



Hello all,

You are receiving this note as the parent/guardian of a player registered to play football with Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC in 2024.

Firstly, thank you for being part of the Wolves family. With more than 500 children registered to play in season 2024, it is set to be an exciting season for the club.

We understand that this period just before the season starts can be confusing for parents/guardians, so the club wanted to provide you with an update to make the start of the season as smooth as possible.

JUNIOR CLUB OPEN DAY & TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS – Saturday 4 MAY, 2024:

- **Where:** Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC Clubhouse at Glen Willow.
- **When:** Saturday 4 May at Glen Willow:
 - 9.30am - Gates Open
 - 10am - 11am – MiniRoos U3/U4
 - 11am - 12pm - U5, U7 & U9* (*U9/10/11 girls – 3 x development teams)
 - 12pm - 1pm - U6, U8, U10 & U11* (*U12/13 girls – 1 x development team)
 - 10am - 11am – Gold Cup (U12/13/14)

At the **Open Day** players, parents and guardians will find out:

- Details about the club and the 2024 season.
- Team announcements – meet your teammates.
- Meet your coach/team coordinator.
- Find out what fields your age group will play on, the format of your competition, rules, game leaders and the season draw – all the info you need to be prepared for round one!
- Hear about Shoosh for Kids (#ShooshForKids)
- Purchase any club merchandise (shorts socks, bags, hoodies, caps, etc). To ensure you don't miss any information, please wait until after your age group information session has finished to purchase merchandise.
- Merchandise will also be available on Saturday 11 May when the season kicks off, and throughout the season.
- Team coach/coordinators will collect team playing shirts.

2024 SEASON START/FINISH:

- The first day of junior football will be: **Saturday 11 May.**
- The last day of Saturday football will be: **Saturday 7 September.**

PLAYING TIMES AND DRAWS:

- For age group playing times see the club website - www.mgwfc.com.au
- Season draws for all age groups will be released at the **Junior Club Open Day (Saturday 4 May)** and then updated on the club website later that week.
- Draws may change during the year, the latest age group draws will always be available on the club website.
- Follow our Facebook page, Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC, for club information and announcements.



TEAM ALLOCATION:

- Team allocation announcements will be made at the **Junior Club Open Day (Saturday 4 May)** and then updated on the club website later that week.
- Your child will be placed in a team according to their age. The club works hard to select teams that provide all players with an experience that is fair, challenging and most importantly fun.
- The club does look to develop female only teams where possible in some age groups – this might mean your daughter is playing out of her age group, but from experience we know this is a great development opportunity for our young female players – and especially important to grow female football following the excitement of the Matilda's Women's World Cup campaign last year!
- The club will keep an eye on results over the first three weeks of the competition. Where necessary some minor team changes may be made post round three.

TEAM COORDINATORS/COACHES/MANAGERS

- One of the big challenges our club faces is the appointment of team coordinators/coaches/managers.
- We know from experience, a team with a dedicated coordinator/coach/manager has a more organised and enjoyable year and the development of the players is usually increased as a result.
- We also know coordinators/coaches/managers for junior teams **do not need to be experienced**. They just need to be organised and be keen to help the kids develop.
- If you are willing/able/keen to be part of your son/daughter's team as a coach, manager or team coordinator, please send an email to vicepresident@mgwfc.com.au advising "your name" and your "child's name" and "child's age".
- Team coaches are provided guidance through the year at scheduled "coach the coach" sessions as well as provided example training drills to hold at training sessions.

COMP STRUCTURE:

This year we will be playing the following age groups:

- MiniRoos (players turning 3 and 4)
- U5 (mixed teams – players turning 5)
- U6 (mixed teams – players turning 6)
- U7 (mixed teams – players turning 7)
- U8 (mixed teams – players turning 8)
- U9 (mixed teams - players turning 9 – this comp includes 3 female development teams consisting of females aged 9/10/11)
- U10/11 (a mix of players turning 10 and 11 - including a WYL development team and a female development team consisting of females aged 12/13)
- Gold Comp (a mix of players turning 12, 13 and 14 – competitive age group).

PLAYING KIT

- Players will receive their playing shirt on game day – each week a parent will take responsibility for washing the playing shirts and bringing them to the game the following week. Please keep kit together for the entire season.
- All junior players are required to play in club shorts (black) and club socks (yellow) – these can be purchased from the clubhouse merchandise store (clubhouse).



- All junior players **MUST** play in football boots and shin pads – a small selection of pre-loved football boots and shin pads are available from the clubhouse merchandise store for a small fee.
- All parents/guardians are encouraged to donate boots and shin pads that players have outgrown to the club so they can be shared with other club members.
- There is no mandatory playing kit for MiniRoos (turning 3 and 4), however if parents/guardians wish, small-sized playing shorts and socks can be purchased for our youngest club members from the clubhouse merchandise store.

PARKING:

- Mid-Western Region Council guidelines, request all Saturday football parking will be in P1.
- There will be no vehicle access within the gates of Glen Willow during Saturday football (except for approved deliveries and disability access – please contact a committee member to organise access).
- For Mid-Western Region Council parking directions see the club website.

We hope the above information is useful and helps you plan for the first week of football at Glen Willow on Saturday 11 May. We look forward to sharing the season with you.

GO THE WOLVES!

All the best,
The MGWFC Committee