



Junior FAQ's - 2026

How do I register for the season

Go to www.northernroversfc.org.nz and click on the registration tab to complete the registration form page

Who can I speak to if I have a question about registrations

Please email office@northernroversfc.org.nz

When do registrations close

Registrations will close on the 31st of March 2026

What happens if I want to register after registrations have closed

Please contact office@northernroversfc.org.nz to be added to a waitlist and as soon as we have enough to make another team you will be notified.

Is there a discount for registering multiple family members

Yes we do have a discount, click [here](#) to view our policy

Can my child play in the same team as last year

Yes, please state at time of registration the name of the team previously registered to. Please note if other members of that team have requested to join another team or put forward for selection into a competitive team, this may change the lineup of that team.

Can my child play with their friends

Yes, please state at time of registration the name of the friends your child wishes to play with. Please note if these friends request to join a competitive team, team selections will be based on individual abilities and at the sole discretion of the Director of Football.

How can I ensure my child is in the same team as their friends

Please state at time of registration the name of the friends your child wants to play with. Please note if these friends request to join a competitive team, team selections will be based on individual abilities and at the sole discretion of the Director of Football

Can my child select competitive or social football

Yes, at time of registration please select Competitive or Social

How are teams selected/assigned

Children choosing to select competitive football are automatically registered for the PAC sessions. During the months of February and March they must attend a minimum of 4 sessions to be assessed by the NRFC coaching team who will then place the child in an appropriate team. Consideration will be given to put kids from similar schools together where possible.

When are trials/ID sessions

Trials/ID sessions are replaced by the selection of competitive or social pathways at the time of registration. During the month of February and March the competitive pathway will attend PAC sessions which will allow NRFC based coaches to assess team/squad creations.

What happens if my child can't make a trial/ID session

If your child cannot attend the minimum number of trials this may impact the final selection from the coaches however please email (Boys) dof@northernroversfc.org.nz or (Girls) wdof@northernroversfc.org.nz with your situation.

I believe my child is good enough to play up an age group what is your policy and how do I go about making this happen

NRFC's policy is for all children to play within their age group. If they are exceptional and are dominating the grade our DOF may look to adjust however this is at the discretion of the DOF only and in general 99% of children play in their own grade.

If my child prefers to play social but would still like to attend the PAC session can they

Yes they can, a per term fee of \$100 + GST will apply

What time will the PAC sessions be and where are they

These will be held at Becroft Park on Monday evenings, G9 & 10 from 4.14 - 5.15pm and G11 & 12 from 5.30 - 6.30pm

When does the season start

Saturday 2nd May

When does the season finish

First week in September

Do we play during school holidays

Games will be held during the first and last weekend of the school holidays, you will not have a game in the middle weekend. Do we play on long weekends (Kings Birthday & Matariki) No. In 2026 NRF have advised there will be no Junior community games held on Kings Birthday and Matariki weekends.

Are there any grading games

The competition is run by the Northern Football Federation and their staff are consistently working to ensure challenge points are at a similar level

When is prize giving

Prize giving will be within 2 weeks of the season end

What is the process for training or game cancellations due to bad weather

NRFC will notify via the NRFC app any cancellations. For training days this will be made no later than 2pm and games days will be made as soon as we hear from NRF. Please note, this is a winter sport and we will do all we can to keep everyone on the field.

What if my child is not good enough for competitive but wants to develop for a chance next year

There are 2 options here, you can register as competitive and within the competitive pathway players will be placed in a weekend team with similar abilities. Option 2 is to register as a social player as well as the per term PAC sessions for \$100 per term, this will give your child a sample of the PAC sessions

What is PAC

PAC is our Pre-Academy for Juniors before they enter our Youth program. All players develop at different rates, so at Northern Rovers FC we want to give every child the opportunity to receive coaching from our qualified coaches. It is a proven fact, to get better at football, you need time, time with the ball at your feet as much as possible and to continue to enjoy the game. The fundamentals of PAC are to nurture these and provide players skills to continue their football development.

If my child wants to do the Social Pathway do we need to come to ID sessions in February and March

No, you can wait until the Social Muster day in March to come along and teams will be formed here. Some teams may be formed earlier due to a group of friends wanting to form their own team.

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What uniform is required to play

All players are required to purchase the official club playing shirt, shorts and socks. In addition to this all players must wear shin pads and boots. Second hand shirts will be available for a \$20 donation with dates for these sales to be confirmed by the end of January.

My child plays Goal Keeper, do we need to purchase a GK shirt?

No, the club will provide GK shirts in each teams kit bag and must be returned at the end of the season