



West Lakes Shore School Soccer Information Sheet 2023



Welcome

Welcome to School Soccer for the 2023 season. WLSS participates in the school soccer competition administered by the North West Junior Soccer Association (NWJSA.) The program is focused on participation and enjoyment in a team environment while also developing the core skills required to play soccer.

This information sheet is a quick reference guide for questions that you may have regarding school soccer.

Registration Fees:

Registration fee for the 2023 season is as follows:

Playing fee **\$85**

The Playing fee includes NWJSA registration fee, compulsory public liability insurance cover for players, (this does not cover medical fees and ambulance cover, private health cover is advisable), administration, equipment, end of season trophy and coaching gift. Initially the school will only take nominations and when players have been placed in a team, once players have a confirmed place in the team, all players are required to pay for the season.

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.

Please note that if soccer tops are not returned at the end of the season, top in good condition, West Lakes Shore School will invoice you a replacement fee.

Register Online using the link below or the QR code here. All registrations will close **17th March 2023**. Registrations are not valid until payment has been received by the school. <https://forms.office.com/r/VFfyZCja6i>



Equipment /Uniform:

To participate in school soccer, players are required to have the following:

- WLSS playing top (supplied)
- Shorts (dark blue)
- Socks (dark blue)
- Shin Pads
- Football/Soccer boots

Players must wear shin pads during all training sessions and games or they will not be permitted to take the field

Games:

All NWJSA games are played on Saturday mornings between 8:30am and 1pm. The soccer season starts Saturday 13th May and finishes with an End of Season Carnival at the end of Term 3.

The NWJSA program can be accessed on their website at www.nwjasa.org.au under the Programs and Tables tab at season commencement.

U6 to U11 teams play at **Jubilee Reserve, West Lakes Shore** (behind the school). **U12 and Seniors** teams play at **Trust Reserve, Semaphore park** (TBC).

Format of Games

The format of games within the NWJSA program is as follows:

- **U6s:** players attend a ½ hour NWJSA soccer skills clinic followed by a game of 2 x 10 minute halves (4 players + reserves per team). *Players must attend clinic.*
- **U7s:** players attend a ½ hour NWJSA soccer skills clinic followed by a game of 2 x 10 minute halves (7 players + reserves per team). *Players must attend clinic*
- **U8s & U9s:** play a game of 2 x 15 minute halves (7 players + reserves per team)
- **U10s & U11s:** play a game of 2 x 20 minute halves (9 players + reserves per team)
- **U12s and Seniors:** play a game of 2 x 25 minute halves (11 players + reserves per team)

All games are modified rules that adjust the size of the game to suit the size and age of the player. There is no pressure to win as teams do not play for points on a table (except U12's/Seniors) with the emphasis on player development rather than winning. Team coaches and managers endeavour to provide equal playing time to players on the team regardless of their skill level.



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Age Groups

Per FFSA rules, age groups for soccer are determined by the player's age as at 1 January, not their school year level. For 2023, the following age groups apply:

Age group	Year of birth	Age group	Year of birth
U6	2017, 2018	U10	2013
U7	2016	U11	2012
U8	2015	U12	2011
U9	2014	Seniors	2010, 2009

Where possible, it is our priority that the player will be placed in their correct age group. However, in some circumstances, it may be necessary for a player to play in a higher age group in order to field teams. Playing in a lower age group is not permitted under any circumstances.

Team Selection

WLSS has up to 100 participants in school soccer and fields up to 10 teams. The WLSS soccer teams are formed by the School Soccer Committee with final approval granted by School Leadership. Much consideration and work goes into the formation of teams that are balanced and enjoyable for all registered players taking into account such factors as the numbers of players registered, age groups, size of teams, gender balance and coaching availability among others.

Coaches & Managers:

All teams need a Coach and preferably a Team Manager. If there are no parents on a particular team available to coach, then unfortunately we will be unable to field that team. NWJSA coaching courses are available for interested parents and it is not necessary for you to have soccer experience, particularly for the younger age groups. If you are interested in coaching, please email the School Soccer Committee at wlsoccer@gmail.com or contact the front office.

Team Notification

You will be advised of your child's team placement once the teams and coaches have been finalised. **This is likely to be in the first week of Term 2.**

Arrangements will then be made with your individual coach regarding the start of the season.

Please note that all team selections are **FINAL** and in registering your child for school soccer, you have acknowledged your agreement to abide by and respect team selection decisions.

Training

Individual coaches will advise if training will be conducted for their teams.

Code of Behaviour

In registering your child for school soccer, you acknowledge and agree to the conditions of registration which include expectations of behaviour of players and parents participating in WLSS soccer. Please abide by these conditions and respect the Coaches, Team Managers, Officials and Committee members who have offered to volunteer their time so that your child can play soccer.

All games are to be played in a friendly & sporting manner by players. Parents should encourage and praise the players from the side line in a friendly and sporting manner and leave all coaching to the coach. Please support your coach and team on the day by offering help with any duties required. It only takes a small effort to run the lines or bring the oranges and it helps the game run smoothly and be more enjoyable for all.

Contact

If you have any other questions in relation to WLSS soccer, please do not hesitate to contact the School Soccer Committee by email at wlsoccer@gmail.com or via the front office.

Good luck for Season 2023 and see you on the pitch!!