

# NOMADS UNITED AFC

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## Players Registration, Trials & Selection Policy

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This policy applies to the trial and selection process for all Junior and Youth grades (U9-U19).

## **1. TRIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- 1.1. The trial dates and registration process will be set by the Football Department and advertised at least one month prior to trials commencing.
- 1.2. Registrations received after the registration cutoff date, including late registrations received by existing club members, will be put on a wait list, and will be contacted dependent upon the need for additional players in a specific age group to fill team numbers as determined by the Football department.
- 1.3. Players wishing to trial for the Nomads Academy teams must register their interest and be invited to attend the trials. The registration link for the Academy trials can be found under the programmes <academy tab on the website.
- 1.4. The club will do its best to place every registered player into a team for the season. However in some circumstances dependent on the number of registered players in a particular age-group it is not possible to place every registered player into a team.

## **2. REGISTRATION FEES**

- 2.1. Players must pay fees in full, as set out by the committee, or enter into a payment plan with the Treasurer to be eligible to be placed into a team. Team placement will begin the week following the trial period and priority will go to those who are registered by that date.
- 2.2. Players that enter into a payment plan must still make the agreed deposit payment within the registration period, to be eligible to be placed into a team.
- 2.3. Players who are unable to participate in trials due to injury/illness/absence must also meet the expectations set out in 2.1 and 2.2.
- 2.4. If a player cannot be placed in a team, their fees will be refunded in full.

## **3. INABILITY TO TRIAL INCLUDING DUE TO INJURY/ILLNESS**

- 3.1. Where a player is unable to attend trials due to injury/illness, their online registration and previous playing history may form the basis of their selection.
- 3.2. For players wishing to be selected into a 'competitive' team, a copy of a Medical Certificate must be supplied to the club prior to the completion of the last trial in order for selections to be made based on the player's previous playing history.
- 3.3. Players unable to participate in trials due to injury are expected to still attend trials (where appropriate).
- 3.4. For players wishing to be considered for a 'competitive' team, any non-attendance at trials must be notified to the Football department at [admin@nomadsafc.org](mailto:admin@nomadsafc.org) with as much notice as possible. Notification should not be provided through another player or parent.

#### **4. EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS/PARENTS DURING THE TRIAL PROCESS**

- 4.1. Players must arrive a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the start of their trial.
- 4.2. Players must sign in at the registration desk before being able to participate in trials.
- 4.3. All players are expected to take the trial process seriously and trial to the best of their ability at each trial.
- 4.4. Parents are to remain in the allocated parent area and must not coach players during the trials.
- 4.5. Parents should not approach selector's before/during/after the trial process to discuss anything related to the trials/team selection.
- 4.6. If a player has a concern during the trial process e.g. illness/injury/amount of playing time/position, they are to approach one of the selectors.
- 4.7. All players/parents must adhere to the 'Club expectations for players, coaches, referees and spectators' and must uphold the Nomads values. Failure to do so may result in the removal from the trial.

#### **5. SELECTION PANEL**

- 5.1. Our selectors are mostly volunteers who may not necessarily be coaching for the age-group they are selecting for.
- 5.2. All selectors must try to attend all trials unless injury, illness or prior arrangements precludes this.
- 5.3. Selectors are not permitted to discuss selection outcomes with players and parents during the selection process.
- 5.4. Selectors who have been appointed as a Coach in their age group shall judge all players objectively and not be influenced by the possible compilation of 'their' team.
- 5.5. No parent or family member may be involved in the selection of their own child or relative unless approved by the Football Department.

#### **6. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 6.1. The Selection Panels shall provide a fair and equitable selection process and take the following factors into account:
  - A). Performance at trials.
  - B). Team balance (according to positions played).
  - C). Does the player uphold the club values.
  - D). Previous playing history for Nomads.
- 6.2. Placement of players on the field during trials is the responsibility of the selectors. For the 1st trial, this is done randomly based on the positions players have nominated on their registration sheet where players shall be trialed against players of all calibre regardless of prior grading history. At subsequent trials, selectors may begin to put certain combinations on players together on the field.
- 6.3. The Club aims to have equal playing time at trials; however, if there is an overabundance of player's trialing for similar playing positions, the amount of playing time in your preferred position may be limited.
- 6.4. If there is a shortage of players nominating for certain positions, the selectors may ask a player to play out of position or seek nominations from players willing to fill the spot. This will not affect that player's selection in their preferred positions, but it may assist to show a player's ability to adapt to the changing needs of a team.
- 6.5. All selections will be ratified by the Football department and Junior/Youth convenor.

- 6.6. No player's grading is to be assumed as change in age, growth and ability may occur between seasons and a player's previous seasons grading does not guarantee selection in a particular grade the following season.
- 6.7. Whilst assessing all players, the Selectors shall judge the requirements of the Club, each team and ensure all field positions are filled in each team to ensure the flexibility to cover injury, illness or other irregular absences.
- 6.8. Should a player be unsuccessful at trials, their details will be kept on a 'waiting list' in case a vacancy in a suitable position becomes available.

## **7. SELECTION NOTIFICATION AND FEEDBACK**

- 7.1. Selections will be advertised on the club website.
- 7.2. There may be further player movement prior and during the season due to player acceptance, availability, performance etc.
- 7.3. If players/parents have a concern that the selection process was not undertaken in line with the Club's Selection Policy, these can be directed to the Football Department at [admin@nomadsafc.org](mailto:admin@nomadsafc.org) and may be dealt with prior to the finalization of teams.