



Hello,

The Mudgee Gulgong Wolves is please to pass on the following information to parents/guardians of a players in the **2024 MiniRoos** program!

While this is an exciting time for our youngest club members as they take their first steps into football, the club understands as a parent/guardian this may be a step into the unknown!

The club wants the experience to be an enjoyable one for you too, so below I have provided some basic information ahead of the first day of MiniRoos **THIS SATURDAY** (11 May).

FIRST DAY OF MINIROOS:

- The first day of MiniRoos will be: **Saturday 11 May**
- MiniRoos will be played at **Glen Willow Sporting Complex** on the fields near the clubhouse – there will be committee members around on the day to guide you.
- MiniRoos will start at **10.00am** each Saturday during the season (Note: no games on Kings Birthday weekend or School Holidays weekends).
- MiniRoos sessions run for approximately 40 minutes.
- Try to arrive at the fields about 15 minutes early so you are ready to start at 10.00am.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A lot of fun for your young footballer! Some may say “organised chaos”, but we would rather say “organised fun”!
- The MiniRoos program focuses on “fun” and “skills development”.
- The program is designed to introduce kids to football and develop a love of the game that will hopefully last a lifetime!
- Each Saturday, MiniRoos participants will be guided through a skills development program that is designed to be challenging and engaging.
- There will be helpers from the club working with the MiniRoos group – however parent/guardian participation in some of the drills may be necessary - don’t worry, no fancy football skills will be required!
- There are no formal/structured games during the MiniRoo program – it really is all about making sure the kids enjoy the experience of being at Saturday football and develop some basic skills.
- There are not formal teams developed during the MiniRoos program – players will be placed into groups each week.

WHAT YOUR MINIROO SHOULD WEAR:

- There is no mandatory uniform for MiniRoos. MiniRoos should wear comfortable, warm, training style clothes.
- MiniRoos can wear joggers. Football boots and shin pads are not mandatory for MiniRoos.
- Of course, if you would like to purchase club shorts and socks, these will be available from the club merchandise store which will be open in the Clubhouse every Saturday during the season.
- If you would like to purchase football boots you are welcome to do so, but again, boots are not mandatory for MiniRoos.

WHAT TO BRING:

- MiniRoos should bring a hat and a water bottle with them each week.
- All the equipment required for the session will be supplied by the club and remain at the ground.

**IMPORTANT:**

- As the parent/guardian of a MiniRoo player play a huge role in ensure the experience is a positive one for your player.
- Talk positively about MiniRoos during the week, highlight the fun aspect of the program and encourage your MiniRoo to look for the positives in the program.
- Ultimately, the club wants Saturday mornings to be a time the MiniRoos are looking forward to and a place where you as a parent/guardian can come along and feel part of a club community.
- It is common for MiniRoos to be a little cautious during the first few weeks, but we know from experience, the longer the season goes, the more the kids love it!

MINIROOS PACKS:

- Each MiniRoo will receive a special MiniRoos gift, usually a small bag and water bottle etc.
- The club will receive these packs during the season from Football Australia.
- The gifts will be presented to the MiniRoos on Presentation Day – Saturday 14 September as recognition of their participation in the program.

PARKING:

- According to Mid-Western Region Council guidelines, 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 member of the committee to arrange access).
- For Mid-Western Region Council parking directions see the club website.

On behalf of the Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC I say welcome to the Wolfpack! Thank you for choosing to be part of our club. I am so looking forward to sharing the season with you and your MiniRoo!

If you have any questions or concerns, specifically about the MiniRoos program please send an email to secretary@mgwfc.com.au or come and have a chat on a Saturday morning at Mini Roos.

GO THE WOLVES!

All the best,

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