

CASHMERE TECHNICAL FC

TEAM SELECTIONS 2026



10TH - 17TH Grades, Mixed Junior & Girls-Only Teams

Team Selections take place every year in February and provide players with the opportunity to be selected for CTFC's competitive teams for the upcoming winter season. Each grade is allocated a series of open training sessions where players can attend to be assessed by our team of qualified coaches. Some sessions are open to all players, while in certain grades the second session will be invite-only - due to the high volume of players that attend our Team Selection sessions, by implementing invite-only sessions for the second session, it allows our coaches to focus on players most likely to be selected for the team(s).

All teams will be announced on or before 1 March 2026 via direct email to selected players. Teams that have already been announced will be listed on our [Team Selection webpage](#). Players are selected through a structured player review and analysis process that considers multiple key areas of each player's ability and development across all years they have played for CTFC and/or participated in CTFC programmes.

We strongly recommend that all players register for the Winter 2026 season before 1 March, as many grades reach maximum capacity by this date. Any player who attempts to register after their grade has been filled will be placed on the Registration Waitlist and will not be eligible for allocation into selected teams. This applies even if a player is named in a selected team on or after 1st March- if the grade is full before March 1st and the player is therefore on the Registration Waitlist/unable to register due to a grade being full, **they will be unable to accept or take up their selected team place.** CTFC prioritises returning and committed CTFC players therefore those attending Team Selections should be committed to the season regardless of whether they achieve a place on a selected team.

All final selection decisions will be made by the Director of Football, Garbhan Coughlan. If you or your player is interested in trialling for one of these teams but are unable to attend our Team Selection Sessions, please touch base with our programme organiser Garbhan on garbhanc@ctfc.co.nz.

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Season & Team Selection Registration Requirements

- All players attending Team Selections **must complete the Team Selection registration form** found [here](#). This allows us to set up the correct number of rotations and groups for the session. Players that arrive unregistered will need to have the Team Selection Registration form completed before they take the field, in-line with our Health & Safety policies.
- Players are welcome to attend both goalkeeper and outfield selections, however, please be aware that these sessions often coincide. Please touch base with the Club if you would like to discuss your players options
- Do not have to have been registered with CTFC in previous seasons - we welcome new players that may be new to the region or players from other clubs
- If a player is selected for a team, they must have a [Winter 2026 Season Registration](#). We highly recommend players complete their registration before the team announcement date, as many grades will fill before March 1st.
- Selected players will have a two-week deadline from the date of the selection email to complete their season registration if they have not already done so. Please note that grades close once they reach maximum capacity, which often occurs before 1 March for grades 6–13.

For this reason, we strongly recommend registering your player as early as possible - before the March 1st Team Selection release date. If a selected player does not complete registration within the two-week timeframe or is unable to register because the grade has already reached capacity, their offered place on the selected team will be forfeited.

Key Information

All players must be registered via our [Team Selection form](#) to attend sessions, please ensure this is completed before your player arrives to avoid any delays.

All selection sessions will take place at: Whittington Avenue Park - apart from the 11th grade girls' sessions which will take place at Somerfield Park

Sessions: Typically, 2–3 sessions per grade, with a mix of open-invite and invite-only sessions. Held in the afternoon.

Cost: There is no cost to attend our Team Selection sessions.

Registration: All players must register via the Team Selection form found [here](#)

Spectators: Parents & guardians are welcome to remain on site during Team Selections sessions if they feel it is in their players best interest/allows them to trial to their fullest potential, however, we request spectators remain within the allocated spectator area and refrain from coaching/ giving instructions to their player/s to allow them to perform independently.

Teams Filled via Selection

Via these sessions, our technical football staff will select players for our 'A band' - or division 1, 2, 3 teams. You are able to view which teams and how many teams will be selected per grade using the far-left column in the below tables.

Please be aware, teams with an * next to them indicate that this team falls under our Talent Development programmes and therefore includes additional benefits and support. This also means these teams incur a training fee additional to the base registration fee. Payment plans are available and access to funding may be available to assist with paying these fees, please review our Financial Assistance policy [here](#), and touch base with Kathryn on accounts@ctfc.co.nz for more information.

For more information on our Pre Academy/Academy teams, please attend the relevant presentation provided by our Director of Football, Garbhan. Information on the presentations can be found [here](#).

The Selection Process

CTFC uses a comprehensive player analysis system that combines a wide range of both subjective and objective data to assess each player's current ability, fitness, attitude, and recent development. This analysis includes, but is not limited to:

- End-of-season feedback requested by CTFC from each coach, covering a player's ability, attitude, and progress over that season

Observations and feedback on a player's attitude and performance during:

- Skill Centre
- Fantails
- Fun Camps
- Previous team selections
- Tournaments
- Previous training sessions and matches
- Scoring assessments and observations from at least five different coaches during the Team Selection sessions

Ultimately, all selection and placement decisions are made with each player's long-term enjoyment, health, and development at the centre. Our goal is to ensure every player is placed in an environment where they can feel confident, challenged, and supported to thrive.

Due to the large number of players that attend Team Selections throughout February, we are unable to provide detailed feedback for each player.

All final selection decisions regarding player selections will be made by the Director of Football, Garbhan Coughlan. Any players not selected via Team Selections - those that do not receive an email by March 1st - will be allocated into teams via our standard team allocation process that occurs through March and April.

Selection Session Information

Please note there are no selection sessions for 19th grade teams. If a player wishes to join a 19th grade team, they will register for the 2026 as usual and be allocated into a team in April.

Outfield - Girls Only Teams

**Note divisions listed e.g. Div 2 are subject to Mainland Football confirmation & review of the confirmed teams*

Teams Being Selected	Grade (Year of Birth)	Session 1	Session 2	Location
Two teams selected: Div 1 & 2 (Gold & Blue)	11 th Grade Girls (Year of birth 2015 & 2016)	Monday 16 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00 pm ALL WELCOME	Monday 23 rd Feb 4:00pm – 5:00 pm ALL WELCOME	Somerfield Park
Two teams selected: 13th Grade Pre-Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	13 th Grade Girls (Year of birth 2013 & 2014)	Monday 16 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Monday 23 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Whittington Ave
Two teams selected: 15th Grade Girls Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	15 th Grade Girls (Year of birth 2011 & 2012)	Tuesday 10 th Feb** 4:00pm – 5:00pm ALL WELCOME	Thursday 12 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm ALL WELCOME	Whittington Ave
Two teams selected: 17th Grade Girls Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	17 th Grade Girls (Year of birth 2009 & 2010)	Tuesday 10 th Feb** 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Thursday 12 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Whittington Ave

****Please note the 15th grade and 17th grade girls sessions have been updated due to the first session cancelled Tuesday 3rd Feb due to weather.**

*Additional fee payable upon acceptance of a place in this program. For more details, please attend our Talent Development Presentations. Information can be found [here](#).

Outfield - Mixed Teams

**Note divisions listed e.g Div 2 are subject to Mainland Football confirmation & review of the confirmed teams*

Teams Being Selected	Grade (Year of Birth)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Four teams selected: Div 1 (Gold & Blue) Div 2 (Green) Div 3 (Maroon)	10 th Grade Year of Birth 2016	Tuesday 17 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 24 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm INVITATION ONLY	
Four teams selected: Div 1 (Gold & Blue) Div 2 (Green) Div 3 (Maroon)	11 th Grade Year of Birth 2015	Tuesday 17 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 24 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15 pm INVITATION ONLY	
Three teams selected: Pre-Academy - Gold Pre-Academy - Blue Div 1 (Green)	12 th Grade Year of Birth 2014	Monday 2nd Feb 4-5pm ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 4th Feb 4-5pm ALL WELCOME	Monday 9 th 4-5pm INVITE ONLY
Three teams selected: Academy – Gold Academy - Blue Div (Green)	13 th Grade Year of Birth 2013	Monday 2nd Feb 5.15-6.15pm ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 4th Feb 5.15-6.15pm INVITATION ONLY	Monday 9 th 5.15-6.15pm INVITE ONLY
One team selected: Div 1 (Development)	14 th Grade Development Year of Birth 2012	Wednesday 18 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 25 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm ALL WELCOME	
One team selected: Div 1 (Development)	15 th Grade Development Year of Birth 2011	Wednesday 18 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 25 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm ALL WELCOME	
One team selected: Div 1 (Development)	17 th Grade Development Year of Birth 2009 & 2010	Thursday 19 th February 5:00pm – 6:00pm ALL WELCOME	Thursday 26 th Feb 5:00pm – 6:00pm ALL WELCOME	

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Goalkeeper Sessions - Mixed Teams

Teams Being Selected	Grade	Session
Four teams selected: Division 1 (Gold & Blue) Division 2 (Green) Division 3 (Maroon)	10 th Grade Year of Birth 2016 ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 17 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00 pm
Four teams selected: Division 1 (Gold & Blue) Division 2 (Green) Division 3 (Maroon)	11 th Grade Year of Birth 2015 ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 17 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm
Three teams selected: Pre-Academy* (Gold & Blue) Div 2 (Green)	12 th Grade Year of birth 2014 ALL WELCOME	Monday 2 nd Feb 4:00pm – 5:00 pm
Three teams selected: Academy* (Gold & Blue) Div 1 (Green)	13 th Grade Year of birth 2013 ALL WELCOME	Monday 2 nd Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm
One team selected: Division 1 (Development)	14 th Grade Year of birth 2012 ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 18 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm
One team selected: Division 1 (Development)	15 th Grade Year of birth 2011 ALL WELCOME	Wednesday 18 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm
One team selected: Division 1 (Development)	17 th Grade Year of birth 2009 and 2010 ALL WELCOME	Thursday 19 th Feb 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Goalkeeper Sessions – Girls-Only Teams		
Two teams selected: Div 1 & 2 (Gold & Blue)	11 th Grade Girls Year of Birth 2015 & 2016 ALL WELCOME	Monday 16 th Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Two teams selected: 13th Grade Pre-Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	13 th Grade Girls Year of Birth 2013 & 2014 ALL WELCOME	Monday 16 th Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm
Two teams selected: 15th Grade Girls Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	15 th Grade Girls Year of Birth 2011 & 2012 ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 3 rd Feb 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Two teams selected: 17th Grade Girls Academy*, Div 2 (Blue)	17 th Grade Girls Year of Birth 2009 & 2010 ALL WELCOME	Tuesday 3 rd Feb 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Pre-Academy & Academy Information Presentations

CTFC's Director of Football Garbhan Coughlan will hold a Pre-Academy & Academy information Zoom meeting on Friday 30th January where he covers details of the programmes including:

- An overview of the programme benefits and what it offers to ambitious young players
- The teams' coaching staff
- Details on feedback, player development and goal setting system
- Training times and information
- Fees and what is included in these

There will be two presentations, and links will be provided closer to the date:

5pm: 12th Grade Mixed Pre-Academy programme & 13th Grade Pre-Academy (mixed & girls-only teams)

6pm: 15th and 17th Grade Girls-Only Academy

Mixed Teams vs Girls-Only Teams

Female players are welcome to:

- Attend mixed-team Selection Sessions
- Attend girls-only Selection Sessions
- Attend both mixed-team and girls-only Selection Sessions

CTFC recognises that young female players develop and enjoy football in different ways, to ensure we provide a suitable environment for all of our players, we provide the option of both girls-only and mixed-team environments. This choice allows players and families to choose the pathway that best suits the player's individual needs and preferences, including:

- **Personal goals** for example, long-term playing aspirations
- **Playing ability and development pathway** – we generally recommend that ambitious Junior and Youth female players who aspire to play at higher competitive levels (such as First Team, semi-professional, or professional football) consider mixed-team environments from an early stage, as this can provide additional challenge and development opportunities
- **Confidence and comfort level** – some players thrive when playing alongside friends in girls-only teams, while others enjoy the challenge of a more competitive mixed-team environment

Players may begin their playing career in mixed-teams and move into girls-only teams and vice versa - each season the player is given the choice to choose what works best for them and their long-term development. Please note once a player has confirmed their place in a team, we can only move a player from one team to another if there is a suitable space available - many of our grades and teams fill up early in the season.

For more information on the differences between girls-only and mixed teams, or to discuss which option may be best for your player, please contact our Community Football Development Officer, Kailey Short, who will be happy to provide guidance and answer any questions.

Please note: To support player safety, enjoyment, and long-term development, female players who choose to trial in a mixed-team environment are assessed holistically across the following areas:

- Playing ability
- Physical strength, readiness and resilience
- Attitude

This approach helps us place each player in the environment where they are best set up to succeed and continue developing with confidence.

In some cases, we may recommend placement in a lower age grade to ensure the player is competing in a balanced, supportive environment that enables them to perform at their best and minimises unnecessary physical risk.

For example, a 15th Grade female player who demonstrates the required technical ability, physical capacity, and mindset may be selected into a 15th Grade Development/Gold/Green/Blue team alongside peers of the same age.

However, if a player's skill and attitude are evident but it is determined that they may struggle to meet the physical demands of that grade - potentially increasing their risk of injury or loss of enjoyment - we may recommend placement in a 14th Grade Development/Gold/Green/Blue team instead.

Alternatively, a 15th Grade female player may be offered a place in a 15th Grade Development/Gold/Green/Blue team but may indicate they would prefer to play a grade down instead. While we cannot guarantee the ability to accommodate changes once selections are finalised, we will work closely with the player and their family to find the most appropriate placement, balancing both ability and personal preference wherever possible.

All placement decisions will be discussed with the player's parents or guardians. Our priority will always be, first, the player's safety and wellbeing, and second, the player's preferences.

Selecting The Correct Session for Your Player to Attend

Your player should attend the Selection Session (s) for their age group & grade, determined by their year of birth.

Age in 2026	Group	Registration Option	Information
10	Mixed (girls & boys)	Junior Registrations: 10th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2016)	
11	Mixed (girls & boys)	Junior Registrations: 11th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2015)	
U11 team: 10 or 11	Girls-only teams	Junior Registrations: U11 grade girls-only teams (year of birth 2015 & 2016)	Girls turning 10 or 11 in 2026 can join our U11 girls-only teams
12	Mixed (girls & boys)	Junior Registrations: 12th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2014)	
13	Mixed (girls & boys)	Junior Registrations: 13th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2013)	
U13: 12 or 13	Girls-only teams	Junior Registrations: U13 girls-only teams (year of birth 2013 & 2014)	Girls turning 12 or 13 in 2026 can join our U13 girls-only team(s), or join grade specific mixed-teams
14	Mixed (girls & boys)	Youth Registrations: 14th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2012)	
15	Mixed (girls & boys)	Youth Registrations: 15th grade mixed teams (year of birth 2011)	
U15: 14 or 15	Girls-only teams	Youth Registrations: U15 grade girls-only teams (year of birth 2011 & 2012)	Girls turning 14 or 15 in 2026 can join our U15 girls-only team(s), or join grade specific mixed-teams
16 or 17	Mixed (girls & boys)	Youth Registrations: U17 grade mixed teams (years of birth 2009 & 2010)	
18 or 19	Mixed (girls & boys)	Youth Registrations: U19 grade mixed teams (year of birth 2007 & 2008)	
16, 17, 18, 19, 20	Girls-only teams	Youth Registrations: U17 - U20 girls-only teams (year of birth 2006-2010)	Female youth players interested in U17 Girls Academy/U17 teams and U16 Girls teams should select this option