

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## MAJURA FC JUNIOR TRIALS



### When are Majura Junior trials?

After registration and before the season begins (usually mid-February), Majura FC conducts trials for those junior players who wish to be graded into the stronger divisions (usually Division 1 or 2 teams). Trials for U18 and senior teams are only conducted if required as players are assessed, or teams are graded at preseason training. Trials for premier league teams are conducted following the winter season (usually in October-November).

In 2021, trials will be held on the following dates and times at **Dickson Playing Fields**:

#### Monday 15 and 22 February

U15 Open and U16 Open - 5.30-7.00pm

U14 Girls and U16 Girls - 5.30-7.00pm

Goalkeeper Trials U10, U11, U12 - 5.30-6.30pm

Goalkeeper Trials U13, U14, U15, U16 - 6.45 - 7.45pm

#### Wednesday 17 and 24 February

U11 Open - 5.30-6.30pm

U11 Girls - 5.30-6.30pm

U12 Open - 6.45-7.45pm

U12 Girls - 6.45-7.45pm

#### Friday 19 and 26 February

U10 Girls - 5.30-6.30pm

U10 Open - 5.30-6.30pm

U13 Open - 6.45-7.45pm

U14 Open - 6.45-7.45pm

### What do I need for trials?

You need to be registered and paid with Majura FC to trial. You need to arrive at least 15 minutes before your trial is due to start. This will allow time for you to have your name ticked off with your Age Group Coordinator (AGC) and your trial number to be allocated. Please tell your AGC if you have any injury, illness or issue with attending both trials. Also, let your AGC know if you have any issues which may affect your performance at trials. Everyone gets nervous but some players can become extremely anxious and agitated and require some extra support.

You need to wear comfortable clothes. You must have shin pads as you can't trial without them. You should bring plenty of water as it is a hot time of year. You should come with a positive attitude and be ready to focus on doing your best.

### Do I need to attend both trial days?

Yes, it is highly recommended that you attend both trials scheduled. The first trial will normally be an assessment of your ball skills and the second trial will be an assessment of your game skills. At the end of the second trial you will be informed if any extra trials are required. Please let your AGC know if you cannot attend both trials. If you are sick and cannot attend a trial, then let the AGC know.

### Can I trial up an age?

Yes, however Majura FC recommends that all players trial and play in their own age group. In line with Capital Football's Junior League Competition Rules, players may trial in an age group up to two (2) chronological years above his/her actual age group. Girls playing in open or mixed gender teams may trial for a team in an age group that is one chronological year below their actual age group.

If a player decides to trial in a higher age group, they should let the Age Group Coordinator know when they attend trials. If a player trials in a higher age group, they should not assume they will be graded in the higher age group and should also attend the grading for their own age group. Majura has a grading policy which will apply for all trials and grading which is on the Majura website [here](#).

## What will happen at the trials?

Players will be assessed on individual skill sessions and game play. These sessions will be run by Coerver Coaching and players will be assessed by at least 2 Majura appointed selectors (not by Coerver Coaches). To assist players and parents here is a list of criteria selectors will be looking at:

- ✓ Striking the ball. Includes all forms of striking such as short/long passing; shooting and crossing.
- ✓ First touch. Controlling the ball with all allowed body parts.
- ✓ 1 v 1. All moves, feints and accelerations to get past and away from an opponent.
- ✓ Running with the ball, at speed with space or dribbling in tight areas. This includes techniques for protecting the ball and changing direction.
- ✓ Game understanding and awareness of what's around them; space and support.
- ✓ Attitude; willingness to train and learn.

Majura selectors will assess these skills individually and in different game formats.

## Is there anything I can do to prepare for the trials?

**Dribbling:** Simply get some cones or markers out and work left and right feet, inside and out, around the markers. Take it slow and you'll improve quickly.

**Passing:** Passing the ball against a wall with the inside of your foot, right foot and left foot. Choose a nice close distance; say 5m, less if you are still improving and simply pass the ball continuously against a wall. Keep a record for each foot and see if you can beat it.

**Juggling:** Use a ball and kick and bounce, kick and bounce off the foot or any allowed part of the body (head, knee, chest). For advanced jugglers, simply practice doing as many as you can. Juggling is great for skill development, ball tracking, co-ordination and balance.

**Play:** Get together with friends and play some games, 3v3 or 5v5. No coaching, just play.

## When will I know what team I'm in?

You will be notified by email by March 19 at the latest if you have made the division 1 or 2 team. For privacy reasons, teams will not be placed on the Majura website. The email you receive will list your team and if known, it will also list your coach and manager. Any queries you have about your team should be directed to your Age Group Coordinator in the first instance.

## When will I start training?

Your coach will decide when to start training, but it is likely to start early April. Dickson Playing Fields are booked by Majura for all weeknights in the season from 5.00 -7.00pm (they can be booked earlier if required). Tuesdays and Thursdays are normally reserved for our U/12 – 18 age groups. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are for our U/7 – U/11 age groups. If you make a Division 1 team, then Majura FC expects players to attend training two nights per week and be available for all games in season (barring injury or illness).

## When do games start?

There will be a four-week preseason run by Capital Football this year starting on Saturday 24 April. These preseason games will help to ensure teams are placed in the right competitions and divisions. The Junior League competition follows preseason starting on Saturday 22 May 2021.

## More Questions?

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