



## Trials for UWANFC Academy program

### SUMMARY

UWANFC provides 3-tiers of play in each of its Mini-roo and Junior programs. In summary:

- The UWANFC ACADEMY tier allows a level of play tailored to those interested in playing football at the highest level provided by the club. Admission into ACADEMY also requires the highest level of commitment by players and parents alike. If a player is not able to meet the minimum ACADEMY requirements including attendance at training and games, parents must disclose this before accepting the offer.
- UWANFC's DEVELOPMENT Football tier provides a level of play tailored to those interested in playing football at a high level but were unsuccessful in making the club's ACADEMY program.
- The RECREATIONAL Football tier provides a level of play tailored to those interested in playing football at a basic level with a focus on 'having a kick with mates'.

This is a departure from previous years (including 2023), where there were only the two tiers. The addition of a third tier will allow for better alignment of team abilities and expectations. The ability to fill all three tiers will depend on numbers of players.

**Table 1: Summary of the 3 tiers of football offered by UWANFC.**

Level	Training commitment	Qualification	Age Groups
Academy	2-3 days	By invitation	U9 to U16
Development	2 days	Membership	U8 to U16
Recreational	1 day	Membership	U8 to U16

**AIM:** To place players in the appropriate level of play, trials will be run by respective Technical Directors of the club and selected coaches to assess a player's ability and commitment, and readiness to be invited into the ACADEMY tier for 2024.

### PROCESS:

1. Complete and submit and Expression of Interest form - [CLICK HERE](#).



2. Attend trials on specified date. The trial for girls and boys will be conducted over 2 days and trial dates for the respective age groups are summarised in Table 2. The schedule for trial sessions is provided in Table 3.
3. There will be a short parent induction session during each trial. At these sessions, the expectations of players and parents will be presented. **ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.** Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions.
4. Players who are successfully placed in an ACADEMY team will be notified within one week of completion the second session of the respective trial. There may be a second round of offer. Further trial dates will be announced if teams are not filled.
5. If your child receives an offer in an ACADEMY team, you will have 7-days to respond with a deposit.
6. You will also be notified if your child is offered a spot in a DEVELOPMENT team, depending on their level.
7. All players wishing to play for a UWANFC team, irrespective of tier, are encouraged to attend the ACADEMY trials. Players wishing to play in RECREATIONAL teams do not need to attend trials. There will be Player Placement Days announced for the new year during which teams will be formed.
8. Selections will be based on the final decision of the respective Technical Director and no feedback on each individual player will be provided. The main competencies that will be assessed will include:
  - a. Technique: the way a player uses their skill in the allocated space.
  - b. Physique: the way a player uses their body to move around the pitch.
  - c. Mindset: the attitude of a player, especially their ambition and hunger to not be beaten.
  - d. Game Intelligence: the way the player uses space with or without the ball and how they dominate 1v1 situations.
  - e. TEAM Player: Selection will be done with a long-term view. Players who are coachable, and those deemed likely to succeed long term at the club will be favoured. A positive attitude and a willingness to work hard and play team football are assumed.
9. The Technical Directors may fill more than one ACADEMY team, if there are sufficient players of the ability expected for and ACADEMY player.
10. The Technical Directors may also conclude that there are insufficient players of the ability expected for an ACADEMY team. In the interest of the growth of the player, the Technical Director may choose to nominate the team as a DEVELOPMENT team instead. In this scenario, the Technical Director will work with parents to assess the best next steps for their children.



Please note that all effort will be made to adhere to the timelines specified, however, progress will be dictated by the timely responses received.

**Table 2: Trial dates for each year group in UWANFC's BOY and GIRLS ACADEMY teams**

Playing Year Groups <b>BOYS 2024</b>		Trial Date 1	Trial Date 2	Session
U9	Born 2015	11-Sep-23	13-Sep-23	A
U10	Born 2014	12-Sep-23	14-Sep-23	A
U11	Born 2013	11-Sep-23	13-Sep-23	B
U12	Born 2012	12-Sep-23	14-Sep-23	B
U13	Born 2011	18-Sep-23	20-Sep-23	A
U14	Born 2010	19-Sep-23	21-Sep-23	A
U15	Born 2009	18-Sep-23	20-Sep-23	B
U16	Born 2008	19-Sep-23	21-Sep-23	B

Playing Year Groups <b>GIRLS 2024</b>		Trial Date 1	Trial Date 2	Session
U10	Born 2014 & 2015	12-Sep-23	19-Sep-23	A
U11/U12	Born 2012 & 2013	12-Sep-23	19-Sep-23	B
U13	Born 2011	14-Sep-23	18-Sep-23	A
U14	Born 2010	11-Sep-23	21-Sep-23	A
U15	Born 2009	13-Sep-23	20-Sep-23	B
U16/U17	Born 2007 & 2008	13-Sep-23	20-Sep-23	B



**Table 3: Session Times for UWANFC Miniros and Junior Trials**

Time	Session A	Session B
430pm	Registration	
500pm	Trials Commence	
6:00pm		Registration
615pm	Trials End & Parent Induction Session (15 Min) Starts	Parent Induction Session (15 min) Starts
630pm		Trials Commence
700pm		
745pm		Trials End



### **OFFER ACCEPTANCE:**

1. Players that are offered a spot on the ACADEMY team will be given a period of 1 week to accept the position in the 2024 squad.
2. Any questions relating to the ACADEMY, or the Trial process should be directed to:
  - Dan Evans – Technical Director (BOYS Football) [tdmale@uwanfc.com.au](mailto:tdmale@uwanfc.com.au)
  - Lawrence Lewis – Technical Director (GIRLS Football) [tdfemale@uwanfc.com.au](mailto:tdfemale@uwanfc.com.au)

### **FAQs:**

1. We are away for the trials, will there be another round of trials?
  - We have made an effort to hold trials prior to the commencement of many summer sports and not in the school holidays. If you are still unable to attend, you should contact the relevant Technical Director to provide your reason.
  - Where possible, the Technical Director may take the previous years' performance and commitment into consideration.
  - All accommodations beyond the set trial dates are at the sole discretion of the Technical Directors.
2. I am a returning ACADEMY player; do I need to attend trials?
  - ACADEMY players from previous years are strongly encouraged to trial. Although their performances from the previous years can be taken into consideration, these may not guarantee a place in the next ACADEMY squad.
  - The level of commitment of a returning ACADEMY player will also be considered for selection into the next squad.
3. Do we have to attend both trial dates?
  - Players are strongly encouraged to attend the sessions on both trial dates to allow the Technical Directors, coaches and staff the best chance to assess their abilities. If players are unable to attend either or both trials, please inform the relevant Technical Director.
  - Be punctual and register at the clubhouse before you take the field for the trial. Unregistered players will not be allowed to trial.
4. What is the parent induction session for?
  - We have scheduled the parent induction sessions when you drop off or pick up your child to make it convenient to attend. The session is only 15 minutes long.
  - Parents are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss the expectation of an ACADEMY player.
  - Your questions will be addressed by the Technical Directors or staff at these sessions.
  - No opportunity to discuss the program will be available during the trial sessions.



- The Technical Director's decision in team allocation is final.
5. Do I need to attend more than one Parent Induction session?
    - You are encouraged to attend at least one session, but you are welcomed to attend more than one if you require further clarification.
  6. Can my child play up or down one age group?
    - All players must play in their age groups, unless permission is granted by the club's management committee.
  7. Can my child play with friends?
    - YES, in a team at the RECREATIONAL tier and subject to sufficient numbers.