**Edinburgh University Women’s Football Club**

***Frequently Asked Questions 2019-2010***

**I’M COMING TO EDINBURGH AND WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL OR FUTSAL – WHAT DO YOU OFFER?**

EUWAFC caters for players of all abilities. We have 3 competitive football teams which play matches on Wednesday afternoons and 2 futsal teams which compete on selected Saturdays between September and April, both in BUCS (British University and College Sports Leagues). We also have a recreational programme that will have a separate membership and will compete in a weekend intra mural league – time and dates to follow. New for this year we have a development team that plays 11-a-side friendlies and trains once a week.

**WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT TO THE FOOTBALL CLUB?**

1st, 2nd and 3RD squad training is held on **Tuesday and Thursday** evenings on the 3G pitch at Peffermill. While the Development team is once a week on **Thursdays (7-8:30 on EAST 2)** and the recreational league takes place on **Saturday mornings**.

Games are on **Wednesday’**s with times varying depending on the opposition and whether they are home or away. Players are expected to attend both training sessions every week and be available for games. To show commitment to the club every student pays a season long membership fee at the start of the season. Futsal is less regular with fixtures taking place on selected Saturday’s over the season.

**HOW DO I REGISTER INTEREST AND WHEN ARE TRIALS?**

All players should sign up for trials during Welcome Week **online** or on Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th September at the Pleasance Gym **Sports Fair** – this will be on from 10am-4pm on both of these dates.

**Recreational and Development open session –**

Friday 13th September- 2-4pm

Saturday 15th September 12:00-14:00

Location- 5s Pitches

**Football trials –**

Friday 13th September 4-6 pm.

Saturday 14th September 10:30-1:30 pm.

Sunday 15th September 14:00-16:00 by Invite ONLY.

Location- Peffermill Playing Fields 3G Synthetic Pitch

Please meet directly at the pitches or arrive at the Commonwealth Pool meeting point (45 minutes before start time) where you will be walked down to the pitches. Please wear suitable sports wear and footwear (football boots and shin pads – no trainers or astro trainers) as the trials take place on synthetic pitches

**I CAN’T MAKE THE TRIALS BUT STILL WANT TO PLAY?**

If you can’t make the first week of trials we still allow players to trial in training the following week but please contact [football.women@ed.ac.uk](mailto:football.women@ed.ac.uk) for more information. Players must contact the club before attending training so we know you are coming! We advise players to attend trials if possible.

**WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHAT TEAM WE ARE IN?**

Squads can take a few weeks to fully shape, however coaches hope the squads will be finalised after the first week of training to be ready in preparation for the start of the BUCS fixtures.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON’T MAKE A TEAM?**

Anyone who doesn’t make a team is asked to join either our 11-a side development team or 5-aside recreational programme, which will compete in the Edinburgh University intra-mural league.

Players from the recreational teams will still have opportunities to develop their football and opportunities may exist to join 1st, 2nd or 3rd squads later on in the season depending on player availability and numbers within the club. We have many current players including our President who has done just this!

**WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?**

For trials and all training please bring appropriate football boots for both the 3G, as well as shin pads and comfortable warm and waterproof clothing. Goalkeepers please bring gloves. Players are not allowed to wear trainers. Bring plenty of water!

There will be changing rooms with toilets and showers available before and after.

**WHERE IS THE SPORTS FAIR AND PEFFERMILL?**

The Sports Fair takes place at the Pleasance Centre for Sport and Exercise (CSE Gym):

46 Pleasance

Edinburgh

EH8 9TJ

11th and 12th September , 10am – 4pm – Please sign up for trials on either of these dates or sign up online.

The University of Edinburgh Peffermill Playing Fields is where the club trains and plays their home games during the season. It is situated in South Edinburgh, approximately a 20-minute walk from Pollock Halls and a 35-minute walk from George Square. A number of buses from Central pass Peffermill, these include the 14, 2 and 30. Alternatively you can get the 24 to Cameron Toll where Peffermill is a short 7 minute walk away. Members often to walk or cycle to sessions together. For trials there will be club members who will walk new members down to the pitches – meet outside the steps to the Commonwealth Pool and look for the green t-shirts / jackets (see previous trial info). We will meet at the Commonwealth Pool 45 minutes before.

**I PLAY FOR A LOCAL CLUB BUT CAN’T COMMIT TO TRAINING?**

We have several players who play for clubs on a Sunday. Please get in touch with us and we will put you in touch to speak with our Director of Coaching to find a suitable solution.

**WHAT ARE THE JOINING COSTS AND WHAT DOES THIS COVER?**

Our Membership covers everything for the year such as training sessions a week, coach’s costs, equipment, referees, transport to away games and affiliation fees.

Full Football Club: £59 (semester) or £89 (full year).

Only Futsal Club: £32 (semester) or £47 (Full year).

Futsal Top up (add on for football year membership): £15 (year).

Recreational Programme: £25 (semester) or £35 (full year).

\*\*\*Due to sport and exercise regulations, anyone who is a part of EUWAFC **must purchase a gym membership for the CSE Gym on Pleasance**, which costs £135 for the year or £82 per semester. This also covers the cost of using the facilities at Peffermill.

**I HAVE UNIVERSITY ON WEDNESDAY’S SO CANNOT COMMIT TO GAME, CAN I STILL TRAIN?**

Yes, if you have been picked for a squad and can’t make games you can still train if you have paid the membership fees. The Development team is also a good option as it is an 11- aside team that only trains once a week and plays friendlies. Please speak with the coaching staff before joining to discuss possible options.

**WHAT ABOUT FUTSAL? (Indoor 5 a side football with a heavier ball)**

We have 2 futsal squads who play in a Scottish League and British Cup. We are 2019 British Futsal Cup runners up and bronze medal winners of Antwerp PCU Games. Players for our futsal teams came from our football teams – however if you are looking to play futsal only please let us know. Training and fixtures are to be confirmed in near future. There is also the option of just playing futsal for fun and not matches.

Training Mondays and Fridays am.

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CLUB?**

As well as playing in the BUCS League, we play in the British Trophy as well as Scottish Student Sport Cup. All 3 teams will play home and away, including games all over Scotland and some in England if playing in the British Trophy.

We are a very social club; we have weekly social events, a club Christmas meal and End of Season Presentation Night.

We are also part of the Performance Programme and players are selected for the Strength and Conditioning Programme in the performance gym at the Pleasance. We also do regular video analysis sessions at Peffermill, which often take place before or after training.

The club is one of the fastest growing in the University and a great place to develop your football further while making new friends and creating memories that last a lifetime!

Please come see us and sign up for trials at Sports Fair, email us at [football.women@ed.ac.uk](mailto:football.women@ed.ac.uk), or message us on Facebook or Twitter (@EUWAFC) for more information!

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