



KINGBOROUGH LIONS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY



Junior players at Kingborough Lions United Football Club are the true grass roots of the club. The club fields teams in all divisions from Under 6's to Under 12's (**22 in 2012**) in the Central Region Junior Soccer Association after which they can then progress onto the clubs youth system.

The club firmly believes in this and it is the essence of the club philosophy for junior players;

- Fun
- Friends
- Football Development



The club prides itself on its junior participation and how the players represent the club in such good spirit. It is glowing endorsement of our junior program that our current club captain and the majority of our senior playing group began their playing careers at the club at the junior level





The club has formed close links with all of the 6 major primary schools in the Kingborough municipality, including Kingston Primary School, Illawarra Primary School, Blackmans Bay Primary School. These schools also assist with providing the club with extra training grounds to cope with the large number of junior teams. The club currently operates at maximum capacity with over 220 Junior players (including over 40 girls). The club also assisted St Aloysius Primary, Margate Primary and Woodbridge Primary in establishing their own primary school player pathways.

The club follows the FFA pathways for Junior players and ensures that coaches are given ample opportunity to develop the skills required and obtain appropriate Grassroots and above coaching qualifications.

Extra skills sessions have also been a part of the club's Junior Development policy with this open to all players at appropriate age levels. This has been the culmination of an intra club examination to look at what skills are required by young players to make the step into the next grade and to help them improve understanding and technical ability. These are overseen by experienced coaches with an understanding of the frameworks required by FFA.

