



DUNBAR ROVERS FC - 2023 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For ages

Under 10, 11,12,13,14,15,16 and 18

BACKGROUND

Dunbar Rovers FC would like to build on the success of their “NPL Development Squad” concept that the club initiated in 2017. Some of the highlights of the programme over the past 5 years were:

- THIRTY-FIVE players have been transferred to NPL clubs (13 to Dunbar NPL and 22 to other NPL clubs) during the past 5 season, some in the May/ June transfer window and other at end of season trials.
- Both the mixed U13/14 Div 1 and U15/16 Div 1 development teams won their respective Grand Finals in 2017.
- FIVE out of the SIX development teams aged Under 12 – 18 made the finals in 2018, two made the Grand Final with the U15's winning their competition and Grand Final in 2018.
- FOUR out of the FIVE development teams aged Under 13 – 16 made the finals in 2019, two made the Grand Final with both the U13 winning their competition and Grand Final and the Under 16's also winning the Grand Final in 2019.
- In 2022 our U14, U15, U16 won the competition.
- Players and parents felt that the programme were worthwhile and enjoyed the experience of having their football further developed so they were better prepared to make a NPL team in the following year.

THE CONCEPT

- Dunbar Rovers FC NPL trials is guaranteed to be over-subscribed.
- The reality is that a lot of quality players will not be offered NPL positions at the club, even though there will not be a huge gap between some of those selected and those not.
- Some of these players might find places at other NPL clubs but many won't.
- Dunbar Rovers FC would like to offer an opportunity for these players to join our club, where they will:
 - be well coached in a professionally run environment.
 - train twice a week from February to August and play a 25 plus match season like NPL teams.
 - play in a team with other aspiring and talented players.
 - place themselves in the shop window for NPL selection, should the chance present itself
 - be under the radar of our NPL coaches.

THE OBJECTIVES

- Provide a high-performance environment to help with player and coach development at Dunbar Rovers Juniors.
- Provide a quality product at a reasonable price
- Have a ready supply of players who could be good enough to come into NPL if required during the May/June transfer window
- Players already signed to an NPL contract would be kept on their toes knowing that there are aspiring JDP players breathing down their necks
- Provide opportunities for players to play up an age group if they deserve it, based on their performances.
- The program was extended to cover Under 10, 11 and 12's from 2021 onwards as an outcome of ESFA starting a SAP competition.

THE APPROACH

- The JDP programme will be run by our Technical Director Christian Soares to NPL standards, under the banner of Dunbar Rovers Juniors.
- 8 squads will be selected in the following age groups:
 - Under 10
 - Under 11
 - Under 12
 - Under 13
 - Under 14
 - Under 15
 - Under 16
 - Under 18
- The Under 10,11 and 12 teams will be entered into the ESFA SAP competition and the U13,14,15,16 and 18's will play in the ESFA Championship division competition.
- In addition, the Under 13 to 18 team will also play in the NSW State Cup, Kanga Cup (July school holidays - optional) and should a team win their respective competition also entitles them to represent ESFA in the NSW Champion of Champions tournament (U13 - U18) after the season ends.
- We will also play up to 5 pre-season trial matches which in total would add provide a minimum 25 match season from February to August and even longer if they qualify for the Champion of Champions which commences mid-September and runs to mid-October if a team progresses all the way to the Final.

TRIALS

- U13 to 18 JDP trials were held on the Friday the 18th of November at Heffron Park and most of these teams have been selected with a few spots still open.
- We want to offer those Under 13 – 18 players who missed selection in a NPL club the opportunity to play in a quality environment where they can further develop their football. With a view of making a NPL team in the following season or when replacements may be required mid-season.
- JDP and SAP trials will be run by the Dunbar Juniors TD and the coaching staff.
- Under 10, 11 and 12 SAP teams will be selected at the trials being held on Monday 6th and 13th February from 5pm to 6.30pm at Gunyama Park.

TRAINING SCHEDULE – Pre-season and In-season

- U10,11,12 SAP teams – Monday 5pm to 6.30pm - Gunyama Park – February to August
- U10,11,12 SAP teams – Thursday 4.30pm to 6pm – Getiela Park (at the new artificial field inside Alexandria Park school) - March to August
- U13, 14 Dev teams – Monday and Wednesday 5pm to 6.30pm - Gunyama Park – February only
- U13,14 Dev teams – Monday 5pm to 6.30pm at Gunyama Park and Thursday 4.30pm to 6pm – Getiela Park (at the new artificial field inside Alexandria Park school) - March to August
- U15,16,18 Dev teams – Wednesday & Friday's 5pm to 6.30pm - Gunyama Park – February only
- U15,16's Dev teams – Wednesday 5pm to 6.30pm and Fridays 6pm to 7.30pm - Alexandria Park – March to August
- Under 18's Dev team - Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm and Thursday 7pm to 8.30pm - Chifley Reserve – March to August

PRE-SEASON MATCH SCHEDULE - Feb and March – to be confirmed

- Sunday 26th Feb – Under 12, 13,14,15,16 and 18's vs Arncliffe at Arncliffe Park synthetic
- Sunday 5th March - Under 13,14,15,16 and 18's vs FDA Academy at Moore Park synthetic
- Sunday 13th March – vs Rockdale (all ages Under 6 – 18) at Rockdale synthetic

- Sunday 20th March – Gala day season launch – Internal club matches all ages Under 6 – 18 at the NCIE in Redfern – all day
- Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th March vs Balmain (all ages Under 6 to 18s) - Callan Park, Balmain
- Saturday 1st April – vs Easts at Gunyama Park – Under 6 to 12 SAP and mini roo social teams
- **NO MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY, EASTER AND ANZAC DAY WEEKENDS being the 8th/ 9th and 15th/16th and 22nd/ 23th APRIL.**

IN-SEASON ESFA COMPETITION - Under 10, 11 and 12 SAP ESFA comp commences Saturday 29th April and Under 13 to U18's ESFA Championship comp commences Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April.

- U10 playing on Saturday 11am - home games at Gunyama Park & away at other Eastern Suburbs grounds)
- U11 playing on Saturday 12pm - home games at Gunyama Park & away at other Eastern Suburbs grounds)
- U12 playing on Saturday 1pm - home games at Gunyama Park & away at other Eastern Suburbs grounds)
- U13 playing on Saturday - 4pm home games at Gunyama Park and 2.30pm away at other Eastern Suburbs grounds.
- U14 playing on Saturday 5pm home games at Gunyama Park and 3.15pm away in eastern suburbs grounds.
- U15, 16 and 18 teams play on Sundays between 9am – 5pm (home games at the NCIE or Moore Park synthetic and away games at other Eastern Suburbs grounds)

NO MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEKEND being the 8th and 9th JULY

PLAYING KITS

Players will receive a 2023 training kit (training shirt, shorts, 2 pair of socks and spray jacket) and a match day playing kit (shirt and shorts) which must be returned at the end of the season for re-use in the next year.

REGISTRATION FEES

- Under 10,11 and 12 ESFA SAP teams - \$1000 payable via a \$300 deposit to secure your spot once selected in February with the \$700 balance payable via the online platform www.playfootball.com.au in March.
- Under 13,14,15,16 and 18 ESFA Dev teams - \$1200 payable via a \$300 deposit to secure your spot once selected with the \$900 balance payable via the online platform www.playfootball.com.au in March

Active Kids voucher – pls apply to Service NSW for your \$100 voucher which can be uploaded when your register at www.playfootball.com.au to reduce your total outgoing by \$100.

The link is <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>.

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