



# West Lakes Shore School Australian Rules Football 2023



## Welcome

Welcome to West Lakes Shore School Football for the 2023 season! This information sheet is a quick reference guide for questions that you may have regarding School Football. For any other enquiries, please contact School Football using the details in the Communication and Contact section below.

## Registration & Fees:

Registration fees      \$ 60 (payable direct to SANFL upon registration with SANFL - ORSR Sports Voucher can be used)

WLSS School Sport Levy      \$ 30 (direct to school)

Register Online using the link or the QR code below. All registrations will close **17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Before the beginning of the season, we will ask you to register with SANFL, where you will be required to pay \$60 for the season, ORSR Sport Voucher can be used for this portion of the fees. <https://forms.office.com/r/ZfpPB02DL4>



There will be one season of Football for the year. Please note that if guernseys are not returned at the end of the season, West Lakes Shore School will invoice you a replacement fee. The Playing fee includes administration fees, equipment levy, end of season trophy and coaching gift contribution. Initially only nominations are taken, once players have a confirmed place in the team, all players are required to pay for the season before starting their first game. By nominating you are acknowledging a commitment to play, withdrawing from the competition at a later date will impact all teams, players and can result in entire teams having to withdraw from the competition.

## Focus/ Philosophy of School Football

School Football acts as an introduction to Aussie Rules Football and allows students to develop a greater understanding of the game while also learning the core skills required to play football.

The program is focused on participation and enjoyment in a team environment with all players given equal opportunity regardless of skill level. Over the course of a season, players will have the opportunity to play in a variety of on field positions.

With the focus on participation, coaches are required to ensure player numbers are even and this can result in players playing for the opposition side for a quarter or two. The spirit of the game is to give all available players as much game time as possible.

The rules are modified to assist with development of skills. No tackling or deliberate bumping is permitted at Year 2 level with the level of contact gradually increased through the grades. A "grab and release" tackle is introduced in Year 3/4 with full tackling allowed in Year 5/6.

The Year 2s play on an oval approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  the size of the school oval with Year 3/4s and 5/6 playing on a full oval. Girls are very welcome and encouraged to play school football!

At the end of the season, a Presentation Day is held and a trophy is presented to each player to reward them for their efforts throughout the year.

## Teams and Game Times

In 2023, WLSS aims to be fielding teams in the SANFL School Football competition. The age groups are as follows:

- Year 2 – will play 9 a side with 3 zones (Year 1s may participate ONLY if they have done AusKick)
- Year 3/4 – will play 9 a side with 3 zones
- Year 5/6 – will play 12 a side with 3 zones

Games are expected to be played on **Tuesday afternoons (at 3:45pm) at Ocean View College**. Games commence 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

Coaches will generally require players to report to them at the ground 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time (as this is a new venue and time we understand that players may not be able to arrive prior to the games).

Individual coaches will advise if training will be conducted for their team. This will generally occur after school at West Lakes Shore School Oval. Permission will need to be provided to the OSHC, if your child attends on the training day.

There may be other parents that can provide transport for your children to the game if required (this will be a personal arrangement and West Lakes Shore School provide no liability for transporting children to and from the venue).

## Equipment /Uniform:

To participate in School Footy, players are required to wear the following:

Supplied by Coach/ Team Manager

- WLSS guernsey

Supplied by Parent/Guardian:

- Football shorts (navy blue)
- Football socks (navy blue)
- Football Boots

Mouthguards in all grades are highly encouraged. "Boil and Bite" mouthguards can be purchased at pharmacies or alternatively, a dentist can assist with a custom fit mouthguard for your player.



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### School Football Volunteers

School Football is an activity managed by parents who generously volunteer hours of their own time to ensure that WLSS children are given the opportunity to enjoy their involvement in playing football.

We therefore rely on **all** parents to assist in/ contribute to the weekly tasks that need to be completed for games to take place. Please note that you will be a cleared WLSS volunteer. If you are not you can apply at the following website or contact the school for your status, <https://bit.ly/2Yg9dv5>

These may include the following duties:

- coach for each team
- Team manager for each team
- Goal umpire
- Oval pack down when required

### Code of Behaviour

In registering your child for School Footy, you acknowledge and agree to the conditions of registration which include expectations of behaviour of players and parents participating in WLSS footy. Please respect these conditions and be “a good sport” so that footy is enjoyable for everyone.

Out of School hours sport at WLSS aims to promote:

- enjoyment
- widespread student participation
- skill acquisition
- the school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Excellence** and **Resilience**
- the development of positive sporting behaviour and team spirit
- positive attitudes towards lifelong physical activity

The WLSS student code of conduct for out of school sports is set out below:

- *Play by the rules.*
- *Respect all participants at all times.*
- *Respect and follow the directions of team officials and referees. **Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.***
- *Refrain from using violence in any form against any person. Never yell at, ridicule or criticise other participants. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.*
- *Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you!*
- *Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team or the opposition.*
- *Treat all players with respect. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.*
- *Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition. Play to the best of your ability in a fair manner.*
- *Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.*
- *Be punctual to games and practices, and inform the coach if unable to attend a practice or match.*
- *Do not attend when unwell or bring unwell family members to the game.*
- *Acknowledge all good plays whether they are by my team or the opposition team.*
- *Shake hands/bump elbows with the other team and referee at the end of the game. (\*\*SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE HEALTH ADVICE\*\*)*
- *I agree to adhere to the Department and WLSS Cyber Safety Agreement in relation to the use of social media. This applies to coaches, parents and students.*

### Communication and Contact

If you have any other questions in relation to WLSS Footy, please do not hesitate to contact the school 8449 7255 or [dl.1246.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1246.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

You can also contact footy coordinator Carlie Baker on 0401518586.