

Northampton Town FC

U6s to U16s Elite/Development Programme



'Raising the Standard'



Our Aim:

Northampton Town Football Club recognises the importance of developing and nurturing players from youth level all the way to becoming top professional footballers. Our Development Centres provide expert coaching for grassroots players who wish to develop their technical and tactical knowledge of the game. Our aim is to provide a greater opportunity to progress to our Elite Centre programme and the prestigious Northampton Town Football Club Centre of Excellence.



"Our Elite/Development Centres are vital for identifying young local talent which may then progress into our Centre of Excellence and hopefully play at First Team level here at Sixfields Stadium."

Gary Johnson, NTFC First Team Manager



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Development Centres

Our Development Centres offer youth football players an opportunity to progress and develop further as a footballer in a safe and positive learning environment. The successful Development Centres are the third tier in our pathway 'raising the standard' programme. Our Elite Centres are the second tier and the Northampton Town Football Club Centre of Excellence is the highest level.

Can I play for my local club during my time at the centre?

Northampton Town Football Club welcomes and encourages you to continue playing for your school and local football club during your time at the Development and Elite centre.

What is the next level of coaching progression?

If a player is progressing and is at the required standard they will be invited into our Elite Centres which is the second tier of our 'raising the standard' programme. Please note we cannot guarantee any player will progress.



Elite Centres

The Northampton Town Football Club Elite Centre is the second tier of our development programme and is a progression from our Development Centres. The Northampton Town Football Club Elite Centres are a feeder centre into the Northampton Town Football Club Centre of Excellence teams. The Elite Centres are by invitation only with the emphasis placed on quality coaching for quality players. Players are recommended to the Elite Centres from our Development Centres, as well as from Northampton Town Football Club coaching staff and scouts.

Will there be opportunities to play in the Elite centres and the Northampton Town Football Club Centre of Excellence?

Yes. If a player is at the appropriate standard to progress to our Elite Centre or Centre of Excellence you will have the opportunity to do so. The 'raising the standard' programme is designed to cater for all individuals and their progression as a player. However there is no guarantee you will progress to the Elite Centre or play for the Centre of Excellence. A total of 10 players progressed to be registered with our Elite Centre after attending a Development Centre and 5 players were registered with our Centre of Excellence with another 6 players being retained for the 2011/2012 season.



**For more details contact Darren Norton
on 01604 683 738 or email darren.norton@ntfc.tv**

Boys' Development Centre programme 2011 – 2012 Season

Day	Time	Venue	Activity	Age Group
Wednesday	5.00pm-6.00pm	Sixfields Stadium Athletic Infield Northampton, NN5 5QA (Floodlit Grass Pitches)	Outfield	U6s, U7s, U8s
Wednesday	6.15pm-7.15pm	Sixfields Stadium Athletic Infield Northampton, NN5 5QA (Floodlit Grass Pitches)	Outfield	U9s, U10s, U11s
Wednesday	7.30pm-8.30pm	Sixfields Stadium Athletic Infield Northampton, NN5 5QA (Floodlit Grass Pitches)	Outfield	U12s, U13s, U14s

Age group information

The table below indicates which squad your son will fall into in relation to their academic year 2011-2012.

Squads	School Year*
Under 6's	Reception Year
Under 8's	1, 2, and
Under 10's	4 and 5
Under 12's	6 and 7
Under 13's	8
Under 14's	9

* As of academic year 2011-2012



Our Centres

Northampton Town FC FITC Boys' Player Development Centres are fully recognised by the four football authorities (The FA, The Premier League, The PFA, and The Football League). Northampton Town FC FITC is covered by public liability insurance.

Our coaching staff

All staff are FA/UEFA qualified and hold a valid FA First Aid Certificate. All coaches are CRB checked and have attended a FA Safeguarding children workshop. They are also frequently updated on new initiatives in football coaching and have support for further personal development.

For more information on how you can get involved in the above programme please call

**The Boys Development Programme on: 01604 683738
or email: darren.norton@ntfc.tv**

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"The programme that our Football in the Community Department runs at both Development and Elite level is so vital to the long term success at all ages of our Youth Development here at Northampton Town FC. Our aim is to see more local talent playing for the First Team for many years to come."

Sean Parrish, Head of Youth

