



Cashmere Technical's Junior Competition 2026



Centennial Park, Spreydon

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Welcome to Cashmere Technicals Junior Competition for 2026!

We're back for another fun season of football at Centennial Park, and we can't wait to welcome both new and returning players to the sidelines.

The goal of our Centennial Park Junior Competition is simple - fun with friends while building confidence through movement and play by developing core movement skills and basic football ability for children aged 4–9. Sessions are designed to be positive, inclusive, and age-appropriate, helping young players learn through games in a supportive team environment.

Our competition aligns with NZ Football's updated 2026 [Whole of Football 2.0 framework](#) (WoF2), which is designed to create the best possible experience for young players by focusing on participation, skill development, and a lifelong love of the game. With small-sided activities, equal playing time, and an emphasis on enjoyment over results, the programme supports children to grow in confidence, coordination, teamwork, and fundamental football skills at their own pace.

Centennial Park is proudly community-driven and supported by volunteers, creating a welcoming environment where families can connect, children can thrive, and everyone can enjoy being part of the game.

A huge thank you to our Centennial Park sponsor, [Perennial Sport & Turf](#) in Christchurch, who's support helped the Club with the supply and maintenance of new equipment required due to the WoF2 changes. Check out their awesome deals on mini-goals and football equipment on their website!

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Season Information

The season will begin May 9th and ends August 29th and lasts 16 weeks.

The competition may be extended by up to one week to include September 5th if there are wet-weather cancellations during the season.

No football weekend: Saturday 11th July, Matariki weekend

The competition will go ahead over Kings Birthday weekend, in-line with Mainland Football’s Junior & Youth competitions.

CTFC provides the following:

- CTFC playing top
- Playing pitches
- Goals, nets, footballs, pop-up goals, cones
- A weekly fixture list
- End-of-season World Cup event for grades 8 & 9
- All drills and coaching information are emailed to Game Day Leaders each week - no pre-planning required!
- Embedded playing & progression philosophy based on WHOLE OF FOOTBALL 2.0 LINK

Grade	Session Begins	Session Ends
First Kicks (Grades 4-6)	10:15am	11:30am
7th Grade	8:45am	9:55am
8th Grade	10:00am	11:15am
9th Grade	8:30am	9:40am

Don’t forget cash for our famous Sausage Sizzle available every Saturday of the season! Sausages from Cashmere’s best butcher, Butterfly & Scotch Butchers (previously Cashmere Cuisine)

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On The Day

The competition is overseen by our Competition Manager Jordyn, who will be present at the competition to support Game Day Leaders, answer questions and indicate drills/games start and end time.

Please ensure your player arrives 15 minutes before the session start time so they are ready to go. There will be a fixture list and large map placed by the Pavilion which will tell you:

- Who your team is playing against
- The pitch the team is playing on (*First Kicks 4-6th, 7th grade, 8th grade **start** on the same pitch each week. 9th grade will change pitch each week.)
- Which equipment to return to the garage once your games are completed

Your player completes any warmup drills on the pitch indicated as their first fixture.

- Once your players game finishes: When Grades 4–6 finish their games, coaches, parents, and supporters must return the mini goals to the garage and place all equipment (cones and balls) into the bins provided.
- Once 8th grade has finished, all balls must be returned to the bins, and nets returned into the labelled containers by the Pavilion.

Players may continue using balls after their session, but everything must be returned into the bins or Pavilion when the competition packs up at 11:30am.

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Competition Structure per Grade

Grade	Total Squad	vs	Session Overview	Opponents
First Kicks (Grades 4-6)	8	3v3	2 x 15 min station rotation 1 x 15 min match No goalkeeper	Inter-team match
7th Grade	8	3v3	2 x 15 min station rotation 1 x 15 min match No goalkeeper	7th grade mixed teams
8th Grade	8	5v5	3 x 15 minute games 5 minutes between games to regroup & move pitch	8th grade mixed teams & U9 girls-only teams
9th Grade	8	5v5	3 x 15 minute games 5 minutes between games to regroup & move pitch	9th grade mixed teams
U9 girls-only teams	8	5v5	3 x 15 minute games 5 minutes between games to regroup & move pitch	Initially all girls' teams play each other, then they play against 8th grade mixed teams.

All grades do rolling subs throughout the game, and we encourage Game Day Leaders - with the help of other parents' - to ensure where possible, players receive equal match starts and generally equal playing time.

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Your Team Needs a Game Day Leader!

Each team needs a Volunteer Game Day Leader to run simple drills and referee a small-sided game. No football experience is required - CTFC provides weekly drills and on-site support from our Competition Manager.

Teams must organise a leader (or roster) before the season starts and cannot participate until someone volunteers, so please don't wait - your help makes a big difference to your players' season!

Game Day Leaders receive:

- A free dedicated coaching course (Wednesday 29 April, Clubrooms at Garrick Park)
- Additional free junior and youth coaching courses throughout the season
- A CTFC coaches jacket (one per team)
- A coaching information pack from Mainland Football
- Weekly drills emailed to you — no planning required
- On-site support on game days from our Competition Manager Jordyn and Community Football Development Officer Kailey
- The option to share the role with a co-leader or team manager

It's a great way to support your child and their team, learn new skills, and be part of the club community - with plenty of help available every step of the way.

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Game Day Leaders and Parents, Shared Team Responsibilities:

Our Team Managers and Game Day Leaders are volunteers - they're parents and supporters just like you, giving their time so the kids can play, learn, and have fun each week.

These roles make a huge difference to your child's experience, and the season simply couldn't run without them. We really appreciate your patience and support as they do their best - especially when things get busy or don't go perfectly.

A kind word, encouragement, or offering a helping hand goes a long way and helps create a positive environment for everyone.

We therefore encourage all parents and guardians to share team responsibilities, so no one person carries the full load for the team.

Tasks include:

- Setting up cones for warm-up drills and overseeing the mini games
- Returning playing gear to the garage once your session is over
- Confirming any edits needed for your team photo
- Returning CTFC gear to the club at the end of the season on the scheduled drop-off dates
- Ensure each player with equal match starts and playing time

By working together, these small tasks are quick and easy and help create a great experience for all players.

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Your Points of Contact

General information and enquiries: your Grade Manager

- grademgr-firstkicks@ctfc.nz
- grademgr7@ctfc.nz
- grademgr8@ctfc.nz
- grademgr9@ctfc.nz

Volunteer Grade Managers are contactable on the following email addresses from March 5th, 2026. These wonderful volunteers help the Club allocate thousands of players into hundreds of teams each season, and our Junior Competition couldn't run without them!

We are still looking for grade managers for grades 4-6, 7 and 8 - please email enquiries@ctfc.co.nz if you're interested in helping out a few hours a week!

Competition Manager: Jordyn Ellis who will be present at the competition to support Game Day Leaders, answer questions and indicate drills/games start and end time.

Club contact: The competition is organised and managed by Community Football Development Kailey Short, contactable on cdo@ctfc.co.nz

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Competition Cancellations

We will email all players' contacts by 8:00am on the morning of the competition if it is cancelled due to weather or poor pitch conditions. If you spot this email – please drop other parents'/guardians a message to ensure they have also seen it.

You might wonder why we don't cancel the evening before to provide more notice. Quite simply, we want every opportunity for the competition to go ahead, and conditions can often improve overnight. However, if severe or dangerous weather is forecast for the morning, we will cancel the evening prior and notify families by email, as well as post an update on our Facebook page.

Easily Stay in Touch With Your Team!

The CTFC member app is now live for the upcoming season! Download the Friendly Manager app to stay connected with your team and the Club.

This app will be the primary method for you to receive ground closures and fixture cancellations, as well as:

- Create group chats for your team
- Create mini group chats with players/parents within your team
- Receive direct updates from the Club straight to your phone

Club notifications will be limited to competition cancellations and ground closures only.

Download the [Friendly Manager app](#) via the App Store or Google Play, then join the CTFC community using this code: WI961-WJ206

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Season Key Dates

- CTFC Family Fun Day: 15th March 11am – 3pm

Information for our Family Day can be found on Facebook [here!](#)

- Team photos: Saturday 6th June & Saturday 13th June at Centennial Park
- Centennial Park Game Day Leaders course: Wednesday 29th April, Garrick Park
- 8th & 9th grade World Cup: Saturday 29th August

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