



**SOUTHEND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB  
ACADEMY TRIAL DAY U7'S – U13'S  
(BOY'S ONLY)**

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If you are aged 7 – 13 years old and are interested in playing for Southend United Football Club's Academy, then this is your opportunity to come along and demonstrate your football skills.

Please note: We are currently not holding any trials for Under 14, 15 & 16's age groups or Girl teams.

SUFC Academy is holding trials on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 for the following age groups:

**Under 7's, Under 8's, Under 9's**

9am – 10.00am

**Under 10's, Under 11's**

10:30am-11.30am

**Under 12's**

12.00pm – 13.00pm

**Under 13**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**The trials will take place at: BOOTS & LACES TRAINING GROUND, 123 EASTERN AVENUE, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX SS2 4DX Please see attached directions and map.**

The trials are free and open to footballers who live within 90 minutes travel time of the training facility (or 60 minutes traveling time for the age groups Under 7 – Under 11) and will consist of small-sided games in each individual age group (number dependent). The Academy coaching and recruitment team will be on hand to watch each group in a safe, pressure free environment.

Please note, the above age groups are for the current 2021/2022 season. Please see below for an outline of the correct age groups:

U7	1 SEP 2014 – 31 DEC 2014	1 JAN 2015 – 31 AUG 2015
U8	1 SEP 2013 – 31 DEC 2013	1 JAN 2014 – 31 AUG 2014
U9	1 SEP 2012 – 31 DEC 2012	1 JAN 2013 – 31 AUG 2013
U10	1 SEP 2011 – 31 DEC 2011	1 JAN 2012 – 31 AUG 2012
U11	1 SEP 2010 – 31 DEC 2010	1 JAN 2011 – 31 AUG 2011
U12	1 SEP 2009 – 31 DEC 2009	1 JAN 2010 – 31 AUG 2010
U13	1 SEP 2008 – 31 DEC 2008	1 JAN 2009 – 31 AUG 2009

To register for a trial the attached trial Application/parental consent form (and image consent Form) must be completed by your parent/legal guardian and returned:

To:

Head of Academy Recruitment  
Southend United FC  
Roots Hall  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend on Sea  
Essex, SS2 6NQ

**By NO later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **ACTION PLAN**

- Read through the enclosed information carefully
- Send back the attached completed forms to register your place on the trial
- Keep this letter as confirmation of times / dates / venues etc.
- DUE TO THE HIGH NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION LETTER.** Once you send off this form you have been registered.
- Following the trial, **you will only be contacted if you are successful**, and we aim to contact successful candidates within 14 days of the trial.

**PLEASE CHECK THE TIMES ABOVE CAREFULLY TO ENSURE YOU ATTEND AT THE RIGHT TIME**

In the unlikely event of a cancellation due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances we will endeavour to advertise this as soon as practically possible both on the club's website ([www.southendunited.co.uk](http://www.southendunited.co.uk)) and via twitter.

### **ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION**

You are advised to arrive **15 minutes** before the start time of your trial. Please arrive in training kit and remember to bring with you:

- Shin pads
- Football boots
- Drinks bottle

On arrival please report to the appointed designated meeting place: The front reception at Boots and Laces, where players will be registered and shown to an appropriate changing area.

Unfortunately there is **no parking at Boots and Laces** and parents / guardians are therefore requested to find alternative parking either at Waitrose or in the car park at Jones Memorial.

Refreshments for parents will be available at Boots and Laces and a designated parent's area will be marked out on the training ground for parents wanting to spectate. Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances these arrangements may be changed at late notice, in which case you will be advised of the new arrangements upon arrival.

Emergency Contact Numbers: Boots & Laces Training Ground: 01702 613434, Head of Academy Recruitment 07534 283015, Lead Youth Phase Coach 07912 981815

**Please note: If we do not receive both the completed forms (application form and image consent form) your child will not be able to participate in the trial.**

At Southend United Football Club, we acknowledge that we have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to our care. Southend United is committed to providing a caring, friendly, and safe environment for everyone so they can participate in football in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Southend United is a best practice employer and is committed to inclusion and anti-discrimination and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and employees to share these commitments.

**Southend United Football Club - Trial Application / Parental Consent Form**

**RETURN THIS PAGE by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021.**

In order that your child may participate in the SUFC Academy Trial Day to be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021** it is essential that you complete and return this form to **Head of Academy Recruitment** supplying relevant information and your consent as a parent/legal guardian.

Please note: a copy of this form will accompany your son whilst attending the trial.

- By consenting to your child taking part in the trial day you are stating that your child is in good health and that he is not participating contrary to medical advice.
- In the unlikely event of an accident occurring, you are providing permission for a designated representative of the Club to authorise emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetic if deemed necessary.
- A separate form is attached for parental consent of the use of photographs/digital images.
- Parents are advised to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately for any expected weather conditions.
  - The Club will assume responsibility for the welfare of children U18 once they have arrived and have registered at the appointed designated meeting place. Parents and guardians should be aware that they need to make individual travel arrangements for their child to attend the trial day and, once they have (been) signed out, for their return journey home. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that, if their child is travelling independently, that they are aware of this and support their child's independent travel both to and from the appointed designated meeting place.

Child's name ..... Date of birth .....

Age group (2021/22 Season).....Playing position.....

Current Club .....

Age registering for: Under .....

Name of parent/guardian: .....Relationship to child: .....

Address.....Post code.....

Emergency contact telephone no.: .....Mobile Tel: .....

Email address.....

Please provide a second emergency contact name and telephone number:

Name ..... Relationship to child ..... Tel. no: .....

Please note: It is essential that we are able to contact one of these two numbers in the event of an emergency.

If your child has any medical conditions that may need to be taken into account, please give details below. The following information will assist designated members of staff in caring for your child.

Special dietary needs: .....

Does your child suffer from: Asthma  Hay fever  Diabetes  Epilepsy  Nut Allergy

Any other allergies (e.g. Penicillin/Anaesthetic) .....

Please add any other relevant information .....

Will your child carry any required medication with them during the trial day? YES / NO

Please specify: .....

**IMAGE CONSENT FORM – RETURN THIS PAGE**

I provide consent to allow photograph(s) /video recording of:

- Myself                                       My Child (Yes)  
 Relative                                       Other (please specify)

To be taken by Southend United Football Club or its designated representative at:

EVENT: Southend United Football Club - Academy Trial Day  
VENUE: Boots & Laces Training Ground  
DATE: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019

As the parent/legal guardian of the child I agree that the images taken may be used in publicity materials and celebration publications produced by Southend United Football Club, League Football Education and/or the Club’s sponsor’s or other/future SUFC commercial partners/sponsors including in press releases, on websites or social network sites managed by any of those groups.

I understand that, in addition, images of my child MAY appear on recorded footage and understand any images will be safely stored and archived digitally or manually, in line with The Data Protection Act and that these may be used at any time for promotional or publicity purposes.

I consent to my child participating in Southend United Football Club’s Academy Trial Day on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. I agree that Southend United Football Club may use any image(s) as outlined above.

Relationship to child ..... Parent / Legal Guardian (Please delete as applicable)

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please write your name in full .....

If you **DO NOT** wish to consent to the images of your child being used for any reason you must contact the Southend United FC Academy Recruitment team at [michael.march@southend-united.co.uk](mailto:michael.march@southend-united.co.uk) or by phone on - 07534 283015.

Please email this form to the above address or return by post, to be received by no later than **5pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**, to:  
Head of Academy Recruitment Southend United Football Club  
Roots Hall  
Victoria Avenue  
Southend on Sea  
Essex, SS2 6NQ

By submitting this application you confirm that the person completing this form is the parent/guardian of the child, that you are over 18 and that you understand that:

- The information collected will be held for administrative purposes relating to trial dates.
- If the child is successful in the trial that the information will be retained for the administrative purpose of signing the player
- If they are not successful then we will shortly thereafter delete the information from our records

**Please note: If we do not receive this completed form your child will not be able to take part in a trial.**

## TRAINING GROUND INFORMATION –KEEP THIS PAGE

- All spectators must always remain in the designated area
- No one other than players and playing staff may enter the playing area unless requested to do so
- Spectators are not able to purchase refreshments before, during and after the match
- E cigarettes are not allowed in the building
- No photography once on the premises

### DIRECTIONS & MAP

FROM M25 – TAKE JUNCTION 29 – A127 TO SOUTHEND (APPROX 40 MINS)

FROM A12 – TAKE A130 TURN OFF- SOUTHEND TURN OFF AT A127 (APPROX 30 MINS)

ABOUT 2 MILES OUTSIDE TOWN CENTRE (PAST TESCO ROUNDABOUT) MAJOR SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS WITH THE TOBY / BELL PUB ON THE LEFT – GO STRAIGHT ON

500 YDS FURTHER ON – ROUNDABOUT – TAKE 2ND EXIT (STRAIGHT OVER) TOWARDS SHOE BURNESS (A1159)

FOLLOW ROAD ROUND PARK PAST CAR CENTRE ON LEFT, CONTINUE UP THE HILL AND OVER THE RAILWAY BRIDGE TO NEXT ROUNDABOUT – TAKE 2ND EXIT (STRAIGHT OVER)

THE TRAINING GROUND IS APPROX 500 YDS ON THE LEFT (NEXT DOOR TO AND JUST BEFORE WAITROSE SUPERMARKET).

