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Commitment Required

Following a challenging but successful 2026 season, Camden Falcons Football Club is proud to compete in the Macarthur Youth League and M-League in 2027.

Our Macarthur Youth League (MYL) teams are the Club's Division 1 teams, representing Camden Falcons in a competitive football environment. Selection carries a responsibility beyond performance on the field: players are expected to uphold the Club's values, demonstrate respect for teammates, coaches, match officials and opponents, and show commitment, sportsmanship and accountability in both training and matches. Players and parents/guardians share a responsibility to represent the Club positively, support the team and contribute to an environment that reflects the standards expected of Camden Falcons.

Players and Parents/guardians of players in these age groups should understand the process outlined in the Camden Falcons Football Club Grading Policy, Version 3.0 – August 2026, and consider each player's ability, experience, and willingness to participate in a more competitive football environment.

Players selected for the team will be expected to:

- Attend two training sessions per week, except when unwell or absent for a reasonable cause.
- Participate in pre-season training, which may commence before the competition season.
- Demonstrate a consistent commitment to training and team development.

Player Assessment and Selection

Players trialling for the Club's Macarthur Youth League (MYL) Division 1 teams will be assessed by the Camden Falcons Grading Committee in accordance with the Camden Falcons Football Club Grading Policy, Version 3.0 – August 2026. Assessment will consider technical skills, decision-making, positional understanding and the ability to apply these skills in game situations. Equal importance will be placed on effort, attitude, teamwork, responsiveness to coaching and demonstrated respect for others, reflecting the responsibility of MYL players to uphold the Club's values.

The Club may conduct multiple trial sessions to assess players across skill activities and game-based play. Selection will consider each player's suitability for Division 1 competition, willingness to meet the training and match commitments, and the balance of positions required

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to form a competitive team. Players are expected to demonstrate their commitment and conduct throughout the trial process; participation in trials does not guarantee selection.

Following the trial process, the Club will aim to communicate selection outcomes to each family as soon as practicable.

Potential Questions and answers

1. Is my child ready to trial for an MYL Division 1 team?

When considering MYL Division 1 trials, it helps to talk with your child about whether they enjoy competitive football and feel ready for the team's training and match commitments. Their skills, confidence and willingness to learn are important considerations.

Players trialling for MYL Division 1 are generally expected to have several years of football experience and/or have previously played at a higher competitive level. For players still building that experience, the Club's Division 2 and lower teams offer a valuable opportunity to develop their skills, confidence and understanding of the game before trialling for Division 1. Every player develops at their own pace, and this pathway allows them to work towards MYL when they are ready. Selection follows the Club's Grading Policy and considers technical skills and game understanding alongside effort, attitude, teamwork, responsiveness to coaching and respect for others. Experience alone does not guarantee selection.

2. How are MYL teams selected, and can my child stay with friends or last year's team?

We understand how much playing with friends and familiar teammates means to your child. The Grading Committee selects MYL teams under the Club's Grading Policy, based on trial assessments and the positions needed. Friendships and previous team membership cannot guarantee selection or placement together.

If your child is not selected, they remain a valued member of the Falcons. Preferred team placements will be considered where possible, subject to registration numbers, team capacity, preferences and applicable MFA classifications. Our aim is for every player to feel welcome and enjoy their football, whichever team they join.

3. What commitments are expected, and how will absences or playing-time concerns be managed?

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MYL players are expected to attend two training sessions per week, participate in pre-season preparation and commit to matches, except when unwell or absent for a reasonable cause. Families should raise known scheduling conflicts with the Club before accepting a position and communicate absences promptly.

Consistent attendance supports development and team preparation, and weekly training attendance may be considered in match selections. Families should clarify match-selection and playing-time expectations with the Club before accepting an offer, rather than assume that MYL selection guarantees equal playing time.

Players and parents/guardians are expected to uphold Club values, respect coaches, officials and opponents, and support a positive team environment. Concerns about commitments, selection or playing time should be raised respectfully with the Technical Director (TD) or Club through the appropriate communication channels.

4. When will we receive the trial outcome, and what if we have questions about the decision?

The Club will aim to communicate outcomes as soon as practicable after the trial process. To reduce pressure on players and families, parents/guardians may choose to receive their child's outcome by email or text message.

Families offered an MYL position must respond within 12 hours to confirm acceptance. Before accepting, parents/guardians should ensure their child understands the Division 1 commitments and wishes to take up the position. Any difficulty meeting the response deadline should be raised with the Club promptly.