

## CTFC Junior Trials – what do we look for?

**We take a holistic approach to player development encompassing the 4 corner approach of Technical, Tactical, social/emotional, and mental development.**

**Technique** – do they have basic football techniques of striking a ball with both feet, receiving a ball, dribbling, defending 1 v 1 and defending in units.

**Attitude/enthusiasm** – Are they passionate about playing football? Are they enthusiastic? Are they willing to learn and listen? Do they respect their teammates/coaches/opposition.

**Tactical awareness** – Do they understand basic concepts of teamwork. Do they have basic game understanding? Do they make good football decisions the majority of the time? Do they look to play and combine with teammates rather than just kicking the ball long?

**Athleticism** – not who is the biggest or most developed child, we look at coordination and basic motor skills, are they mobile? Do they have basic coordination? Can they execute basic football movements?

**Communication/leadership** – Do they help their teammates? Do they work together? Do they communicate in a positive way with each other? Are they positive role models?