

Western Strikers Soccer Club

Playing Policy & Guidelines

General Rules & Guidelines



Teams will be fielded in each age group, subject to player numbers and availability of coaches. Within the FFSA rules and regulations, players are registered with Western Strikers Soccer Club (WSSC) not a particular team. Consequently players are expected to support other WSSC teams when required.

Players may be moved between 'JPL' & 'JSL' teams within an age group for reasons of the player performance, capability, performance, physical capability, discipline or for team balance. Co-ordination of movement of players between teams will be done via the Coaching Director or Junior Delegate. Parents and players shall be advised and consulted prior in order to ensure that the player can commit at a different time on games day and at training.

WSSC has a zero tolerance to harassment, violence, abuse, intimidation, unsavoury or derogatory language towards any of its coaches, volunteers, part time helpers, contractors, visiting teams, officials or guests to the club by players, parents of the players, relatives of the players or any guest of player at any time. This same zero tolerance is extended to all club members towards each other. Both at our home ground and at away venues.

Breaches of any of the above risk pending a review by the WSSC Committee, or authorised disciplinary officer, can result in cancellation of membership or a ban from attending games as well as but not limited to reporting incidents to the relative authorities such as the FFSA or Police in the event of serious cases.

Any player or parent complaints or disputes involving their coach, manager or trainers must direct their complaints to the Coaching Director or Junior Delegate as soon as possible. Coaching Director or Junior Delegate will monitor all Red and Yellow Cards. All Red Card incidents will be reported to the Coaching Panel and Junior Delegate for review.

Players & Coaches shall be required to explain particulars to the Coaching Panel and Junior Delegate.

Please remember that all clubs are fined for yellow and red cards.

When teams have 'home' matches, players and coaches/support staff are to meet at the WSSC club rooms prior to moving to their games area or designated playing field of play.

All players must wear shin-guards, wear suitable training apparel & have at least two (2) water bottles at all training sessions and matches. **No shin-guards, no play.**

It is the responsibility of the players, parents or guardians of players to advise the club of ANY and ALL medical conditions such as injuries, minor ailments, allergies, asthma immediately.

Under 6 - Under 11

- Due to a FFSA directive, these age groups will play under Modified Rules of SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL. Details of which can be found at the FFSA website (www.ffsa.com.au)
- If there are two teams per age group, teams will be of equal ability where possible.
- U8 & U9 will consist of a maximum of 11 players.
- U10 & U11 teams will consist of a maximum of 13 players.
- All parent/caregivers are expected to present their child in person to the coach or coaching staff at every training session or match day activity on time. Parent/caregivers are expected to remain at the grounds during the training session/match to ensure the safety of your child and for you to tend to them in the case of an injury/emergency. If you are unable to stay you must appoint someone else as their carer.
- Parent/caregivers should always be present but if they are not and the child is not picked up after training or match then coaches will be advised to notify the club's Child Safety Officer in the first instance followed by calling authorities to collect the child.
- **The entire squad must be utilised in every game; every player must be given at least one full half per game and where possible.**
- Throughout the season all players must be evenly rotated to ensure:
 1. Every player has an opportunity to start games,
 2. Every player has an opportunity to finish games,
 3. Every player has an opportunity to play out entire games.

- It is the intention that by the end of the season, every player has had an opportunity of:
 - Equal playing time based on the average minutes played per game.
 - Playing different positions during the year.
- Injured players will be interchanged immediately in order to determine the full extent of the injury.
- Players may be subject to skills testing prior or during the season to gauge the level of skill and performance of the players and if necessary customise or modify training sessions.
- In the interest of player, coach & team development, all Coaches will be subject to evaluation throughout the year.

Under 12 to Under 15

- If there are two teams per age group, there will be a JPL & JSL team.
- Teams will consist of a maximum of 16 players.
- All parent/caregivers are expected to present their child in person to the coach or coaching staff at every training session or match day activity on time. Parent/caregivers are expected to remain at the grounds during the training session/match to ensure the safety of your child and for you to tend to them in the case of an injury/emergency. If you are unable to stay you must appoint someone else as their carer.
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Under 16 to Under 17

- If there are two teams per age group, there will be a 'JPL' and a 'JSL' team.
- U16-U17 teams will consist of a maximum of 16 players.
- **There will be no minimum playing time requirement. Team selection will be at the coaches' discretion.**
- All parents are expected to present their child in person to the coach or coaching staff at every training session or match day activity. In turn all players must be picked up by their respective parent/guardian at the end of all training sessions or match day activities unless prior arrangement has been made and agreed to by all parties.
- Injured players may be taken off for treatment to determine the full extent of the injury. If the player is unable to continue, a substitution can then be made. Or as outlined in latest FFSA rules and guidelines.
- In the interest of player, coach & team development, players may be subject to skills testing prior or during the season to gauge the level of skill and performance of the players and if necessary customise or modify training sessions.
- Coaches will be subject to evaluation throughout the year.
- FFSA Cup Games - The coach will be permitted to field the best eligible players available.

Western Strikers Soccer Club reserves the right to review, amend or change these policies & guidelines at any time without notice.
