



TUFC Non Comp U5-U11s FAQ

What Uniform Do I wear?

Match Day Socks available for sale at Rego Night or Team Allocation Night
Optional Training Socks are available for just \$5.

Official TUFC black shorts will be available before the season. We anticipate selling them at the Team Allocation night at a cost of \$20.

Shin Guards and any other optional gear can be purchased prior to Season kick off at Rebel or any other sport shop.

I've registered. What Now?

The next step is to attend the Non comp team allocation session for your player's age group held at Terrigal Primary School, Havenview Rd Terrigal

Tuesday 27th February
5pm – 6.15pm U5
6.30pm – 7.30pm U6

Wednesday 28th February
5pm – 6pm U7
6.15pm – 7.15pm U8

What happens at the Team Allocation Session?

If you are already part of a team, one parent player should attend with the coach and manager. This will be a very quick process; however, it's important that we have confirmation from each player that they are part of this team to avoid families committing to multiple teams.

If you are not part of a team, the TUFC committee will help form teams and establish who will coach the team. TUFC will also ask for a manager. Both of these volunteers will be required to apply for a (free) Working with Children Check and new coaches are highly encouraged to enrol in a (free) grassroots coaching course.

Whether Pre formed or formed on the night, the coach and manager then becomes your point of contact. Training days and venues will be negotiated amongst teams.

These sessions also represent an opportunity to purchase socks and shorts ahead of the season starting.

When does the Season Start?

The 2018 season starts immediately after Easter on the weekend of April 7. You will be notified by your coach or manager, however, you can also check on the Central Coast Football Website once the draw is released. It is important that coaches and managers check the draw every Friday in case of changes.

It's worth noting that school holidays do not mean no football. Keep an eye on the draw before planning to go away.

Where will my games be played?

Our home grounds for U5-U9 may be split between Duffys Oval and Terrigal High School. Check your draw upon its release in late March. Away grounds can be located on the Central Coast Football website.

We are super keen to train in Preseason. What are our options?

Central Coast Council generally handover our grounds 1 week before season starts meaning that you will need to find a small space until our grounds become available.

Where and when do we train?

Typically training will take place between Tuesday and Thursday depending on coach availability, team availability and ground availability. Once the season starts, teams training outside of TUFC venues **MUST** inform the club. Keep an eye on the website for info on days and grounds.

What do I need to know about referees?

All games in the U5-U9 grades will be refereed by a Junior Cadet who will be in some cases not much older than the players. It is imperative that all coaches and parents are encouraging and nurturing of these young people. If you run into any issues, a team representative should give feedback to the official table at Duffys (or at an away game if applicable). Under no circumstances should a coach or parent approach a referee. In the event that a referee can not be rostered on, it is the home team's responsibility to ref the game and we ask that a parent volunteer so that your coach can do their role without distraction.

I'm a New Coach or Manager, what do I need to know?

It is **really important** that if you are a **coach or manager**, you attend the Coaches and Manager's meetings when you can, particularly the first one for the season as lots of important information is given out during this meeting. (Held at Breakers Country Club before the season starts).

We will often hear of coaches and managers stating they didn't know about an important piece of info and more often than not it's those teams that don't attend our meetings.

It is also really important to notify the committee if someone else takes over these roles in your team. We can spend hours trying to track down the wrong people!

It's game day, what does my player need to wear?

When your team takes the field for the first time, they need to be in football boots with shin guards, black shorts (ideally with TUFC logo), orange socks and an orange or white playing shirt. The playing shirts come out of the team kit bag and must go back in at the end of the game and you all take turns to take **ALL the SHIRTS** together in the bag and wash them, dry and return to the kit. As the new gear steward, I thank you very much for doing this and taking such great care of them. They are **NOT** to be worn outside of the match.

If you have a home game, your child's game will be refereed by one of our junior cadets who are starting out on their refereeing career. We ask you to give them lots of encouragement. The small sided rules are very different to older age groups or from when you played as a child. If no referee available, a parent from the home team will be asked to referee the small sided game which is usually a unique and rather hilarious experience.

What can I do to help the Club?

You may have noticed some copies of highlighted excerpts from your registration contract. It requires that you be available for 1.5 hours of club duty which is allocated throughout the season to one duty (usually) per team (canteen, BBQ, official table, ground set up). While some will consider this particularly onerous or arduous or both, it is actually a great way to work alongside other parents in your child's team, meet some of the committee and be surprised at how much you enjoyed it.

Please be aware that children under 16 cannot come into the canteen.

Enjoy your season with TUFC.

Chris Reed (Gear Steward 2018).