2024 Development Squad Information

Purpose

The purpose of the NEFC Development Squads is to (facilitate the development of talented community players), enabling them to reach their full potential within their local community club.

Selection

- Players are required to attend the club's preseason grading, which consists of 3 sessions held throughout February
- Players graded into the club's top division team in mixed from U8 to U12 and Female U9 to U12 will be invited to join the development squad. Please note that the "club's top division team" does not automatically mean "Division 1")
- This top division team play in the regular NWSF winter competition
- If all players from this team accept their place in the development squad, including the commitment and cost, they will train as one development squad
- In the instance where the whole team does not agree to participate in the development squad program, individual players can still take part in the program but may be combined with another team or age group. These places will be offered at the club's discretion.

The clubs preference is ALL players in the top team accept development squad places however declining will not affect their place in the team if not everyone accepts.

<u>Training</u>

- Development Squads train twice per week, once as part of the Development Squad program and once as regular team training.
- Training on Development Squad Night is run by a Parent coach and Senior Kano Coach
- Development Squad Sessions run for 20 weeks
- Opportunity for cross association games instead of training on certain nights

Program Cost

The cost to participate in the 2024 Development Squads has been split as below

Training Only - \$150

- Entry into suitable external competition
- 20 Weeks training.
- Trial matches and any costs associated with extra games (referee costs etc.)

Kit Option - \$275

- As Training Only option
- NEFC Development Squad kit (valued at \$150) including Nike Drill Top, Nike Bag and Alternate Strip to be worn to all DS Training and DS Games (the normal Normanhurst Strip is still worn as part of the Saturday Games).

Note - Teams who nominate a 2nd night of Kano training will be required to pay the full amount as the club discount has been applied to the development squad night