

2026



# Wembley Downs Soccer Club

PRE-REGISTRATION BRIEFING



## What is Wembley Downs Soccer Club?

Wembley Downs Soccer Club (WDSC) is a vibrant, family-oriented community soccer club located in Scarborough, Western Australia, committed to fostering a love of football for all ages and abilities. WDSC is a not-for-profit organisation, run entirely by volunteers, and affiliated with FIFA and Football West, welcoming over 500 members in men's, women's, and junior divisions, including the popular MiniRoos program for children aged 5 to 12.

WDSC values integrity, equality, respect, loyalty, and inclusiveness, rewarding effort and sportsmanship and putting the club and community first. Our philosophy emphasises inclusiveness, teamwork, and skill development in a nurturing environment where children and adults can grow as athletes and individuals.

Whether members wish to play socially or competitively, WDSC supports players of all backgrounds and skill levels, focusing on fun, participation, and creating life-long friendships.

WDSC can enter teams in each of the following age categories for boys and girls:

### Boys/Mixed teams:

- U6 (players born in 2020/2021)
- U7 (players born in 2019/2020)
- U8 (boys born in 2018/2019 & girls born 2017/2018)
- U9 (boys born in 2017/2018 & girls 2016/2017)
- U10 (boys born in 2016/2017 & girls 2015/2016)
- U11 (boys born in 2015/2016 & girls 2014/2015)
- U12 (boys born in 2014/2015 & girls 2013/2014)
- U13 (boys born in 2013/2014 & girls 2012/2013)
- U14 (boys born in 2012/2013 & girls 2011/2012)
- U15 (boys born in 2011/2012 & girls 2010/2011)
- U16 (boys only born in 2010/2011)
- U18 (boys only born in 2008/2009/2010)

### Girls only teams:

- U8 (players born in 2018/2019)
- U10 (players born in 2016/2017)
- U12 (players born in 2014/2015)
- U13 (players born in 2013/2014)
- U14 (players born in 2012/2013)
- U15 (players born in 2011/2012)
- U16 (players born in 2010/2011)
- U17 (players born in 2009/2010)

Playing up or down an age group is possible in rare circumstances but requires permission from the Coordinators, Club Committee and governing bodies.

WDSC reserves the right to move players between teams during the season to ensure appropriate skill levels and team balance.



## The commitment involved with being a Wembley Downs SC Player

It's fundamental to understand the commitment involved with being a WDSC player before you become a member. It's very disruptive to a team and to your own development to get select and then find out you are unable to attend training sessions or make it to games.

Being part of the Wembley Downs SC is a year-round commitment:

- starting with selection trials in October,
- followed by pre-season training for Seniors and State League in October to December.
- then pre-season training for Miniroos and Junior boys and girls in February to April.
- continuing with the regular season (18 rounds plus finals) which runs from April to September.

All selected players must attend ALL training sessions, even if injured, as well as the competition weekend games.

## Training Commitment

During the pre-season (February to April) and regular season (April to September), **all teams will have one or two training sessions per week depending on their age group**. Training sessions can take place on any evening from Monday to Friday. Training session allocations are done based on coach availability, not player availability. It is expected that players wanting a spot in a competitive team prioritise their two training sessions over other commitments. If a player has a commitment that precludes them from attending their team's allocated training sessions on a regular basis, they will not be able to take up their spot in a competitive team and will be relegated to a lower division/colour team.

All dates in this document are estimates and subject to change once Football Australia and Football West announce the official 2026 Season calendar.

## Competition Commitment

All players from U9 and up are required to attend WDSC team placement sessions for their age group. Players in the U8 boys/mixed teams are also required to attend team placement sessions. Female players in girls only teams in the U8 group age are not required to attend team placement sessions.

The 2026 season starts in April. It runs for 18 weeks + 2 weeks of finals. (There is a one-week break in the July school holidays.) Games are played Saturdays or Sundays depending on the division, age group, league and competition they are involved in. Games can be any time from 8am to 12pm at venues all over Perth. In some cases, a mid-week catchup fixture may be organised.

## Financial Commitment

The fees involved in 2026 Season are yet to be confirmed. The following fees are based on the previous season and may vary with age, gender, professional status, student status and secondary discounting.

- WDSC registration fee: \$320
- WDSC Academy fee (Miniroos U10 to U12 only): TBD
- Football Australia fee: \$15
- Football West fee: \$67 - \$111



- WDSC Compulsory Uniform items:
  - White shorts (male U5/66 and up & female in U5/6 and U7): \$16 - \$25
  - Red shorts (female only U8 and up): \$16 - \$25
  - Playing Jersey: \$36
  - Red socks: \$10 - \$15
  - Coaches/managers gifts - parent contribution: no more than \$30 per family per team.

## Financial Assistance

WDSC is registered as a KidSport Club and is able to provide financial assistance via a KidSport Voucher. For more information about KidSport eligibility and application process, please visit the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport website or click [KidSport Application](#).

You must apply for KidSport voucher before formalising your registration with Play Football. Please plan accordingly and well ahead as it may take up to 10 days to receive the code voucher.

Additional details on how to redeem the voucher will be provided closer to registration opening for the new season.

Under special circumstances, WDSC may be able to provide payment plans to its members. Such requests must be made to the Executive Committee by the contact form in WDSC website.

## Training Venues

WDSC teams regularly train at Butlers Reserve in Scarborough. Alternative grounds may be used during pre-season and under special circumstances. Changes in venues will be communicated in due time. We are unable to advise on where any team will be training before trials, as these details are not finalised until the teams are announced.

It is important to know before registering that, if selected, your team's training session could be once or twice a week from Monday to Friday, and could be at any of the following venues:

- Butlers Reserve (home ground)
- Empire Reserve (pre-season)
- Yuluma Park (pre-season)
- Local school ovals (alternative grounds)
- Loftus Recreation Centre (alternative grounds, additional costs may be involved)
- The Football Centre (alternative grounds, additional costs may be involved)

## Eligibility requirements

Players must meet the following to be eligible to attend team placement sessions (grading) for 2026 season:

- Submit an Early Access Application on time, for all returning WDSC players.
- Submit an Expression of Interest on time, for all new players.
- Have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions.
- Have read and agreed to uphold the WDSC Code of Conduct.

## Age Groups

Please take careful note of your age group to ensure you attend the correct team placement session for your birth year. We cannot offer exemptions to players who miss the correct date for their age.



**Remember:** Playing up or down an age group is possible in rare circumstances but requires permission from the Coordinators, Club Committee and governing bodies. If you would like to request an exemption to play up/down, please get in touch with WDSC using the contact form in our website.

WDSC reserves the right to move players between teams during regular season to ensure appropriate skill levels and team balance.

Birth year	Age Group (boys/mixed)	Age Group (girls only)
2017*, 2018, 2019	U8	U8
2016*, 2017, 2018	U9	-
2015*, 2016, 2017	U10	U10
2014*, 2015, 2016	U11	-
2013*, 2014, 2015	U12	U12
2012*, 2013, 2014	U13	U13
Birth year	Age Group (boys/mixed)	Age Group (girls only)
2011*, 2012, 2013	U14	U14
2010*, 2011, 2012	U15	-
2010, 2011	U16	U16
2009, 2010	U18	U17

\*girls in mixed teams

### Club expectations of players

All selected players are expected to:

- Abide by our players' [Code of Conduct](#).
- Attend all scheduled training sessions unless unwell (Injured players are still expected to attend training).
- Purchase the compulsory uniform items.
- Wear shin pads and football boots to ALL training sessions and games. Participation will be **denied** for non-compliance.
- Pay all registration fees by the payment deadlines.
- Be available to help other teams by participating in no more than two games the same day in your current age group or up/down an age group when necessary and if eligible. Meaning that on some occasions or special circumstances, you could be called to play two games in the same day at home or away.

### Club expectations of parents

All parents are expected to:

- Abide by our Spectator, parent/guardian [Code of Conduct](#).
- Abide by our Volunteer, coach & manager [Code of Conduct](#) when performing any role other than spectator, parent/guardian.
- Be available to be rostered multiple times or as often as deemed necessary in any role as described in our [Volunteer Role Descriptions](#).
- Give permission for your player to be available to help other teams by participating in no more than two games the same day in their current age group or up/down an age group when called upon at home or away.



- Check regularly WDSC website, social media and any other communication methods determined by WDSC to share information and updates with its members. It is your responsibility to ensure emails and contact numbers are accurate and responses are sent promptly.

## **Academy Program**

The academy program at Wembley Downs Soccer Club (WDSC) is a player development initiative designed to provide top young athletes with professional training by qualified coaches through structured training blocks during the season.

The program was first introduced in 2025 for boys/mixed teams in the U9-U12 age groups and will expand in 2026 to include eligible girls-only teams in the U10-U12 age groups, focusing on the blue division for girls and both blue and green divisions for boys/mixed teams.

Its core purpose is to help players develop the skills and experience necessary to progress to more advanced competition levels like Junior Development League and State League, while keeping participation affordable and accessible for families.

To secure a place in the academy program, the player will participate in the same team placement sessions as any Mini-roo player and follow the selection criteria outlined below. After the team placement sessions have ended, the player will receive an invitation to join the program. There isn't a separate trial or grading for academy spots.

Players in the program will receive an academy jersey and a training bag or a team jacket.

## **Academy Training**

- Mondays: Boys/Mixed U10 at 4pm; U11 at 5pm and U12 at 6pm.
- Fridays: Girls U10 and U12 at 5pm.

If players are not available to train in their allocated day, there is opportunity to train with another group, but this must be communicated and arranged with the Academy Committee.

## **Academy Committee**

Is made up by a group of parents (one parent volunteer per age group) that are not coaching the teams in the academy program. Their job is to make decisions regarding participating professional coaches, kits, bags, jackets and training times. Securing sponsors for the Academy program to be able to open for the season. Manage communications with players and parents in their age group.

## **Academy Sponsorship Packages**

- Gold Sponsor A - \$4,000
  - Branding on front of Academy Jersey.
  - Logo in Club house.
  - Logo on all academy related material.
- Gold Sponsor B - \$4,000
  - Branding on Bag or Jacket (large logo).
  - Logo in Club house.
  - Logo on all academy related material.



- Silver Sponsor C - \$1,000
  - Branding on sleeve of Academy Jersey.
  - Logo in Club house.
  - Logo on all academy related material.
- Silver Sponsor D - \$1,000
  - Branding on Bag or Jacket (small logo).
  - Logo in Club house.
  - Logo on all academy related material.
- Bronze Sponsor E - \$500
  - Branding on front of Club Jersey (Jerseys are paid for by players).
  - Logo in Club house.
  - Logo on all academy related material.

## **Selection Criteria for Miniroos Boys/Mixed and Girls**

### **U5/6 to U7 Age Groups**

For our youngest players, we prioritise fun, friendship, and basic skill development. The focus is on creating a positive and enjoyable introduction to football. Equal playing time is encouraged for all players. Emphasis is placed on learning fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game.

No formal grading process is implemented for these age groups.

Teams are formed based on:

- Parental assistance availability.
- School relationships.
- Friendship groups.
- Registration requests.
- Coach availability.

### **U8 to U9 Age Groups**

For girls only teams NO formal grading process is implemented in the U8 age group.

Girls only teams are formed based on:

- Parental assistance availability.
- School relationships.
- Friendship groups.
- Registration requests.
- Coach availability.

For boys/mixed teams in these age groups, we introduce a basic selection criteria to enhance player development. Team placement sessions (grading) are mandatory for all boys/mixed players in these age groups.

Players are assessed on:

- Ability and skill level (including tactical and technical) e.g. 1v1, running with the ball, first touch, striking the ball.



- Attitude and willingness to participate, listen and learn; focusing on behaviour and response to coaching instructions.

Teams are formed based on:

- Similar skill levels to maximise enjoyment and development.
- Friend requests are secondary to skill-based allocation.
- Friend recruitment of new members to play together in same team is also secondary to skill-based allocation.

WDSC reserves the right to move players between teams during the season based on performance and development.

### **U10 to U12 Age Groups**

The selection criteria will focus more in tactical and technical skills and stepping back from friendships requests. We want to provide opportunities for players to play with friends as well as to play with players of a similar skill level, while still creating balanced, fun and fair teams. However, please note this is where our development pathway begins with the option to join our academy training.

Players are assessed on:

- Technical Skills: 1v1, running with the ball, first touch and striking the ball.
- Behaviour/Mentality: Demonstrating a positive attitude, a willingness to participate and improve.
- Game Awareness: Understanding spatial dynamics and decision-making with and without the ball.
- Teamwork: Displaying coachability, including but not limited to, a positive attitude, positive response to coaching instructions, and a willingness to contribute to team.

Teams are formed based on:

- Similar skill levels to maximise enjoyment and development.
- Limited capacity for friend requests and friends' recruitment of new members. However, team chemistry will have some consideration among skills and work ethic.

WDSC reserves the right to move players between teams during the season based on performance and development.

## **Selection Process for Juniors Boys/Mixed and Girls**

### **U13 to U18 Age Groups**

The selection process will focus in tactical and technical skills. WDSC's objective is to ensure that each player is placed in the most suitable environment to foster everyone's development. To facilitate this, WDSC conducts team placement sessions by a selection panel comprised of coaches and club volunteers that will assess players abilities, dedication, and readiness for either a competitive or social team.

Team selections are at the discretion of the Junior Coordinator and Selection Panel. Individual feedback will not be provided.





Players are assessed on:

- **Technique:** Proficiency in executing basic and advanced football skills within a game context.
- **Physical Attributes:** Utilizing physical capabilities (strength, speed, agility) effectively on the field.
- **Mentality:** Demonstrating a positive attitude, strong work ethic, willingness to participate and a desire for continuous improvement.
- **Game Awareness:** Understanding spatial dynamics, making intelligent decisions with and without the ball, excelling in one-on-one situations, and comprehending game situations.
- **Teamwork:** Displaying coachability, long-term commitment to the club, a positive attitude, positive response to coaching instructions, and willingness to contribute to the team goals.

Teams are formed based on:

- Similar skill levels to maximise enjoyment and development.
- In situations where there aren't enough players who meet the skill levels required for the highest division available, the coordinator may choose to nominate the team for a lower division, for the sake of the growth of the players.

WDSC reserves the right to move players between teams during the season based on performance and development.

## Team Makeup and Divisions

Selected Miniroos players will be sorted into teams as follows.

Age	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7
<b>U6s Clusters</b> <b>4-a-side</b>	25 players	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>U7s Clusters</b> <b>4-a-side</b>	25 players	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>U8s Boys</b> <b>7-a-side</b>	Best team (11 players)	NA	NA	Second best team (11 players)	NA	Third best team (11 players)	NA
<b>U8s Girls</b> <b>7-a-side</b>	Best team (11 players)	NA	NA	Second best team (11 players)	NA	Third best team (11 players)	NA
<b>U9s Boys</b> <b>7-a-side</b>	Best team (11 players)	NA	NA	Second best team (11 players)	NA	Third best team (11 players)	NA
<b>U10s Boys</b> <b>9-a-side</b>	Best team (13 players)	Second best team (13 players)	Third best team (13 players)	Fourth best team (13 players)	Fifth best team (13 players)	Sixth best team (13 players)	Seventh best team (13 players)
<b>U10s Girls</b> <b>9-a-side</b>	Best team (13 players)	Second best team (13 players)	Third best team (13 players)	Fourth best team (13 players)	Fifth best team (13 players)	Sixth best team (13 players)	Seventh best team (13 players)



Age	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7
<b>U11s Boys</b> 9-a-side	Best team (13 players)	Second best team (13 players)	Third best team (13 players)	Fourth best team (13 players)	Fifth best team (13 players)	Sixth best team (13 players)	Seventh best team (13 players)
<b>U12s Boys</b> 9-a-side	Best team (14 players)	Second best team (14 players)	Third best team (14 players)	Fourth best team (14 players)	Fifth best team (14 players)	Sixth best team (14 players)	Seventh best team (14 players)
<b>U12s Girls</b> 9-a-side	Best team (14 players)	Second best team (14 players)	Third best team (14 players)	Fourth best team (14 players)	Fifth best team (14 players)	Sixth best team (14 players)	Seventh best team (14 players)

\*Number of players per team indicated in the table is the maximum number of spots available per team. WDSC reserves the right to lower this number as deemed necessary.

Selected Juniors players will be sorted into teams as follows.

Age	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
<b>U13s Boys</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second best team (16 players)	Third best team (16 players)
<b>U13s Girls</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second best team (16 players)	Third best team (16 players)
<b>U14s Boys</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U14s Girls</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U15s Boys</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U15s Girls</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U16s Boys</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U16s Girls</b>	Best team (16 players)	Second-best team (16 players)	NA
<b>U18s Boys</b>	Best team (16 players)	NA	NA

\*Number of players per team indicated in the table is the maximum number of spots available per team. WDSC reserves the right to lower this number as deemed necessary.



## Formal Registration in Play Football (Football Australia)

**IMPORTANT:** There are capacity limits for our teams. Once each age group reach capacity, registrations for that group will close.

A waiting list will be open for any player new or returning that miss the EAA, EOI or team placement dates. WDSC reserves the right to extend an invitation for late registration to those players in the waiting list.

Players in the waiting list will be invited individually as spots become available at any time before or during the season.

WDSC will do its best to accommodate multiple members of the same family but there is no guarantee that all family members will be offered a spot.

Late registration requests will be automatically added to the waiting list and may be accepted at the discretion of the Coaches, Coordinators and Club Committee.

Last year, we reached capacity in several of our age groups well before registration period was due to end. Please register quickly to ensure you do not miss out.

Registrations will close at **5.30pm on Sunday 15 March** for all age groups that have not already reached their limit. Registrations are not refundable according to our Refund Policy.

Once registered, you will next hear from us in March 2026 with final details about team placements and training start dates.

## Questions

If you have any questions after reading the above, please reach out using the contact form in our website.