



WOONONA FOOTBALL CLUB

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Registration FAQ

Listed below are common questions asked each season. If your questions are not answered below, please email the club at woononafootballclub@gmail.com

You can also find more answers on the Football South Coast website under FAQ. <https://footballsouthcoast.com/>

About Woonona Football Club

Woonona Football Club (WFC) is proudly run by a dedicated committee of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth operation of the club and its activities. Our grounds are leased from Wollongong City Council, and the club operates thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, player registrations, and contributions from the canteen.

As part of our community spirit, parents and players are asked to assist with setting up and packing down the fields and running the canteen. Typically, the canteen involves a short 45-minute shift once or twice a year.

With your support, the club can run efficiently and keep our football community strong.

How much is Registration?

Registration fees vary by age group and cover insurance, field hire, and ground maintenance costs.

To take advantage of the early bird discount, register before February 14th.

Don't forget to check your eligibility for the NSW Government's Active Kids Vouchers through Service NSW.

How Long is the season?

The Football South Coast Season Calendar is posted on their website.

What Age group should I register for?

Generally you register for the age group that you will turn that year ie. Under 8 (Turning 8 in 2025). Some who have January or February birthdays may choose to register up an age group to play with school friends.

My Child is registered - now what happens?

For under 6 - Under 9, you will hear from us via email when we have sorted players into teams. This should be towards the end of February. We will then send out team lists and ask for volunteers to Coach and Manage the teams. In early March, we will hold a "Meet The Coach Day" where families can meet and work out a suitable training day and time. Socks and Shorts can also be purchased on this day.

We hold Grading Days in early February for players aged 10 and above so that they can be placed in teams of similar ability. Once we have the final registration numbers, we will email the details for these days and post them on our website.



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Can my child request a team with their friend?

For Under 6 to Under 9 we try to group players by their primary school attended. If they have a (1) particular friend that they would like to play with, complete the [Team Request Form](#) when filling out registration.

https://formurl.com/to/WFC_TeamRequests

What equipment does my child need to play football?

The club provides playing shirts.

Shorts and socks with the club logo/name are available for purchase from the club (please visit the club website for more details).

Players must wear the current club shirt, shorts, and socks during matches.

In addition, players will need boots, shin pads, and a drink bottle for both training and matches.

What about SKINS?

FSC rules state players can wear compression shorts as long as they are black/white or match the team colours, ie. blue or red for Woonona however, the whole team who wears them must adopt the same colour. For this reason, we recommend all players wear black compression shorts or shirts.

To order, email woononafootballclub@com.au with the size (see [Website](#) for details)

What about jewellery?

The same law that covers undergarments also states that **NO** jewellery is to be worn.

This includes all rings, earrings, bangles and any headbands that may contain metal. Taping over them is NOT allowed. It is best to put off getting your child's ears (or nose) pierced until the end of the season.

<https://footballsouthcoast.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2024/12/2025-Competition-Rules-1.0.pdf>

What days do the teams train?

The volunteer coach will decide this, WFC likes all teams to train at Ocean park where possible.

U6 - U11 usually train once a week.

U12 - U14 train 1-2 times a week.

U15 - U18 train 1-2 times a week.

What days do the teams play?

U6 - U7 Play Saturday Morning at Ocean Park every week.

U8-U11 play on a Saturday morning in a round-robin format. NO finals

U12 - U14 also play on Saturday mornings, home and away, with Finals at the end of the year.



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U15 - U18 and Girls teams from U/12 up play on Sundays home and away they may also play some Friday night games with Finals.

How long do the games go for?

Under 6, 7 & 8 - 20 minutes each way

Under 9, 10 & 11 - 25 minutes each way

Under 12, 13 & 14 - 30 minutes each way

Under 15 & 16 - 35 minutes each way

Under 17 & 18 - 40 minutes each way.

What size ball does my child play with?

U6, 7, 8 & 9 - size 3

U10, 11, 12 & 13 - size 4

U14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 - size 5

Who sets up the fields for games?

The team playing the first game of the day is responsible for setting up the nets and taking out the equipment. If your match is scheduled for 8:30 AM, please ensure the nets, flagpoles, and goals are ready. We strongly recommend arriving 30 minutes early and having a few parents to assist with setup.

If your team's game is the last one of the day, you must bring all the equipment. Again, having some parents volunteer to assist with this is helpful.

The manager is typically notified mid-week if their team is on net duty so that they can inform the parents in advance.

Am I allowed to take photos of my child playing?

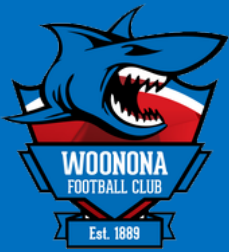
It is NOT illegal to take photos of children playing sport in a public space so you should feel free to take snaps of your little one. However, sometimes, you may be required to use your better judgment should someone request you to stop.

How do I know when certain rounds are i.e. last game for MiniRoos?

The Football South Coast Season Calendar is posted on their website.

Where can I learn more about MiniRoos (Formally Small Sided Football)?

MiniRoos is just that. It's Mini! It's about making the field smaller and with fewer players so that the children get more touches of the ball and become more involved. It also has modified rules & fewer constraints. At U6 & U7 level, there is no goalkeeper or throw-ins. For more information go to



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<https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos>

So what's this OFFSIDE I hear all about?

MiniRoos has no offside, although it may be applied in a case of obvious unfair advantage, as per FSC Law Variation. It is a rule that is used in all graded games and can be one of the more difficult to interpret and understand.

Basically, it states that a player is in an offside position if he is nearer to his opponent's goal than both the ball and the second last opponent, however, it is only an offence if they are interfering with play or an opponent or seeking to gain an advantage.

All coaches, parents & players should read up on this particular law.

What should I do in the event of wet weather?

During the week, for training purposes, you should:

- Check our Facebook page as this is easiest to update at a moment's notice.
- Contact your coach or manager if you are still unsure.

On game day you can do one or all of the following:

- Check the Dribl app. If signed in correctly you will get an immediate notification when a game status changes
- Check our Facebook page as we will update this with any information as soon as we have it