

Woodvale Football Club

2024 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 2024 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 2024 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.

2024 Fees

As a community club we aim to keep its 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), game top (to be returned at end of season), 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 2024 due to the introduction of venue hire fees for junior sports by the City of Joondalup and an increase in Football West fees.

Woodies U4-U5	\$160
MiniRoos U6-U7	\$240
MiniRoos U8-U12	\$265
Junior U13-U18	\$345
Seniors (Amateurs, Womens, 35/45 Masters)	\$440

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 \$300 per financial year towards club fees.

You must apply for Kidsport and receive a kidsport voucher prior to registering with the Club.

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



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	14 April (tbc)

Miniroos and Juniors (U6 - U18)

Registrations open	3 January
Registrations close	25 January
Players advised of team placements	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	14 April (tbc)

Seniors (Womens, Amateurs, Masters)

Registrations open	8 January
Registrations close	1 March

2024 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.



		Eligible birth year
Woodies	U4-U5	2019, 2020
MiniRoos	U6	2018
	U7	2017
	U8	2016
	U9	2015
	U10	2014
	U11	2013
	U12	2012

		Eligible birth year
Juniors Boys/Mixed	U13	2011
	U14	2010
	U15	2009
	U16	2008
	U18	2007, 2006

		Eligible birth year
Junior Girls	U13	2012, 2011
	U14	2010, 2011
	U16	2009, 2008
	U17	2008, 2007

How to Register

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

Before registering, please read the below instructions:



- Age group: You will only be able to register in the age group for your birth year. If you wish to play up an age group please make a note in the "comments" field.
- Successful trialists: If you successfully trialed for one of our top teams and paid a \$100 deposit to secure your spot select the deposit paid product for your age group i.e. Uxx \$100 Deposit Paid
- Team requests: If you have a request to play with a specific coach/friend etc please
 make a note in the "comments" field and we will try to accommodate your request. We
 will not be able to accommodate any requests made after teams have been established
 so please ensure you add it in the "comments" field when registering.
- Kidsport: If you wish to use a kidsport voucher please apply beforehand and put the
 voucher code in the "comments" field and email treasurer@woodvalefc.net and the
 relevant registrar a copy of your voucher. The Club will then refund the kidsport voucher
 amount to your bank account. If you are unable to pay your fees up front please contact
 the relevant registrar before you register.
- Kit: The registration process will ask for kit sizes. A <u>size chart is available online here</u>. Please make sure you update the kit size from last year.
- Player photo: Age groups U13 and up will need to upload a player photo, please ensure you update the photo from last year.

Please visit here to register for Woodvale Football Club and follow the below instructions.

- Click Get Started
- Sign in if you have not played football before you will need to create an account
- Select the person you are registering for
- Choose the correct product category (i.e. their age group). Note only choose the deposit paid category if you have already paid a \$100 deposit for the 2024 season.
- Complete all stages of the registration form as required
- Make payment

The below graphic will be shown at the top of the page throughout your registration - you must get to the end with all five circles ticked for your registration to be processed.



If the number of available places for an age group is filled during the registration period you will be placed onto a waitlist. You still need to complete the registration process but you will not be charged fees. Those on the waiting list will be contacted if a position becomes available. If there are enough players on the waiting list for an age group, an additional team may be created.



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 will have already secured a spot in one of our top teams and paid a \$100 deposit.
- <u>Past players</u> will receive priority over new players provided they have registered during the registration period.
- New players are welcomed. If there are more new players than places available for that age group, priority will be given based on date of registration (i.e. first in, placed first).

IMPORTANT: Registrations will only be accepted after the registration period has closed if there is a vacancy in a team that needs to be filled.

If we are unable to place you in a team you will be advised as soon as possible and all fees paid will be refunded.

Once teams are established and a coach and manager is allocated, players will be notified (by 17 February 2024) 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 and Miniroos (U4 - U12)	miniroosregistrar@woodvalefc.net
Juniors (U13 - U18)	juniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net
Seniors (Womens, Amateurs, Masters)	seniorregistrar@woodvalefc.net



FAQs

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

Previously there was no end-date to registrations. This made it 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 had for the season. This could also be frustrating for players who were waiting to be allocated to a team as there was 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 when players, coaches etc... have been allocated to a team. If there is a vacancy in your age group you may be able to come and try 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 that you register during the registration period if you wish to play.

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 U9 - U18 usually in October 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 in the "comments" field 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. Please email the relevant Registrar regarding your request and the individual circumstances.

I have been placed on the waitlist. What does that mean?

If you have been placed on the waitlist that means all positions for your age group are currently filled. You will be contacted if a position becomes available, usually if someone withdraws prior to the start of the season. If there are sufficient players on the waitlist for an age group we may consider creating another team.

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

It is possible that the age group you are looking to register for isn't open yet or the registration has been closed due to all positions being filled including the waitlist.

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 ensuring you contact the correct Registrar for your age group, 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.

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Woodvale FC Code of Conduct

Standards and expected behaviour of everyone involved with Woodvale FC – administrators, coaches, players, parents and spectators.

Players

- Play by the rules
- Arrive prepared for all games and training sessions with the proper mental attitude and wearing proper game and training gear.
- Learn to obey the laws of the game, the team and the club.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent or using foul language are not acceptable or permitted behaviors.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Only give positive encouragement to fellow teammates. Treat all
 participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage
 of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. This extends to social media and the responsible mature use of such communication.

Coaches & Managers

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Give all players equal playing time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.



- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Be organized. Plan your training sessions, keep them flowing and add variety.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age maturity and ability of all players.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasize awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behavior and skills development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

Parents & Spectators

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Praise good performance 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.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Woodvale FC Officials

- Ensure that everyone involved in junior football emphasizes fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Provide a code of behavior sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.