



# Albany United Football Development Team Trials

## Information for parents and players

**Location:** Rosedale Park, field 5 & 6 (down the bottom), Jack Hinton Drive, Albany

(Please note they will NOT be at Albany Senior High School which was previously advertised as our back up location)

**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 5 and 12. Players to attend both sessions

**Times: Grades 9 to 12:** 4.30-6:00pm. Players to arrive at 4.15 pm for warmup

**Grades 15 and 17:** 6.30-8.00pm. Players to arrive at 6.15 pm for warmup

**Bring:** Wear any football kit, with boots and shin pads. Bring a water bottle.

**Information tent on site - please sign in on arrival to receive your player number**

## Goal of the trials and the development teams:

- Trials are for players wishing to be considered for our Development teams. These are our top teams in each grade who will compete in the A/B divisions in grades 9-12 and in the Conference and Metro divisions for grades 13-17.
- Successful players will demonstrate a level of skill and commitment to the game which will sustain them throughout the season in these higher divisions. The club will equip those players with the opportunity to develop and succeed through high-quality direction from qualified coaches.
- Development team players will be encouraged to take part in the club's skills centre.
- The trials will be in the form of skills exercises and small-sided or full-team games. Players will be assessed by club coaches and representatives.
- Please be aware there are limited spaces per team, as we only have one Development Team per grade.
- Development teams will be selected, and announced on our website "Development Team Information" page by Friday February 21. Players who are not selected will be allocated to other teams by mid-March.

## Players - what we're looking for:

**Technical ability:** Does the player show good passing, dribbling, running with the ball, shooting, tackling, shooting techniques at various stages of the practice/game.

**Decision making:** Does the player make good decisions in relation to the technical and skill components at various stages of the practice/game?

**Attitude:** Does the player lead by their actions, turning up on time, working hard throughout the session, encouraging others, competing for the ball, and continuing to want the ball at the various stages of practice/game?

**Coachability:** Does the player listen to instruction and direction in a positive way and show a willingness to learn and improve?

**Parents** - Please stand back and stay off the trial area. Please don't coach your children during the trial. We want to see what your kids know not what you know. Relax and enjoy the football. Feel free to ask our committee/grade representatives at the administration tent any questions.