

# PCFC TDP



Youth Talent Development Programme

**2025**  
**INFO PACK**

\*Provisional TDP status (Trial Year)



# WHAT IS A TDP?

**Led by New Zealand Football**, The New Zealand Football Talent Development Programme (TDP) provides an aligned, co-ordinated approach to the development of high potential youth footballers, aged 13-19 years. The programme outlines the standards that clubs must meet as a part of gaining a New Zealand Football Regional Youth League Club License. Its main aim is to provide a challenging, structured programme for players, in an enjoyable environment that maximises player development.

**The programme, for players aged 13 to 17, is run by clubs around the country, aligned with New Zealand Football, and has three core objectives:**

- 1 – Produce better footballers in Aotearoa New Zealand by increasing the number and quality of training opportunities**
- 2 – Provide clear training guidelines based on international best practice for youth footballers who are showing potential to play at a higher level**
- 3 – Create a clear aspiration pathway for youth footballers in Aotearoa New Zealand.**

**[Learn more by visiting New Zealand Footballs Website](#)**

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Papakura City FC will hold a provisional TDP license in 2025, which is part of the process of gaining a full TDP license in 2026. Gaining a TDP license will be a first for any South Auckland Football club and will mean South Auckland players can stay, grow, develop and compete locally in their home area.

Once the club achieves a full TDP license, Papakura teams will be welcomed to enter the Youth NRFL competitions (The highest tier of Youth Competitions), which currently feature not South Auckland teams due to TDP licensing requirements.

There is a range of requirements, such as the number of teams, coach qualifications, admin support and expected facilities, which Papakura City FC and Papakura are best situated to provide for all of South Auckland to use.



# SOUTH AUCKLAND'S 1ST TDP

- 4 CONTACTS A WEEK, 3 TRAININGS + 1 GAME
- TALENT DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY TO NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMMES, PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTS AND LIFE LONG PARTICIPATION IN THE GAME

South Auckland needs a TDP for all. One that will allow South Auckland Players to stay, develop, grow and go on to represent their community in future aspirations.

A TDP for all of South Auckland will be our approach. Working with all local clubs, we want to make sure South Auckland has a place within the New Zealand football talent framework. South Auckland Youth players will be proud of where they come from, have high aspirations, achieve in football and life and when ready be proud to return and giveback to their home club.



# WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

- 7 GRASS FIELDS, (4 WITH TRAINING LIGHTS)
- FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP UPGRADED CLUB ROOMS & CHANGING ROOMS
- WORLD CLASS INDOOR FACILITY, BRUCE PULMAN ARENA

With 7 grass fields and four lit, Mclennan Park and Papakura have some of, if not the best facilities football in New Zealand could provide for a training base. Not to mention the newly refurbished clubrooms and the world-class Bruce Pulman park/arena next door.



# FUTSAL

The TDP will take a unique approach by incorporating futsal, a fast-paced indoor game that maximizes ball touches and meaningful interactions. This format builds players' confidence in tight spaces and develops technical skills that seamlessly enhance their performance on the 11-a-side field, shaping them into well-rounded footballers.

# KEY DATES

- INFO NIGHT - DECEMBER 13TH, 7.10PM
- OPEN ID SESSIONS - JANUARY
- FIRST TDP TEAM TRAINING - EARLY FEB
- TDP PROGRAMME RUNS - TERM 1, 2 & 3





# THE TDP

## GOALS

Create a holistic environment that supports and challenges youth players to grow, empowering them to reach their highest potential and lifelong participation in the game.

Producing youth players capable of transitioning to our U23s, Senior Premier teams and beyond into national team programmes and professional environments.

Instil strong leadership qualities and core values that reflect and uphold the spirit and identity of the club within players.

## SELECTION

Player Selection will done via prior knowledge and history of players alongside OPEN ID TRAINING SESSIONS in January 2025.

**THURSDAY**  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

THU - 16 January  
THU - 23 January  
THU - 30 January

**SUNDAY**  
Times (TBC)

SUN - 19 January  
SUN - 26 January  
SUN - 02 February

## KEY STAFF



**Tahiri Elikana**  
Director of Football

A Cook Island international with a wealth of coaching qualifications and charisma to boot. Tahiri as DOF will oversee the programme, support and educate coaches while leading the development of our Goalkeepers.



**Marvin Eakins**  
General Manager

Fresh from leading NZ's first-ever FIFA Futsal World Cup campaign, Marvin will be leading and supporting the programme with his extensive knowledge of the Kiwi football/futsal landscape.



**Stephen Ashby**  
Technical Director

As a key member of the Futsal Whites squad that competed at the FIFA Futsal World Cup in 2024, Stephen will be a key contact and inspiration for players while supporting coaches and leading the Futsal component.

## TRAINING

- **3 Training sessions per week // 30 Week schedule**

Sessions follow a structured curriculum aimed at developing players through the key phases of the game – **Attack, Defense, and Transition** – all grounded in our core playing philosophy.

**Futsal** will be utilised once per week to encourage the development of on-the-ball skills, quick decision-making and composure under pressure while providing an additional future pathway for players.

To further develop players within the club, additional players may be invited to attend TDP trainings

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**HAVE A QUESTION?**

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**PROVISIONAL COSTS:**

PCFC YOUTH FEE - \$215

TERM 1 - \$395 + TERM 2 - \$395 + TERM 3 - \$395

TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMME FEE = \$1,400

**PAYMENT:**

Direct Debit payment plans will be available