



INFORMATION FOR UNDER 9S TRANSITIONING TO UNDER 10S

Our motto at Woden Valley Soccer Club is *Reach your potential*.

The move from Under 9s to Under 10s is a big step and a time of choices for players and parents. Since players in the Under 10 age group are graded according to ability, and teams play in different divisions and you will now travel to away games.

This means that players might not be with their friends from previous years.

While the games become that bit more serious, at Woden Valley, our main priorities in the Under 10s age group are enjoyment and learning/development.

Here are some differences that you will experience in U10s:

- A larger field (1/2 of a full field) and larger goals
- Games are played 9 v 9, in 25 minute halves.
- Larger squads of, generally, 12 or 13 players
- Teams are issued with numbered WVSC shirts at the beginning of the season
- At home games, parents will have to set up fields before games and sometimes pack up the field after the game
- You will travel for games at other grounds, with home referees/game leaders and their own way of doing things
- Team Coaches and Managers will use the Dribl platform to submit match sheets

Competition is divided into divisions

Now is a good time for players and parents to consider which Division they may be interested in playing in next season.

- *Division 1* is the most competitive competition. Teams are composed of the most skilled players and focus is largely on player performance, development and outcomes. Players are expected to attend training twice a week and be available for Saturday games throughout the season. Players should be receptive to taking constructive feedback on board. Friendship preferences can not be accommodated.
- *Division 2* is generally less competitive. Teams will train at least once a week but may train twice. There may be opportunities for some players to fill in for Division 1 teams where needed.
- *Division 3* is for those looking to focus less on performance and more on fun. Players can expect more relaxed coaching and a more casual approach to games. This is suited for

players who wish to be on teams with school mates or friendship groups, or those new to the sport.

Most teams will fall into the above three Divisions however, in some cases teams may be entered into Division 4 and onward.

Any players looking to play in either Division 1 or 2 next season should attend trials, which are held from October to February. This year's trial dates are yet TBC, but will be announced on the Club website and social media when confirmed.

Players looking to play socially with friends are not required to attend trials, and will in most cases be placed in Division 3 teams.

Starting from 2025, players assessed as being at a suitable level will be invited to join the Pathways Program. There will be one Pathways team in each age group. More information about the Pathways Program will be coming out soon.

What you can do:

- Consider the different Divisions and keep an eye out for trial announcements
- Learn more about the Under 10s game format and rules - available on the Capital Football website (search Aldi Miniros)
- Consider volunteering in any of the following roles:
 - Under 10s Team Coach
 - Under 10s Team Manager
 - Under 10s Age Group Coordinator
 - Assessor during the trials process

For further information on the transition to Under 10s, please get in touch with either of our Vice Presidents:

- Vice President Open U10-U12
- Vice President Girls U10-U12