
U16	2003		7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30		7:15-8:30	
U17	2002			7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30	
U18	2001	7:15-8:30	7:15-8:30		7:15-8:30	If required	

3. Age Eligibility

Trials will be held for each age group and you must register on line to try out for the team that corresponds to your **year of birth**. Exceptions are solely at the discretion of the selection panel.

4. Financial Eligibility

Players with outstanding debts to either MetroStars or any other club **will not be permitted to trial**. Please see the club President, Andrew Perrone, if you are in that situation.

5. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2019 (including goalkeeper). We will aim to fill the teams listed below, however MetroStars reserves the right to change the number of teams allocated in each age group. You will be advised if the player has not been successful in securing a position in the team.



Age Group	On Field	Squad Size	No. of Teams	No. of Players
U06	4v4	7*	3	21
U07	4v4	7*	3	21
U08	7v7	10	3	30
U09	7v7	10	3	30
U10	9v9	12	3	36
U11	9v9	12	3	36
U12	11v11	16	2**	32
U13	11v11	16	2	32
U14	11v11	16	2	32
U15	11v11	16	2	32
U16	11v11	16	1	16
U17	11v11	16	1	16

*No goalkeepers for U6/7

**There will be at least one JSL team.
A second JSL team will be filled
subject to player availability

6. Team Selection and Management Guidelines

The following guidelines represent the club's general philosophy on how teams are selected and managed. We hope this gives you an insight into the player pathway available at this club. It should also be clearly understood that the Sports Committee reserves the right to review any matter on a case by case basis.

Age Group	Theme	Attributes
U06 to U07	Participation based. Introduction to team-based sport. Focus is on fun games and enjoyment in a club environment. Small sided games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instruction. Teams in these age groups are evenly balanced across ability and talent. No goalkeepers at this age It is not uncommon for players to be rotated across teams in this age group.
U8 to U10	Discovery and skill acquisition stage. Kids will be comfortable on the ball and confident around their team mates. They will be taught technique, progressing through ball mastery, running with the ball, moves 1v1 and 2v2, and group attack. Small sided games with more structure around ball movement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instruction, but more emphasis on technical skill development, and repetition-based learning mixed into a variety of drills. Goal keepers are introduced in games with players taking turns in goals on a rotational basis each week. Teams are evenly balanced across ability and talent.

Age Group	Theme	Attributes
U11	Preparation for competitive football.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instruction. Skill, ability, and potential play a larger role in player selection at this level. Teams are selected on strength to transition into competitive football the following year. It is likely there may be an Elite team and developmental sides selected. Based on performance and demonstrated ability, players may be moved between teams from time to time.
U12 to U13	Competitive football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players are selected based on performance, attitude, willingness to follow instruction and learning ability. Teams are selected on strength and talent identification. It is likely there will be a JPL and JSL teams. All players at any time have the potential for movement between grades at the coaches' discretion based on demonstrated performance
U14 to U18	Elite Football – Performance based, with focus on tactical awareness of the game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players are selected based on demonstrated performance, attitude, willingness to follow instruction and learning ability. Teams are selected to compete at the highest level for their age group. Players who consistently demonstrate exceptional levels of performance may be targeted for fast tracking through the club's talent ID system.

7. Player Selection

Player selection will be at the discretion of coaching staff and selection panel. They will make their squad selections over the trial period. Players may be advised at any point during the trial process whether they are successful/unsuccessful in obtaining a position in the squad. This will allow unsuccessful players opportunity to trial elsewhere.

8. Player and Parent Responsibilities

Player Responsibilities

- Register online at the MetroStars website (www.metrostars.com.au).
- Before commencement of your nominated trial session, ensure you check in at the registration desk.



- Unless otherwise instructed by the coaching staff, players will be expected to attend all trial sessions to maximise their chances of selection.
- Follow instructions from the coaching staff to the best of your ability.
- Players will be required to wear appropriate training attire. **Shin guards are compulsory.**
- If you have your training ball from last season, please bring it with you.
- Players must commence hydrating one hour before trials and carry a drink bottle at each session.
- Any medical condition that may potentially place a player's health and safety at risk during trials must be brought to the coach's attention.
- Report any injury or illness to the coaching staff.

Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities

- Ensure player has registered online at the MetroStars website prior to trials (www.metrostars.com.au).
- Before commencement of your nominated trial session ensure players check in at the registration desk.
- Remain at the club during trials.
- Do not enter any field of play during trials, remain outside the fenced areas. If assistance is required, the coaching staff will call you.
- Do not interrupt coaching staff during their sessions, unless the matter is **urgent and necessary**.
- Either observe from the nominated observation areas or the clubrooms.

9. Registration of Selected Players

If a player has been offered a position for the 2019 season, they will be issued a letter containing instructions on the registration process, and forms to be completed.

Failure to register on time will result in the forfeit of your spot in the team.

Selected players will also be required to attend a registration day as per the dates provided in the adjacent table. These are the only times in which you may register a player.

Attendance at Registration Day

Selected players must attend registration day in person so that they can try on uniforms and merchandise before orders are sent for manufacturing. If the player fails to attend, the parent will be asked to make an estimate. The uniform will be ordered in accordance with the estimate and the club will take no responsibility for errors in sizing.

REGISTRATION DAY FRIDAY Team 12-Oct	
U6 U7	6:00 PM
U8 U9	7:00 PM
REGISTRATION DAY SATURDAY Team 13-Oct	
U10 U11	9:00 AM
U12 U13	10:30AM
U14 U15	12:00 PM
U16 U17 U18	13:30 PM



10. Club Fees and Payments

Club fees will be required to be paid on the day of registration.
Club fees for season 2019 are as follows:

Team	Basic Fee (inc.GST)	Players Receive	What Fees cover
U6-U9	\$990	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full player's Kit• FREE entry to all Senior Men's home matches;• Approx 150 contact hours of training and games;• Guest coaches;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FFSA Fees & Insurance;• Upkeep of facilities;• Operational costs (referees etc.);• Playing and training equipment;
U10-U18	\$1210	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition on skill and personal development;• Periodic player assessments;• FFA National Football curriculum;• Player development pathways (including STIC, Skillaroos, National Camps).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wages, Service Utilities, Taxes, Association Fees;• Administration costs.

- **Payments are to be made in FULL and are non-refundable. (No payment plans will be accepted.)**
- **Failure to pay full fees will forfeit your position in the team.**
- **Players with previous outstanding club debts will not be registered.**

11. Insurance

Limited cover is included in the registration fee with FFSA. Parents are also encouraged to take out their own private insurance cover (including ambulance cover). The club will not be liable for sporting injuries. If an ambulance is required or dispatched for your child, it shall be the parent/caregiver's responsibility to cover the cost of the service.

12. Become a Junior Team Sponsor

Corporate Sponsorship goes a long way towards paying the bills, and any external revenue raised helps to keep the Player fees at a minimum. MetroStars offers any individual or business an opportunity to sponsor a team. You can have your business logo printed in a prominent place on the shirt to advertise your business throughout the entire season.

If you are interested in taking up a sponsorship opportunity, please contact our Sponsorship and Marketing Manager as soon as possible so that we can discuss options and make arrangements.

Contact details:

David DeConno
Sponsorship and Marketing Manager
M: 0423 029 750
E: Admin@MetroStars.com.au



13. Trophy Sponsors

Every player from U6 through to and including U13 will be presented with a participation trophy at the end of the season. Performance based awards (ie. Best and Fairest, Player's Player) shall only be awarded from U14 and above. The club is seeking sponsors to cover the cost of these trophies. If you are interested or know a business that would like to be involved, please provide your details to our Administration Officer at admin@metrostars.com.au who will gladly send you the information and forms.



14. Team Management Structure

For each team to function well throughout the season, we require volunteers to be responsible for the following functional roles per team:

- Team Manager
- Trained First Aid Officer
- Equipment Manager

If you would like to contribute in any of these areas, please contact the coaching staff or a club official.

15. Bar and Canteen

Bar and canteen are open on training nights and on weekend match days. In addition to providing food and beverage, it is a major contributor to the club's income. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please approach Lilly Del Medico at the Canteen.

16. Positions Vacant

Do you have a particular skill, knack or interest? Club Volunteers are the backbone of the club's success. The following positions are currently vacant at the club and we are seeking interested parties over the coming weeks.

- Bar and Canteen Volunteers
- Events Volunteer
- Fundraising Volunteer
- Grants Coordinator
- Project Manager (Facilities development)
- Game day Coordinator
- First Aid Officers, Physios, Trainers
- Medical support
- Equipment Managers
- Committee and Sub-Committee Members
- Trades People for general maintenance and various working bees

If you have a particular skill, professional background or interest that you feel may contribute to the club, please come and see a management committee member, club President or contact the clubs Administration Officer at admin@metrostars.com.au

17. Annual General Meeting

Around November each year the club holds it's AGM. This is an opportunity to see and understand how the club is run. Full year reports are submitted, and a management committee is elected. The management committee have granted 1 voting right per family of a registered and financial player.

A notice of our next General meeting will be posted through our club Media Manager. If you want to become an active member or simply want to know what's going on at the club, keep a look out for the dates.

We wish you all the best for the trials and hope to see you at the club in season 2019.

Franco Principe,
On behalf of the Management Committee