

Woodvale Football Club



Club Policies

SMOKING

Woodvale FC is committed to promoting healthy lifestyle choices by all concerned. As such, and in recognition of the need to minimize the effects of involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke, please refrain from smoking on grassed areas at all Woodvale FC venues and its surrounds.

Woodvale FC venues are under full control of the council and the council have no authority to ban smoking in any of its outdoor venues. Therefore, due to the above, the Woodvale FC committee have formulated this statement. This statement applies to all persons on all Woodvale FC venues during its soccer programs.

ALCOHOL

Woodvale FC will promote a friendly, safe and enjoyable environment, free from alcohol at all junior events, and will promote responsible adult use of alcohol at any adult social events.

We will promote the responsible adult / parent use of alcohol by:

Outlaw any persons taking alcoholic beverages anywhere near the playing surfaces on the oval.

Discouraging guests, spectators & parents from drinking alcoholic drinks while sports are being played.

OTHER DRUGS

Woodvale FC takes the following position regarding drugs & medication:

We discourage the use of medications in respect of injury/recovery that would enable a participant to compete where they would not otherwise have been able.

The use of illicit drugs and performance enhancing drugs is not permitted by any Woodvale FC members or patrons.

We will adopt and be guided by the Sports Medicine Australia policy on the administration of medications by non-medical personnel.

SUN PROTECTION

Woodvale FC will take reasonable steps to address sun safe practices by, where possible:

Scheduling activities outside the hours of 10.00am to 3.00pm where possible.

Following the Cancer Foundation of Western Australia guidelines for SunSmart clothing, use of sunscreen and wearing of hats where practical.

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SPORT SAFETY

The safety of all members is our primary concern. Woodvale FC will actively seek to promote, encourage and support sport safe strategies for all training and games at all levels throughout the Club. Woodvale FC will encourage all members to adopt practices that seek to prevent injury by:

Encouraging warm-up, cool-down and stretching as an important component of playing and training.

Promoting the use of protective equipment including shin guards, mouth guards, suitable clothing and footwear.

Providing safe playing surfaces, first aid equipment and accredited First Aiders/Sports Trainers at training sessions and competition matches.

Subsidies for Coaches to attend courses in the correct supervision of the sport for juniors & the environment they participate in.

Encouraging all players with a prior or current injury to seek professional advice from a sports medicine professional and be fully rehabilitated before returning to play.

Encourage senior players, coaches, officials and parents to be sports safety role models and to be aware of their roles and responsibilities.

Advise players to replace fluids before, during and after training and competition sessions, and to have their own water bottle.

Encourage any player who has an illness or serious injury to seek a medical clearance before returning to training and competition.

Ensuring adequate public liability and player insurance of all members.

PLAYERS REGISTRATION

Players must register with the Club by completing online registration and paying the designated fees. Any moneys paid will be refunded if players are not selected to play for the Club. Once the Club has lodged player registrations with the FFA and Football West, no refund requests will be accepted. If planning a long-term holiday or unable to attend for an extended period, players/parents must advise the Coach or Team Manager prior to the start of the Season.

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TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The Club's policies relating to team selection and match playing time have been developed from the Club's philosophy that soccer should be based on the principles of fun & enjoyment, fair play, good sportsmanship, and skill & fitness development.

Trials and assessment of players is made during pre-season training. Maximum squad sizes apply – these differ by age groups. Selection will be at the sole discretion of the Club and its coaches, based on many aspects including skills, suitability for particular position, attitude and commitment to training and performance.

- All players will play in their own age group unless deemed otherwise by the Club
- If there is more than one team in a specific age group, players will be grouped in accordance with ability and level of competition.
- If a player is deemed by the Club to be advanced for his age group and ready for a tougher challenge, he/she may be moved up to a higher age group with the parents' consent.
- Prior to any player being moved above their age for any significant period, the Club will consider both the benefits to the individual in question balanced with the impact on the player's current team. The ultimate decision will rest with the Club's Football Committee.

From time to time coaches from the higher age teams may ask for assistance from younger interested players if there are vacancies due to injury, illness etc. This will be a one off or short term move only.

PLAYING TIME

The Club's policy is that all players are given roughly equal time on the ground during games, subject to the Coach's discretion.

The Coach has discretion where:

- a player does not attend training/games without reasonable explanation
- a player is obviously injured or struggling in a game
- a player is disrespectful towards the coach, team mates or opposition players

COACHING

The Club adopts the guidelines and policies cited by the FFA. These guidelines are in place to ensure a high standard of coaching is practiced. It is essential that coaches are educated, skilled and updated in rule changes, risk management and responsibilities (duty of care to their players).

The Club strives to ensure their coaches hold a current Coaching Licence and Working with Children Check.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

There is a monthly committee meeting conducted on the 1st Monday of each month. The committee is elected at the AGM and consists of both executive and non-executive.

The committee presides over all financial and non-financial decisions made during the day to day running of the club.

Included amongst its many responsibilities are:

- ✓ Instigating and developing the Club's policies.
- ✓ Improving the standard of football at the Club.
- ✓ Guiding the Club in the right direction.
- ✓ Ensuring a pathway exists between Juniors and Seniors.
- ✓ Selecting and appointing coaches at the Club.
- ✓ Resolving complaints and disputes.
- ✓ Arbitrate on Codes of Conduct breaches.

On behalf of Woodvale FC President