



Hello all,

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 is pleased to provide you with an update to make the start of the season as smooth as possible.

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 DRAWS & FIELD LAYOUT:

- All playing times, age group draws and field layout information can be found on the club website - <https://mgwfc.com.au/teams-draw/>
- Please endeavour to understand what team your child is in, what time you are playing and what field you are playing on, ahead of Saturday morning.
- **Please arrive at the field you are playing on, at least 15-20 mins before your game time to allow enough preparation time.**
- The club may make changes to teams and draws after a few rounds to ensure games are fair, challenging and most importantly fun for all players. The latest information will always be available on the club website.
- Follow our Facebook page (Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC), for ongoing club information and announcements.

TEAM ALLOCATION:

- Team allocations can be found here – [View Teams](#)
- 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

- Thank you to all those people who have stepped up to coach, manage or coordinate a team this season.
- We know 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.
- 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.
- If your team does not have a dedicated coordinator/coach/manager, please consider stepping into this role yourself.

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

- Team coaches/managers are responsible for picking up the team playing kit from the clubhouse. If your team does not have a dedicated coach/manager, please come to the clubhouse prior to your first game to collect your team kit bag.
- Each player will be given a 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 this Saturday (11 May).

If you have any questions at all, please come to the clubhouse and chat with a committee member.

We look forward to sharing the season with you.

GO THE WOLVES!

All the best,
The MGWFC Committee