



NATIONAL CLUB
ACCREDITATION SCHEME

WHITEHORSE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

MEMBER WELCOME PACK



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Dear Whitehorse United Soccer Club players and parents,

I would like to welcome all our existing and new members to the Club and wish you great success in 2017 with your soccer development.

New players are most welcome and we encourage existing members to invite their friends to join us. We want players of all ability to learn, enjoy and love the game and remember their experience at our Club as a positive one.

Since the end of last season we have had well over 100 new player enquiries across all age groups. The Club is growing rapidly and although it presents some problems, it is an exciting challenge and a great Club to be part of. We will continue to strive to be the best Community Club we can be in a family friendly environment.

Our hardworking committee will continue working to improve to provide a Club that allows players to learn and develop their skills and provide an enjoyable and safe environment for them and all who visit the Club.

I wish you and your families all the best for the year and look forward to an enjoyable and successful 2017 on and off the pitch.

Yours sincerely,
Enrico Marrone
President, Whitehorse United Soccer Club

CLUB PHILOSOPHY

- Individual technique and a technical approach to playing games takes precedent over everything else
- There is an underlying belief that the game, when played at the highest levels, is **ultimately a decision making exercise under pressure** so we need to help players become excellent decision makers when under pressure
- Excellent technique and a clear understanding of how the game fits together is required before a player can become an excellent decision maker.
- The program is a long term program and is not interested in achieving quick fixes to get results
- There is an underlying belief that game is not about winning or losing. It is a game where players who give 100% and can **manipulate time and space** the best in a game functional and effective way, will be the better players in the long run
- No one (players, coaches, parents, club members) prioritises winning over and above developing technically minded players, whose priority is be able to;
 - Play in tight spaces
 - Play in a clearly defined possession based structure
 - Keep effective possession
 - Score well crafted goals
- The defensive side of the game is discussed and developed, players are encouraged to win the ball back as soon as possible when lost, but only so they can then refocus on keeping effective possession.

A Technical Game Plan Needs

- Technical and intelligent players (without which a team cannot play a technical possession based game)
- A possession based structure (4-3-3 or one of its derivatives)
- A style of play which puts the players long term development and understanding first

Technical Training Program

- Players play the way they train
- From the very start players should be trained in an environment that promotes individual technique and a technical possession based mindset towards playing the game

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

WUSC (7 week) Kick-Off Pre-season	\$50 per child
MiniRoos Kick-Off - Under 5 - U7 Winter season (18 weeks)	\$100 per child
MiniRoos (Competition) Under 7 - U11	\$280 per player
Juniors Under 12 - 18	\$500 per player
Seniors including U20 (FFV leagues)	\$400 per player
Seniors (Vic Churches leagues)	\$350 per player

The membership fee for the winter season includes a soccer ball for each junior member - to be brought to training each week. Also socks and shorts for all new club members in competitive grades.

SIBLING DISCOUNT (APPLIES TO JUNIORS U12 - U20)

There is a reduction of \$50 in the Junior fees for a second sibling (ie \$450) and further siblings receive a reduction of a further \$50 (\$400). There is no reduced rate for MiniRoos players (U5 - U11).

DUE DATE 13TH APRIL - NO PAY, NO PLAY

Payment is due by Thursday 13 April 2016 (or initial instalment only via arrangement with the Club Registrar registrar.wusc@gmail.com).

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Payment is to be made electronically. When using Direct Deposit ...

it is essential that the player's surname, initials and age group are recorded in the Recipient 'Transaction Description'

... or we will not be able to trace your payment. If unable to pay electronically it is suggested that cash is presented to your local branch of the Bendigo Bank (along with the Direct Deposit details below) for the cash to be transferred into the Club's account. Note - A Credit facility will soon be available at Terrara Reserve on Registration evenings.

BANK DETAILS:

Account Name: Whitehorse United Soccer Club Inc
BSB: 633-000
Account No: 108667452

CODES OF CONDUCT



PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR (ALL LEVELS)

- (a) Play by the Rules and within the spirit of the game;
- (b) Do not argue with the match official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the match official during a break in play or after the match is concluded;
- (c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport;
- (d) Maintain your focus and work hard for yourself and your team;
- (e) Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition;
- (f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player;
- (g) Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition;
- (h) Play for your own enjoyment, and not just to please parents and coaches;
- (i) Remove all jewellery prior to training and match play, as it is a hazard to you and those around you;
- (j) Do not accept or use any banned or unauthorised drug(s), including the consumption of alcohol at any time.

COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Remember that players participate for the fun of it and that winning is not everything;
- (b) Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or being in a losing team;
- (c) Be reasonable in your demands on younger players time, energy and enthusiasm;
- (d) Teach your players to abide by the Rules and Laws of the Game;
- (e) Whenever possible, alternate the group of players to ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success;
- (f) Avoid overplaying the talented players as all players deserve equal time on the playing field;
- (g) Ensure that equipment and facilities meet a reasonable safety standard and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- (h) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (i) Develop and enhance respect between players, opposition coaches and the decisions of the match official;
- (j) Follow the advice of a physician when determining the extent of a player's injury and beyond that, when players are returning from injury to training and match play;
- (k) Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices (refer to Coach Accreditation Criteria);
- (l) Take time out to teach players (& others) the Laws of the Game, hence raising their awareness;
- (m) Remind all players to play within the spirit of the game at all times;
- (n) Ensure players are good sports and ensure each team member shakes the hand of their opponents at the conclusion of every match;
- (o) Do not smoke or consume alcohol from the team bench (Technical Area) or sideline;
- (p) Remember the actions of yourself and your team is reflective of the perception others take away with them.

SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or an affiliated Member Federation, District Association or Club must:

- (a) Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- (b) Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- (c) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- (d) Not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- (e) Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
- (f) Comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
- (g) Not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
- (h) Not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority; and
- (i) Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future matches.

ADMINISTRATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Involve young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making process in the club network;
- (b) Give all children equal opportunities to participate;
- (c) Ensure the rules, equipment, length of games and training principles suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants;
- (d) Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players;

- (e) Remember that children will only continue with football, provided they enjoy their experience, so do not over-emphasise awards; \
- (f) Help coaches and match officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and assist in raising the standards of coaching and officiating;

- (g) Ensure everyone involved in football emphasises fair play, and not a winning at all costs approach;
- (h) Be tolerant and calm under pressure and approach problem solving in a supportive manner as members and players will expect you to set an example for others;
- (i) Support the implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy;
- (j) Make every effort to educate persons who breach these guidelines from time to time.

MATCH OFFICIALS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- (a) Modify your approach to suit the skill levels and needs of players;
- (b) Praise and encourage all participants;
- (c) Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- (d) Do not tolerate unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents;
- (e) Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than focus on negative aspects;
- (f) Encourage and promote rule changes to all players and members;
- (g) Be a good sport yourself, as actions speak louder than words;
- (h) Keep up to date with the latest trends in refereeing;
- (i) Remember that you set the example on the park, therefore, your behaviour and comments should always be positive and supportive;

SMOKE FREE POLICY

The Whitehorse United Soccer Club recognises that passive smoking is hazardous to health and those non-smoking club members and visitors have the right to be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke. Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all club facilities, functions, meetings and activities undertaken by the club and will apply to all members, officials, players and club visitors.

Facilities

All club facilities are to be completely smoke free and shall include:

- The social rooms inclusive of bar, kitchen, meeting room, toilets and storage area
- Player change rooms inclusive of warm up area, toilets and showers, medical room and property room.

Cigarettes will not be sold (including vending machines) at any time at or by the club.

Players, Officials & Coaches

Coaches, players, trainers, volunteers and officials will refrain from smoking and remain smoke free while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.

Functions

All club functions including social and fund raising events and meetings are to be completely smoke free:

- Ashtrays have been removed from all club facilities.
- Cigarette butt bins will be provided at outdoor locations for smokers to dispose of cigarette butts before entering/ re-entering smoke free areas at club facilities
- Smokers leaving the designated licensed area of the clubs social rooms will not be permitted to take alcohol from that area.

All club functions held away from the club facilities are to be completely smoke free and shall require an assurance from the venue management of compliance with the club policy before a booking is confirmed by:

- Removing all ashtrays from venue where function is to be held
- Enforcing a smoke free policy during the function
- Not selling cigarettes (including vending machines) at any time during the function.

Invitations and advertising for all functions, meetings and events will be promoted as smoke free.

Non-compliance

All club committee members will enforce the smoke free policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

Policy Promotion

The club will promote the smoke free policy regularly by:

- Putting a copy of the policy in club newsletters, notice boards, website and printed member/player information
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.

The club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoke free policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.