



## **WUFC MISSION STATEMENT**

The Willamette United Football Club will inspire and educate our members to be strong and productive athletes, citizens, and leaders. We strive to help all children grow physically, emotionally, mentally and academically through the vehicle of youth sports.

**CORE FOUR** - Create a positive, supportive and challenging learning environment.

- ENJOYMENT - All players enjoy themselves and play a lot of games during practice that include touches and scoring opportunities.
- DIGNITY & RESPECT - All players are treated fairly and encouraged (not excluded) by the coach. All players learn respect for themselves, others, and the laws of the game – fair play. Every player plays at least 50% of every game.
- SAFETY - All players have a safe learning environment that is free from physical harm, intimidation, harassment and bullying.
- DEVELOPMENT - All players are challenged to make their own decisions, take initiative and be responsible.

Use positive reinforcement whenever possible. All players learn to collaborate as teammates. All players experience the appropriate level of challenge in practice and games. Make sure to review the Club calendar on WUFC website.

## **COMMUNICATION**

- Coaches are our direct line of communication to players and parents. Make sure to set up clear lines of communication with your team from the start. Your team will follow your lead, don't be afraid to over communicate.
  - PlayMetrics
    - Please make sure your PlayMetrics account settings are updated to receive email notifications so you can receive all club notifications.
  - Off the field communication must be through parents only.
  - Please review the Coaches manual for more explicit info on this matter.

## **PRACTICES**

- Practice field sign up and schedule request will be communicated to all coaches who have completed their coaching certifications (SafeSport, Concussion, and Background Check).
- Make sure there are 2 adults (minimum) on the field at all times. Never allow yourself to be alone with players.
- Make sure players are wearing all necessary safety equipment at practice (shin guards).

## **GAMES**

- Every player must play 50% of every game (cases of disciplinary action will only be implemented after thorough discussion with Rec Manager Kathy Schaffer and player's parents).
- The 5 goal rule applies to every game played.
- Coaches must manage team parents if there is any inappropriate behavior. Contact WUFC concerning parent behavior if needed.
- 3-10 RULE: Coaches, players on the bench, and all spectators are required to maintain a minimum of a 3-yard buffer between themselves and the game field sidelines.
- Coaches need to set up a team area no less than 10 yards from the half-line and no less than 3 yards off sideline. Coaches must maintain order in the team area including keeping players and equipment in this area. When subbing players into the game, Coaches must send players up to the half-line. There will be no subbing from the bench. Once there is a stoppage in play, the Coach will "ask" for permission to sub. Once the referee acknowledges the request and blows the whistle, you may send your players onto the field. Let players know that they should not enter the playing field until the referee and coach instructs them.
- For the safety of the players and pets we ask that our families leave their dogs at home. Spectators that must bring their dogs to the game are required to keep dogs 10 yards off the sidelines. This rule is MANDATORY and will be enforced by referees by stopping the game if they feel that a dog's presence is a potential danger to the players. We hope our members understand that this rule is in place for the SAFETY of all players and pets.
- No parent, coach, pet or spectator is allowed to sit or stand on, behind or near the field ENDLINE.

**Remember... you are the most successful coach when you ensure that  
ALL players are having fun!**

## **REFEREES**

- Don't talk to referees during games!
- Mentors on site. Same authority as referees. Be respectful and learn.
- The authority of referees is final. If have issue, call
  - Heather Combes - Ref Coordinator 503-459-9299
  - Scott Howard – Volunteer Recreational Director 503-314-5086
- Jewelry is NOT allowed under any circumstances. This is NON negotiable. Support referees to help enforce this rule by checking players before "player check in" at beginning of game.
- Work with referees. We're all here to create a supportive, safe, enjoyable playing environment for the kids.
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