

Juniors - Age Group Information

Junior Age Group Information for 2017

The age group for football in Australia is based on calendar years (1 January to 31 December). Players can play up a year to be with friends for U6-U11, but will be graded into the right age group from U12 up, with exceptions only to facilitate a team short of players or for physically mature players.

For the 2017 winter season, the qualifying birth years are:

Age
Group

Year of Birth

Age Group

Year of Birth

Under
6

Players born in 2011 and 2012

Under 12

Players born in 2005

Under
7

Players born in 2010

Under 13

Players born in 2004

Under
8

Players born in 2009

Under 14

Players born in 2003

Under
9

Players born in 2008

Under 15

Players born in 2002

Under
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Players born in 2007

Under 16

Players born in 2001

Under

11

Players born in 2006

Under 18

Players born in 1999

MIDGETS (Miniroos Kick-off)

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The Mitchie Midgets program is designed to introduce three and four year olds to football.

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The program is part of Football Queensland's Miniros Kick-off program which was created to develop the motor skills of 3 to 5 year olds and introduce them to football in a fun and learning way.

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The weekly sessions are run by qualified coaches. Parents and guardians are encouraged to assist.

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Players taking part will need sandshoes or boots.

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The club will supply training equipment and footballs for the sessions.

- Sessions will held at 9:00am on Saturday mornings, and all players receive a shirt, small carry bag, small ball and drink bottle as part of the program.

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The program runs for 18 weeks starting in mid-March.

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A 50% refund is available after 9 weeks if the child withdraws from the program.

UNDER
6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 (MiniRoos)

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The minimum age to register to play junior football is
5 years of age.

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MiniRoos (formerly known as Small Sided Football) is a smaller version of football that provides boys and girls aged 5 - 11 with a fun introduction to the world game. [Click here \(available soon\)](#) to go to the Football Brisbane website which contains up-to-date details about the rules, field sizes and other relevant information for MiniRoos.

- Football Australia's MiniRoos website also contains information for players, parents and coaches about this form of the game.

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[Click here](#) to a document which contains information about playing formats and rules.

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MiniRoos is designed for kids; it is all about having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends.

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Games will be played on a Saturday morning, mostly at home with some games at nearby clubs.

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Each team is required to provide their own Coach, Manager and Ground Official. Training programs and guidance will be provided by qualified coaching staff from the Club.

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In MiniRoos there are no premiership points or final series and therefore no results or tables are recorded. The games are designed to allow the frequent interchange of players so that all players get equal time on the field. This helps young players develop the skills needed for all positions and players can, in later years, make a decision about which position they enjoy the most.

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Training will be one night per week for 1 to 1.5 hours (except for U9, U10 & U11 development squads who train twice a week).

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All players must have Shin Pads, Shoes and wear the provided club strip.

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Referees are supplied by the Club.

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ONLY registered Mitchelton players are eligible to attend training nights and play in games.

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NOTE - Mitchelton FC imposes no age restriction on junior women players playing in mixed gender teams.

UNDER
12 to 16 (Divisional Competitions)

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These age groups
are known as Divisional teams.

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In these age groups, players will go through a grading process (see page 10 for further details about the grading process). Players will be placed into teams that suit their ability. ONLY players who are registered with Mitchelton can

participate in the grading process, training sessions and games.

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Click [here](#) to go to the Football Brisbane website which contains up-to-date details about the rules, field sizes and other relevant information.

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All teams will play a home and away fixture series.

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All fixtures are played for points towards a premiership and a finals series.

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At the end of the fixture rounds the team on the top of the table will be the Premiers.

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All teams will train 1 or 2 nights a week at the coach's discretion.

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All players must have Boots, Shin Pads and wear the provided club strip.

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Official Football Brisbane Referees are supplied whenever possible. If Football Brisbane is unable to provide referees it is the responsibility of the home team to provide referees.

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SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE (SYL)

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Our club has qualified to participate in the 2017 Under 12, Under 15 & Under 16 Super Youth League competitions.

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Click [here](#) to go to the Football Brisbane website which contains up-to-date details about the rules, field sizes and other relevant information.

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The grading process differs as players can trial from other clubs looking for selection in MitcheltonSYL teams.

