

Woodvale Football Club

2025 Registration Handbook





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Welcome to Woodvale Football Club

Welcome to Woodvale Football Club. We are a community-based, friendly and inclusive club that strives to provide an opportunity for players of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to play football.

We look forward to you joining us for the 2025 Winter season.

What we offer

Woodvale FC has playing groups and teams for all ages, from age 4 through to over 45s in the Masters competitions

Woodies U4-U5	The Woodies Academy is aimed at girls and boys starting their football journey. This program is designed to develop essential motor skills, coordination and confidence in a safe and non-competitive environment. Woodies promotes teamwork, social interaction and physical well-being. Sessions are run on Saturday mornings at Timberlane Park during terms 2-3.
MiniRoos U6 - U12	Players aged 6-7 play in small-sided games in clusters with local clubs, focusing on fun and team play. From age 8, training sessions and games become more structured, but the focus is still on creating a relaxed environment to teach new skills. Training sessions and home matches are held at Timberlane Park or North Chichester. Matches are on Sunday mornings.
Juniors U13-U18	Competitive football with divisions and published results starts from age 13 for boys and girls. Full-size pitches and goals and FIFA rules such as the offside rule are also introduced. Woodvale FC runs voluntary trials for Junior players who want to play in the highest-level teams in their age group. Training sessions and home games are at Timberlane Park or South Chichester. Matches are on Sunday mornings.
Seniors (Amateurs, Womens, Masters)	Seniors football starts from age 18+. Woodvale FC has multiple teams playing in the Amateurs, Women's and 35/45 Masters competitions. Training sessions and home games are held at Timberlane Park or South Chichester in Woodvale.

Volunteering

Woodvale Football Club is a community club run by volunteers and we welcome all interested players and parents to become involved.



Each team needs a coach and manager. These roles can be very rewarding and are well supported by the Club. If you are able to volunteer as a coach or manager please indicate when registering online.

New Committee members are always welcome and many hands make light work. There are a number of positions that are currently vacant and need to be filled for the 2025 season. If you would like to join the Committee and contribute to the direction of the Club please email secretary@woodvalefc.net or indicate when registering online.

2025 Fees

As a community club we aim to keep fees as low as possible, with fees reflecting the true costs to the Club. Fundraising is undertaken throughout the season and we have valued sponsors that support our budget.

As part of their fees each player will receive a kit (socks, shorts, training top and game top), end of season medal and year book. Fees also cover equipment (balls, bibs, cones, goals etc), line marking, venue/field hire and fees to Football West and Football Australia (insurance).

Please note fees have increased in 2025 due to the increase of venue hire fees for junior sports by the City of Joondalup and an increase in Football West fees.

Woodies U4-U5	\$170
MiniRoos U6-U7	\$275
MiniRoos U8-U12	\$300
Junior U13-U18	\$380
Seniors (Amateurs, Womens, 35/45 Masters)	\$480

Kidsport

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in community sport by offering them financial assistance of up to \$500 per financial year towards club fees.

For more information and to apply visit this link KidSport KidSport Portal (dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

Unfortunately due to changes in the playfootball registration platform we are unable to discount fees in advance for those with a kidsport voucher. Players with a kidsport voucher will need to register online and pay fees upfront and then send a copy of the kidsport voucher and their bank account details to treasurer@woodvalefc.net for reimbursement.



Registration

We ask that you please take the time to read the information below, it will assist you with the registration process and provide other important information for the season ahead.

Important dates to remember

Woodies

Registrations open	3 January
Registrations close	No close date
First session	3 May

Miniroos, Juniors and Girls teams (U6 - U18)

Registrations open/close dates	for successful trialists and returning players	Open 3 January Priority registration ends 29 January
	for new players	Open 1 February
Players advised of team placements	By 17 February	
Training commences	February or March but will differ for each team subject to pitch and coach availability	
Distribution of kit	First two weeks of April via Team Managers	
First game of the season	4 May	

For full season dates you can check the Football West 2025 season calendar here.

2025 Age Groups

Please note: Football West regulations allow players to play up one year without Football West approval. Players playing up two years will require approval from Football West. Players playing down one age group will require a medical exemption and approval from Football West.

		Eligible birth year
Woodies	U4-U5	2020, 2021
MiniRoos	U6	2019



U7	2018
U8	2017
U9	2016
U10	2015
U11	2014
U12	2013

		Eligible birth year
Juniors Boys/Mixed	U13	2012
	U14	2011
	U15	2010
	U16	2009
	U18	2008, 2007

		Eligible birth year
Junior Girls	U14	2011, 2012
	U16	2010, 2009
	U17	2009, 2008

How to Register

All registrations are made online through the Playfootball website, with payment via credit/debit card at the time of registration.

Registration will be based on three categories:

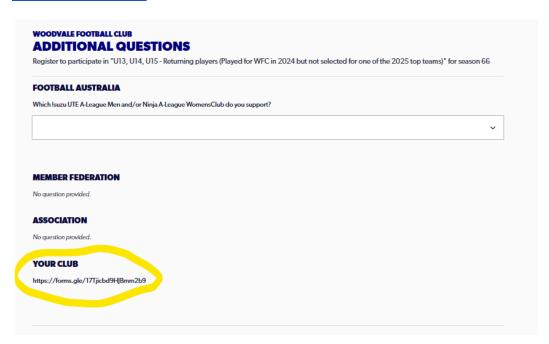
- Successful Trialists players who trialed, were selected for the top team in their age group and paid a \$100 deposit to secure their position. Players will be sent a link to register, fees will be reduced by \$100 in-lieu of the deposit already paid. Please only register using the link provided.
- Returning players players who played for Woodvale FC in 2024 but are not playing in one of the top teams. Players will be sent a link to register and will be given priority for team placement over new players until 29 January. Please only register using the link provided.



• **New players** - players who did not play for Woodvale FC in 2024. Registration for new players will open on 1 February. Players will be placed in teams subject to availability.

There are several changes to the Playfootball registration platform. Before registering it is essential that you read the information below:

- You will need to login into your playfootball account and may need to search/link/create
 your child's participant record. If you have never registered before (for any Club) you will
 need to create an account. If you have trouble with this contact playfootball support on
 02 8880 7983 or support@playfootball.com.au.
- Note the Registration Fee that shows on the home page may not be correct. The fee
 amount will change as you go through the registration process and discounts for age are
 applied.
- On the Terms and Conditions page you need to open and view all the documents before
 you can proceed. Currently when you open the WFC Terms and Conditions and WFC
 Code of Conduct you will get an error message. Playfootball is working to fix this. The
 WFC Terms and Conditions and WFC Code of Conduct are provided at the end of this
 handbook for you to view.
- When you are progressing your registration and are on the Additional Questions page (see screenshot below) you will need to copy and paste the link (circled in yellow) into another browser to complete. You must complete this additional form as this is where we ask you about uniform sizes and team preferences. If you are unsure about sizing, order a size up as the sizing tends to be small (especially for the shorts). A size chart is available online here.





- Please note if you are 13 or older you will need to upload a player photo. Please ensure it is a recent photo and is updated from last year.
- You will be asked to indicate what form of identification you would use if the Club asked to verify the players age/identity. You will not need to upload this document.

Team Placements and Season Commencement

Players will be placed in an available team based on the below priority order:

- <u>Successful trialists</u> successful trialists who have already secured a spot in one of our top teams.
- Returning players Returning players will only receive priority placement over new players if they register before 29 January.
- New players are welcomed. Returning players will be placed into teams first and then
 registrations will open for new players to fill the remaining positions. For new player
 registrations priority will be given based on date of registration (i.e. first in, placed first).

Registrations will close on 17 February or earlier if teams have been filled.

Once teams are established and a coach and manager is allocated, players will be notified of their team. The commencement of training, training days and location of training is at the discretion of the coach and Club and is based on coach and pitch availability.

PlayFootball Help

If you are having trouble with the playfootball website you can try:

- Using a different computer or device
- Using a different internet browser
- Clearing the internet cache

If you cannot resolve the problem email support@playfootball.com.au, phone 02 8880 7983 (Monday - Friday 10am-5pm AEST) or try the online search help function Support:playfootball

Registration Contacts

Please ensure you have read this registration handbook and the Frequently Asked Questions before contacting a Club Registrar. If you need to contact a Club Registrar ensure you email the correct registrar for your age group to avoid any delays.

Woodies, Miniroos and Juniors (U4 - U18)	juniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net
Seniors (Womens, Amateurs, Masters)	seniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net



FAQs

Why does the registration for Miniroos and Juniors have a close date?

With no clear end-date for registrations it is difficult to order and allocate kit and equipment, submit teams to Football West, and allocate training days etc as we were unsure how many teams/players we have for the season. This can also be frustrating for players who are waiting to be allocated to a team with no certainty about when a team may be filled/closed. Having a shorter registration period with a close date will ensure registrations are processed and teams are allocated quicker and more efficiently.

I have missed the registration period. Can I still register?

If you have missed the registration for Miniroos or Juniors please email the relevant registrar to see if there is availability for your age group. Registrations will only be accepted if there is a vacant spot in the age group.

Is there a close date for Woodies?

As Woodies is a skills based program and players aren't allocated to teams there is no registration close date.

Is there a come and try option?

Training does not start until after the registration period closes when players, coaches etc... have been allocated to a team. If there is a vacancy in your age group you may be able to attend a training session with a team, please email the relevant Registrar. However there is no guarantee that there will be a vacancy. It is recommended you register during the registration period.

I am not sure about registering if I don't know the training days?

Training days for each team will be different and will depend on coach and pitch availability. As coaches are not determined until a team is allocated it is not possible to know the training days in advance. It is suggested that you register during the registration period to ensure your position. If you are unable to make your training day please contact the relevant Registrar.

Did I pay a \$100 deposit?

Trials are held for the Clubs top teams in U8 - U18 usually in November for the next year's season. These teams are placed in a higher division and will usually have greater training and travel requirements (i.e. away games can be anywhere across the metro area). Players are selected based on ability and commitment and are required to pay a \$100 deposit to secure their spot in the top team for next season. You would only have paid a \$100 deposit if you trialed



for one of the top teams and were accepted. If you are still unsure please contact the relevant Registrar.

What if my child just wants to play with their friends?

As a community club only our top teams are 'selected'. For all other teams, where possible we try to accommodate players' preferences to play with their friends. Please make a note when registering if you have any preferences.

I have an injury/my circumstances have changed and I am no longer able to play. Can I get a refund on my fees?

Refunding of fees is dependent on whether a player has been 'approved' in playfootball, whether the season has commenced and the individual circumstances of each player and is up to the discretion of the Committee. A formal request to Football West may also be needed for any refund of Football West fees paid. If you wish to withdraw please contact the Registrar as soon as possible as if it is prior to the season start it may be possible to provide a refund without the need for Football West approval. Please email the relevant Registrar regarding your request and the individual circumstances.

I tried to register but there is no product to select when I login to the Play Football website.

The age group you are looking to register for may not be open yet or the registration has been closed due to all positions being filled. Please contact the Registrar.

Why are there three Registrars?

As a large club we have around 500 registrations each year and 1000s of enquiries. Our Registrars are volunteers and have full-time jobs. To manage the workload the different age groups have been distributed across three Registrars. You can help by reading the registration handbook and FAQs thoroughly, providing all the necessary information when making an enquiry (i.e. full name, birth year, age group) and being patient. Registrars will do their best to get back to you as soon as possible. Please note the Miniroos Registrar position is currently vacant and is being covered by the Junior Registrar.

Woodies and Miniroos (U6 - U12)	juniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net
Juniors (U13 - U18)	juniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net
Seniors (Womens, Amateurs, Masters)	seniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net



2025 WFC Terms and Conditions

Team Placement

- Players may make requests in regards to team placement (i.e. playing with friends). The Club will try to accommodate all requests however is unable to guarantee requested placements.
- Players will be allocated into teams once the registration period closes. If we are unable to place you into a team you will be advised and a refund provided.

Cancellations and Refunds

- If you wish to cancel your registration please advise <u>juniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net</u> as soon as possible.
- Please note that Registration Fees comprise of fees that go to the Club, Football West and Football Australia.
- A full refund may be provided if cancellation is made at least two weeks prior to the start of the season.
- If the season has commenced a refund or part refund may be provided in certain circumstances but is subject to the discretion of the Club, Football West and Football Australia.



2025 WFC Code of Conduct

Coaches, Players, Parents/ Spectator, Managers Code

1. Preface

At Woodvale FC, we are committed to fostering a culture of mutual respect, tolerance, and quality football development. It is essential that all members of the club—players, parents, spectators, coaches, and officials—uphold the highest standards of behavior both on and off the field. This ensures a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

To achieve the best possible development for our players, we emphasize the importance of adhering to the following principles:

- **Respect**: Treating all individuals with dignity, regardless of their role or background.
- **Tolerance**: Embracing diversity and maintaining an open mind towards all participants.
- Quality Football Development: Focusing on continuous improvement, fair play, and skill development at all levels.

These guidelines are designed to help promote a supportive environment for our players, ensuring that their development is encouraged in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. By following these principles, we work together to create the best possible experience for everyone involved in the club.

2. Coaches

Coaches are a vital part of the Woodvale FC community, and as such, it is essential that they uphold the highest standards of behaviour at all times. As the primary point of contact for both players and parents, coaches represent the club and must demonstrate professionalism in all interactions. They serve as role models, guiding and inspiring players both on and off the field.

Coaches have a responsibility to ensure a safe, supportive, and positive environment for all participants. Their actions should promote the enjoyment and development of players, fostering a sense of respect, inclusivity, and sportsmanship. By setting the right example, coaches contribute to the overall success and enjoyment of the club's activities.

A. At Training

- The coach is a leader on and off the pitch.
- Coaches should always be at training at least 20 minutes before the start of their session and the last to leave, making sure all equipment is packed away.
- Coaches are to be organised. Plan your training sessions, keep them flowing and add variety. Coaches are to be actively involved in the training session, including demonstrating technical and tactical elements. Explanations should be clear, and every player should understand them.



- Coaches will take good care of all Club equipment.
- Coaches will show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and to follow the advice of a physician to determine when an injured player can recommence training or playing.
- Coaches will not use mobile phones during sessions, unless in cases of emergency and will refrain from communicating with parents during training sessions as this detracts from the quality of the session, is disruptive and unprofessional.
- Coaches will display self-respect and respect for players, parents and spectators.
- Coaches will endeavour to provide periodical feedback on player development or general feedback for the team.
- Coaches are to obtain appropriate qualification and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.

B. At the Game

Coaches are expected to maintain the highest level of professionalism in all aspects of their behaviour. This includes respectful and positive interactions with opponents, referees, officials, players, parents, and spectators. As ambassadors of Woodvale FC, coaches represent the club both on and off the field, and their conduct should reflect the club's core values of respect, sportsmanship, and integrity.

- Club apparel shall be worn.
- Coaches should be mindful of their behaviour in public settings, ensuring that their actions do not negatively impact their personal reputation or that of the club.
- Coaches should identify the technical area on the side of the pitch and invite all the
 players not on the pitch to stay in that area during the game. Parents and spectator
 should not be allowed to stand in the technical area and keep a respectful distance.
 (Exception: team managers)
- Coaches should not engage in any conversation with parents or spectator as that may impair their decisions as well as his/her ability to adequately support the team during the game. (Exception: team managers)
- Coaches should refrain from engaging in discussions or debates about officials (referees) or opponents during matches. It is essential that coaches maintain a professional demeanour and focus on the game. Should any issues arise on the pitch, coaches should always aim to propose peaceful and respectful resolutions.

In addition to the above, coaches should also adopt behaviours to:

- Remember that players participate for fun and winning is only part of the fun.
- Respect all player's individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with all players.
- Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Encourage children to play fairly and within the rules.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all
 participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.



- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Focus on children's effort and performance not the score.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not winning.
- Never criticise or ridicule any child's performance after a game.
- Refrain from crude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

3. Players

Players are a vital part of Woodvale FC, and as such, it is essential that they adhere to the club's Code of Conduct. By following this Code, players contribute to maintaining a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved. Upholding these standards ensures that all players are able to develop to their full potential, both as athletes and as individuals, while fostering a sense of community within the club.

A. At training

- Players should arrive at training at least 10 minutes before the start of the session.
 Boots, shin guards and other appropriate gear should be on and the player ready to start training on time.
- During training, players should strive to be active and motivated, as this will help the whole team to improve.
- Players must listen to the coach at training and communicate with the coach about all elements of training and games respectfully.
- If a player is not able to make it to training, the Coach needs to be notified with ample notice.

B. During Matches

- Players are to arrive to games on time, as communicated by the Coach/Manager. If a
 player cannot come to the game, the coach should be notified with reasonable notice,
 with a valid explanation or reason.
- Players must listen to the coach and avoid engaging in conversation with parent's/spectator/ opponents and officials during the game.
- Players must behave in the spirit of fair play before, during and after the match.
- Players must show respect toward the opponent, referees, officials, spectators and teammates.
- Players must win and lose graciously.

In addition to the above, players should endeavour to:

- Work hard for themselves and their team.
- Play to the best of their ability.
- Play by the rules.
- Cooperate with team-mates and treat them with courtesy and respect.



- Thank the opposition and referees after the game.
- Never argue with the referee and to respect their decisions.
- Refrain from any form of abuse directed at team-mates, coaches, opponents, referees (Football West/parent), officials, parents or spectators.
- Refrain from crude, foul, derogatory, offensive or abusive language.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

4. Parents/Spectators

Parents and spectators play an important role in the Woodvale FC community, and as such, they have a responsibility to support their child's football activities in a positive and constructive manner, both on and off the pitch. It is essential that parents and spectators uphold high standards of behaviour and serve as role models for children, demonstrating respect and sportsmanship in their interactions with players, coaches, officials, and fellow parents and spectators.

While supporting their child and their team is natural, it is crucial that this support is expressed in a positive way. By doing so, parents and spectators help create a safe, enjoyable environment for all participants, ensuring that everyone involved can enjoy the game and contribute to the overall success of the club.

A. At training and During Matches

- Rude and derogatory comments from the side by parents/spectators will not be tolerated. If this type of conduct occurs, the ground marshal will intervene and may ask the individual to leave the premises.
- Parents/spectators are not allowed on the sports field during the match unless invited by the match official (referee) and coach to do so. They should stand outside of the designated technical area identified by the coach prior the start of the game.
- At training sessions, parents and spectators are welcome to watch but should do so from a respectful distance. This allows coaches to focus on the players' development and ensures that the training environment remains positive and free from distractions.
- Parents/spectators are not to advise the coach on how to do his or her job, equally
 during matches or training. Parents/spectators should refrain from "coaching" their child
 or any other players during training or the game, as it is distractive for the players on the
 pitch.

In addition to the above, parents and spectators are expected to

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Encourage players to participate but not force or pressure them.
- Focus on player's effort and performance not the score.
- Encourage players to play fairly and within the rules.



- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not winning.
- Never criticise or ridicule any player's performance after a game.
- Treat all players, coaches, referees (Football West/parents), officials, administrators, parents and spectators with respect and courtesy.
- Never argue with the referee, respect their decisions and teach players to do the same.
- Refrain from any form of abuse directed at players, coaches, referees, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone involved regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

5. Managers

As a manager at Woodvale FC, you play a critical role in shaping the culture and environment of the team. To ensure a positive, supportive, and respectful atmosphere, it is essential that managers adhere to the following:

A. Lead by Example

- Demonstrate high standards of behaviour, integrity, and sportsmanship at all times, both on and off the field.
- Serve as a role model for players, coaches, parents, and spectators.

B. Respect for All

- Treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect, fairness, and dignity.
- Value the contributions of others and promote inclusion within the team.

C. Support Coaches and Officials

- Support the decisions of referees and officials and promote fair play at all times.
- Avoid criticism of referees or officials in public, addressing any concerns through the proper channels.

D. Maintain Professionalism

- Conduct yourself in a professional manner when dealing with all aspects of the sport, including communication with players, parents, spectators and the committee.
- Ensure that team management and operations are organized, efficient, and well-structured.

E. Encourage Positive Communication

 Maintain open, honest, and constructive communication with players, coaches, and parents.



• Address concerns or issues promptly and appropriately to resolve conflicts and maintain harmony within the team.

F. Abide by the Club's Values

• Uphold the core values of the club, including respect, tolerance, sportsmanship, and inclusivity.