

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PLAYING IN UNDER 10 COMPETITIONS



For those with older siblings this information isn't new but for others, Majura FC wants to ensure you all know the changes that occur once you reach Under 10s.

For Majura players in Pee Wees to Under 9s all games are held at Dickson Playing Fields. The competitions are intra-club and organised by Majura FC. Although we have teams from other clubs sometimes joining in, most teams are Majura club teams. In Under 10s the competition becomes inter-club run by our state federation, Capital Football. Teams play other clubs in the Canberra region and are required to travel to other club grounds.

## Do we play home and away games?

Yes, from U10 upwards all competitions play home and away games. Sometimes the competitions are split roughly north/south so that you generally don't have to travel too far. However, if there are a lot of teams in a competition then there is no round robin format and each team may just play each other once. Usually at least half of your teams 16 games will be played at Dickson.

## Does the game change in U10 competitions?

Yes, there are several changes to the game format in U10 that are designed to assist the progression to full sided games (which happens from U12 onwards). They include:

- The sides are 9v9 so approximately 12 players will be placed in each team
- The field is half a full field approximately 40 x 60m
- The ball is slightly larger, size 4
- The goal is bigger, 5 x 2m

The competition is still played under the Miniroos small sided games format. It is a non-competitive competition which means there are no scores recorded and therefore no ladder or finals.

## What time are the games?

The U10 games are played at 11.30am every Saturday throughout the season. The halves are 25 minutes each, with a 5-minute half time break.

## Are players graded in Under 10?

Players are graded in U10s but only if they want to be. The focus of this age group is on fun, participation and skill acquisition. The competition is divided into three levels which are coloured coded rather than numbered. This is part of the non-competitive format which Capital Football has adopted. The red division (division 1 equivalent) is for players that have the highest skill levels and are talented players. The white and green divisions (division 2) are for players who have good skill levels and are developing as players. The blue and yellow divisions (division 3) are for players who are keen to participate, play with friends and learn more about playing football.

All Majura players can decide whether they want to be graded in a trial process or whether they just want to play with friends. If you have a team of friends that want to play together then Majura will

grade the team either into a white/green division or a blue/yellow division. If you want to be in the red division then you will need to trial.

### **What happens if your child decides to trial?**

You will receive a newsletter with registration and trial information in late January. If you don't receive our newsletter then it is important to check the Majura website and Facebook page for information. In late February/early March each year players attend trials held at Dickson which are run by the club. At the trials players will participate in some skills based activities and mini games while being observed by selectors. You will need to be registered before you can trial. More information about grading and the trialling process can be found on the Majura website.

If you elect to trial, then it is very important that you and your child understand they may not be in a team with friends. Your child will be placed in a team with players graded of a similar skill and ability. You cannot elect after grading to change teams. If being with friends is more important to your child than playing in a graded team, then they should not trial. You can nominate friends when registering so that Majura can ensure they are placed in a team with friends. You should check that any friends you nominate are not trialling.

If your child is placed in a red division (div 1) team then they will be expected to train twice per week. This is another factor you should consider when deciding whether to trial or not. We understand that families have full schedules, but it is also important for talented players to train more than once a week to ensure their development as a football player.

### **I have more questions?**

We hope this has answered most of your questions about the move to U10 and the grading process but if not please email any further questions to [info@majurafc.org.au](mailto:info@majurafc.org.au)