

Launceston United Junior Soccer Club



Welcome to Season 2024

We're thrilled to welcome you to Launceston United and look forward to assisting your children in enjoying the world game. Below, we've compiled the following details to address frequently asked questions and provide you with essential information about the club.

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About Launceston United

The Launceston United Soccer Club was formed in 1958 with the club motto of *Esse Quam Videri* it is a Latin phrase meaning "To be, rather than to seem".

In 1989 the club merged with "Launceston Matric" under the name of "Launceston Soccer & Sports Club". Launceston Matric had been promoted to the Tasmanian State League. The club completed two seasons in the state competition before returning to the Northern Championship League. Launceston United then reverted to its original name in 2008 with its colours of royal blue and white.

In 2021 Launceston United entered the WSL Competition (Women's Statewide League) winning the league in 2022. In 2023 the Mens NPL team (National Premier League) returned to the state league.

The club is situated on Birch Avenue in Newstead and participates in the Tasmanian State League, including the NPL (National Premier League – Tas) and WSL (Women's Statewide League). In addition to the Men's Northern Championship and Women's Northern Championship, the club fields teams in Men's Northern Championship 1, Under 18's Northern Championship, and Under 16's Northern Championship. We also actively engage in the Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association competitions, catering to age groups from Under 5's to Under 16's.

At the heart of our values is a strong commitment to Junior and Youth development, with approximately 450 registered players actively involved in the local Northern Tasmania Junior Soccer Association (NTJSA). The competitions span from U5 to U16 age groups, and our U16 & U18 NC teams compete in the Northern Championship leagues.

Club Goals

- **Develop Champions of Character:** Cultivate well-rounded individuals with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship. Prioritise character development, fostering positive contributions to communities.
- **Foster a Culture of Inclusivity and Diversity:** Create a welcoming environment for players of all backgrounds, genders, and abilities. Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the club and soccer community.
- **Nurture a Love for the Game:** Instill a passion for soccer beyond playing years. Encourage continued involvement as coaches, referees, or supporters, leaving a lasting impact on future generations.
- **Create a safe and nurturing environment** for young players to learn and enjoy soccer.
- **Focus on age-appropriate training methods** that encourage skill acquisition and creativity.
- **Promote the values of teamwork, discipline, and dedication** from an early age.
- **Partner with local schools and communities** to reach out to aspiring young talents.

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Committee Members

President – Daniel Manshanden president@launcestonunited.club

Vice President, Seniors – Dale Rigby

Vice President, Juniors – Belinda Slater juniorpresident@launcestonunited.club

Secretary – Linette Venn secretary@launcestonunited.club

Committee Members –

Rhys, Morris, Bill Lowe, Chris Budgeon, Emily Duffy, Glenn Reading, Heather Reading, Jason Krushka, Greg Duffy, Kaleb Clark, Kim Alford, Simone Preece.

Communication

Our primary channels of communication will be through social media and email. We highly encourage players and parents to follow our Facebook pages, namely "Launceston United Junior Soccer Club" and "Launceston United SC", to stay updated.

Your team's coach will choose a preferred communication method for relaying information to players and/or parents. This could involve various platforms such as a social media, Teams App, email, or messages, depending on their preference.

Volunteering

Volunteers play a crucial role at Launceston United, undertaking various responsibilities within the club, such as committee members, coaches, team managers, and canteen operators, among others. There may come a time when we reach out to you or your team for support in fulfilling these roles. However, if you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please feel free to inform a committee member or send an email to info@launcestonunited.club Your assistance is greatly valued!

2024 Age Groups

Mixed Roster	
Born	Under
2019	5's
2018	6's
2017	7's
2016	8's
2015	9's
2014	10's
2013	12's
2012	12's
2011	14's
2010	14's
2009	17's
2008	17's
2007	17's

Girls Roster	
Born	Under
2019	5's
2018	6's
2017	7's
2016	8's
2015	9's
2014	10's
2013	12's
2012	12's
2011	14's
2010	14's
2009	17's
2008	17's
2007	17's

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How to Register

Registration will open on 3rd January. To register please visit [Junior Player Registration Form | Football \(playfootball.com.au\)](#)

Please get in touch with our committee through email at juniorpresident@launcestonunited.club if you experience any difficulty with the registration process.

Dual Registration

If your child is born in 2010 or before (turning 14 or older) and trying out for the U16 NC Team you may be required to register for both NTJSA and Northern Championship (seniors). Please wait until the conclusion of trials to register if you haven't already to ensure you select the right product when registering.

If your daughter is born in 2009 she may be eligible to be dual registered with the U17 NTJSA team and also the Northern Championship Women's team.

Season 2024 Registration Costs

The cost to register to play in 2024 is U5-U7 \$250, U8-U9 \$330, U10 to U16 \$350. This includes your strip (playing shorts and top), gate entry at all NTJSA games, gate entry at all NPL, WSL & NC home games.

Ticket to play vouchers of up to \$200 are available to Services Australia Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card or are in Out of Home Care. More information is available from <https://www.tickettoplay.tas.gov.au/> Families who are eligible for "Ticket to Play" Must register for this prior to completing registration.

Apparel

Playing Strip – Will be provided as part of your registration cost. These will be allocated once teams are finalised.

Blue football/soccer socks – These can be purchased from the club for \$15

Shin pads are a mandatory requirement for participating in any games and are highly recommended for safety during training sessions. You can purchase shin pads at SportsPower, ensure you mention you are a Launceston United Player to receive a discount.

Soccer/Football boots – These are compulsory to take the field to play and strongly recommended for training sessions.

Additional Apparel

Launceston United has a range of apparel options available to purchase from the club. These include hoodies, beanies, scarves, tracksuits and Umbrellas.

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Training

Teams in the U5-U10 age groups typically engage in one weekly training session, while those in the U12 and above age groups can train once or twice a week depending on the coach.

The Youth Development & SAP program offers additional training opportunities.

The coach, in collaboration with the club, will establish the training days, times, and frequency, with the finalised details communicated to players and parents.

Training Grounds

Training is held at our home grounds – 31 Birch Avenue, Newstead.

Game Day

Northern Tasmania Junior Soccer Association (NTJSA) games take place at Churchill Park, situated at the end of Churchill Park Drive in Invermay. Churchill Park offers amenities such as parking, a canteen, toilets, and changeroom facilities. Additionally, a coffee van is in operation on Saturdays.

Season Commencement

The roster has not yet been finalised but is currently scheduled to commence at the beginning of April. We will release more information once this has been confirmed by NTJSA. Games are played each weekend with some older ages playing Friday evenings, this will likely be U16 Boys and U17 Girls, but also potentially Div 1 U14 teams and U14 Girls teams and the remainder of teams play on Saturday. Games can start as early as 8.00am through to the mid-afternoon.

Teams

As the season's commencement approaches, the committee will gain a clearer understanding of the number of players and teams needed. Subsequently, efforts will be made to assign your child to an age-appropriate team. While we will strive to accommodate requests for friends to play together, it's important to note that this cannot be guaranteed. Information about your child's school and friends can be added during the registration process.

Coaches

The club relies on volunteers to take on the role of coach for teams playing in the NTJSA. Coaching is very rewarding, and we will aim to support coaches as much as possible through training and resources. Whilst previous experience in coaching or playing soccer is helpful, it is not necessary, particularly for younger age groups. It is mandatory that all coaches and team managers have a current working with vulnerable people permit and to register as a coach/team manager on the play football system. Apply for a WWVP permit here [Apply for registration to work with vulnerable people \(cbos.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au)

[Non-Player Registrations | Football \(playfootball.com.au\)](https://www.playfootball.com.au)

Please provide your receipt to the club for a reimbursement of the fee.

A coaches meeting will be held at the Launceston United Club Rooms on Monday 5th February commencing at 6.30pm.

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Youth Development Program

Our Youth Development program is for U13 – U16 year old boys & girls and will be conducted on a Monday night by our Technical Director with assistance from the NPL & WSL team members. This will consist of 4 x 6 week blocks at a cost of \$40 per block, please register on the online jotform.

Block 1 – 15th January -19th February. <https://forms.gle/tkcah32uqvHjF1jE9>

Block 2 – 4th March – 8th April. <https://forms.gle/Gm7oUubwQrg3pKUz6>

Block 3 – 13th May – 24th June. <https://forms.gle/2upTQu6ZS6yWuJNK9>

Block 4 – 29th July – 2nd September. <https://forms.gle/ZamwHA2zcKffnrA28>

U13-U16 years – Mondays, 5.30 – 6.30pm.

The focus of this is on creating an environment that caters for footballers who are driven with ambition to develop their football ability.

Lions Skills Acquisition Phase (SAP)

Our Junior Development program is for those boys & girls born 2012 - 2015 and will be conducted on a Monday night by our Technical Director with assistance from the NPL & WSL team members. This will consist of 4 x 6 week blocks at a cost of \$40 per block, please register on the online jotform.

Block 1 – 15th January -19th February. <https://forms.gle/2ZJKsGaiDk7RjcHo6>

Block 2 – 4th March – 8th April. <https://forms.gle/RLD1ELzEPiCsxVQq9>

Block 3 – 13th May – 24th June. <https://forms.gle/UJP97wdhDwrTvJe89>

Block 4 – 29th July – 2nd September. <https://forms.gle/UWVZJ5CzyKu63EK78>

U9-U12 years – Mondays, 4.15 – 5.15pm.

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Division One Trials

U16 Northern Championship:

Saturday 13th January 10.00am – 12.30pm

<https://forms.gle/UipN1dbiZSfQqSep8>

U14 – Will be held over 4 nights 5.15 – 6.15pm (Born 2010 & 2011)

Tues 6th & Thu 8th February &

Tues 13th & Thu 15th February

U12 - Will be held over 4 nights 4.00 – 5.00pm (Born 2012 & 2013)

Tues 6th & Thu 8th February &

Tues 13th & Thu 15th February

U10 - Will be held over 2 nights 4.00 – 5.00pm

Tues 6th & Thu 8th February

Key Dates

January Holiday Clinic, U8 – U14

The holiday clinics are a great opportunity to learn new skills, stay active and have fun with friends, plus prizes to be won! \$40 per day (Sausages, fruit & icy poles included).

Register by completing the online jotform <https://forms.gle/18JpwjYetxLy3bex5>

Tuesday 30th January 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 31st January 10am - 2pm

Registration and Come & Try Days

Not sure if soccer is something your child will enjoy?

Come along and see!

These sessions are designed to give your child a chance to try a few drills and fun games, like a typical training session, before registering to play for the upcoming season.

For anyone that is struggling with the registration process we will have people available at these times to assist you.

Saturday 10th February

U5 - U9, 10am-11am

U10 - U16, 11-12am

Wednesday 14th February

U5 - U9, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

U10 – U16, 5.30-6.30pm

The sessions are free of charge, however, to allow us to plan appropriately please register on the jotform <https://forms.gle/7tYFqMkqYJuauQ8m6>

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Key Dates Continued...

March – Registration's Close

April 5th & 6th – Season Commences

September – Season Concludes

School Holiday Programs –

Club Technical director and WSL & NPL team members will be assisting with running these days.

10am – 2.00pm, \$40 per day (Sausages, fruit & icy poles included).

Wednesday 17th & 24th April

Wednesday 10th & 17th July

Wednesday 2nd & 9th October.

Tournament Dates

Our division one teams are expected to enter the following tournaments throughout the year.

Devonport SAP Carnival (U10-U12) – February 24th & 25th

Devonport Cup, 7th - 9th June

Hobart Cup, 30th Aug – 1st Sept

Launceston Cup, 27th – 29th September

Female Pathway

Project Outcomes

- To provide female players with age-related training in line with the national curriculum to develop their skills and understanding of the game to play pro-active football.
- To provide coaches with the education, experience and training to support the development of female players at Launceston United.
- To provide a safe environment with appropriate training facilities, equipment and resources to support the development of female players at Launceston United.
- To provide the next generation of female players with a pathway to senior soccer and beyond.

Sessions are coached by qualified and experienced coaches and members from the WSL and senior women's team.

Summer sessions:

U9 - U16

7th of December 4.30 - 5.45pm

18th January 4.00 - 5.25pm

Churchill Park, Invermay.

Female Only Mini Holiday Clinic

U6 - U8 and U9 - U16 4.30 - 6.30pm

Monday 29th of January,

Birch Avenue, Newstead.

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Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators are expected to adhere to the “FFA Code of Conduct” and “NTJSA spectator code of behavior”. These can be found at the links below.

Code of Conduct • NTJSA

[Microsoft Word - Spectator Code of Behaviour.doc - pdfMachine from Broadgun Software, http://pdfmachine.com, a great PDF writer utility! \(footballeustralia.com.au\)](#)

Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)

Our Member Protection Information Officer (**MPIO**) is the first point of contact for person/s with member protection or child protection enquiries or complaints. The MPIO can provide information about the options available depending on the type of concern. The MPIO is impartial and generally will not mediate or investigate complaints.

Our Member Protection Information Officer is: Chris Budgeon.

Contact: 0408 134 751

Child Safety Officer

Launceston United aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all members participating in football. Everyone involved in our club should be treated with respect and dignity and be free to participate without being discriminated against, harassed, bullied, or abused. Our Child Safety Officer is the first point of contact for person/s with any enquiries or complaints.

Our Child Safety Officer is: Simone Preece.

Contact: 0407 026 545

Further Information

If you have any further questions or would like additional information, please email:

info@launcestonunited.club

Juniors receive free entry to all NPL games at Birch Avenue.