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FOOTBALL



**PARENT
HANDBOOK
2026**

WELCOME TO SEASON 2026



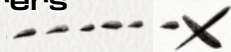
We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead as the Sunshine Coast Wanderers family continues to grow and evolve.

Sunshine Coast Wanderers is committed to inspiring and empowering every squad member to reach their full potential in football and life. We strive to foster a high-performance, innovative development environment, creating pathways to further football opportunities.

In achieving this, we're mindful in prioritising wellbeing and education, promoting inclusivity and collaboration, and cultivating leadership through service and partnership.

We recognise the importance of a positive culture within the club and aim to help build our sense of community. We continue to appreciate the vital assistance of all our supporters and volunteers.

We encourage you to reach out to the committee if you're willing and able to share some of the load in any capacity, including canteen operation, social events, planning, and team management.



**YOUR 2026 SUNSHINE COAST
WANDERERS COMMITTEE
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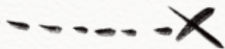
OUR CLUB VISION

Sunshine Coast Wanderers is recognised as **one of Australia's premier centres for the development of football talent**. As a beacon for football in our community, our club strongly supports the holistic development of every member through strategic collaboration with football and community leaders.

We endeavour to ensure that we set a focus on high performance in both football and life and ensure that we're promoting the wellbeing and success of everyone in our programs.

Our players

We want to produce technically excellent and innovative players with exceptional decision-making skills.



Our coaches

We want to train, develop and support innovative coaches who will be excellent teachers of the game. We also have a focus on promoting and developing young aspiring coaches to continue their journey in the game.



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

GREG BROWN

This year we're excited to have strengthened our programs with new senior coaching staff, and we're continuing to grow our partnerships to promote our club in the wider community. Through this, we endeavour to enhance our club's commitment to the development of our players and their training and playing experience.

I aim to ensure that all coaches and teams are given guidance and support throughout the season so that all players experience development, grow their love of the game, and embrace the values of our club.

Our goal is to give all players the opportunity to grow and succeed individually and within their teams. This is underpinned by our club's values.

The Sunshine Coast Wanderers team and players:

- are encouraged to **be brave** and play with their freedom and love of the game
- are **curious** as they explore their interaction with the ball
- are **creative** with the ball at their feet
- are encouraged to be **determined** and **resilient**
- embrace a **growth mindset** as they learn the game and their technical skills
- make decisions to learn skills **without fear** of making mistakes
- support each other and share **positive energy** to help others **confidently** express themselves
- are **respectful** and behave with **integrity** towards their teammates, opposition, referees, coaches, volunteers, and their club community

Our philosophy

Our holistic player development model is built upon:

Technical excellence — structured training that enhances fundamental and advanced skills.

Tactical intelligence — developing players' ability to read, play, and impact the game.

Physical and mental preparation — building strength, endurance, resilience, and decision-making.

Individual development pathways — personalised support for players to reach their potential.

Inclusive and community-driven football — ensuring everyone thrives in our academy.

I look forward to a fantastic year of development, fun, and success. ✕

GREG BROWN

Technical Director

INTRODUCING OUR FQ ACADEMY TECHNICAL TEAM



Greg Brown

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR / DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Football Australia A Diploma

Greg is a former professional footballer who began his career at Manchester United's youth academy before playing semi-professionally in the UK and representing New Zealand internationally.

After moving to Australia, he played for Parramatta Eagles, earned the Yardley Gold Australian Player of the Year award, and debuted for the Soccerroos in 1991. His career included stints in South Korea and Adelaide before transitioning into coaching.

Greg became Head Coach at the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) and then led the Matildas to the 1999 World Cup, achieving a 17-game unbeaten streak and earning 'Coach of the Decade' honours.

With over 30 years specialising in youth development, he has held Director of Football roles at leading clubs and schools and has studied youth development at top European clubs.

With a strong focus on building players with technical skills and game intelligence, Greg is thrilled to be part of the Wanderers, which shares his passion for building from the grassroots up. The coast is a hotbed for football talent, and he looks forward to working with players, coaches, and families to raise the bar even higher.



Lucy Johns

WOMEN'S LEAD PHASE

Football Australia B Diploma

With experience across youth development and the women's game, Lucy places an emphasis on individual growth, technical excellence, and tactical understanding. She is committed to helping players unlock their potential through ensuring they have role clarity, providing high-quality session design, and having a consistent focus on long-term development over short-term results.

Lucy values strong relationships and believes the foundation of any successful program is trust, transparency, effort, and shared elite-level

standards. Her coaching philosophy blends possession-based football, fluid progression, and creative problem-solving — developing players who are adaptable, disciplined, and confident in and out of possession.

In addition to improving the facilitation of our on-field training and match day programs, a big focus of Lucy's for 2026 will be to establish a culture of togetherness across our female programs. The Sunshine Coast Wanderers should and will be a powerhouse of Queensland female football.



Rui Spinola
JUNIOR LEAD PHASE
 Football Australia B Diploma

Our new Junior Lead Phase has had a lifetime in junior development. He has a long history in developing technical and astute junior footballers and believes that it's perhaps the most important part of a footballer. It can essentially make or break a player's love for the game and shape their attitude towards football as a whole.

In the foundation phase, Rui believes it's vital that players first develop a genuine love for the ball. That love is what drives them to spend countless hours with it, experimenting, playing, and enjoying the game.

According to him, it's important to educate players early about how to look after their bodies and build training environments that strengthen them physically and mentally for the demands of the game. Youth development must allow players to be adaptive, spontaneous, and creative so that, when they reach senior football, their actions can positively influence the game and they can cope with the demands placed on them.

Rui wants our junior pathway to not only provide opportunities, but also to establish a consistent development philosophy and playing style that becomes part of the Wanderers' DNA.



Steven Bowman
FQ ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION
 Football Australia B Diploma

Steve has over 10 years of coaching and football administration experience here in Queensland, from grassroots community involvement to the FQ Academy state team level. His role at the club is to assist our coaches, players, and families in supporting their athletes' football journey while at the club. He also prepares our FQ Academy audit documents.

Steve has a strong love for the game. He's a player-focused coach, with involvement and enjoyment driving all his decisions. He aims to impart that players are not only learning

technical development, but also enjoying the experience and fostering a love and understanding of the game.

Our technical team is striving to ensure that our players are best supported through their football journey, with opportunities to advance their playing pathways to their fullest potential.



UNIFORM



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS GAME DAY

- arrive in club polo shirt, shorts, and jumper
- playing jersey (provided by team manager)
- club playing socks (provided by team manager)
- club playing shorts (provided by team manager)
- shin pads
- football boots

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS TRAINING

- club training jersey
- club playing socks (old or new)
- club playing shorts
- shin pads
- football boots



Please ensure that all players have their own water bottles and take adequate water, hydration, and nutrition to both training days and game days.

To order your training kit and apparel, please scan the QR code.



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SEASON 2026

TRAINING PLAN OVERVIEW

TEAM	LOCATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FQA Juniors Boys & Girls	Ballinger Park		5:15pm to 6:45pm	5:00pm to 6:30pm		5:00pm to 6:30pm
FQA Youth Girls U13 & U14	Ballinger Park	5:00pm to 6:30pm	5:00pm to 6:30pm		5:00pm to 6:30pm	
FQA Youth Girls U15 & U17	Ballinger Park	6:30pm to 8:00pm	6:30pm to 8:00pm		6:30pm to 8:00pm	
FQA Youth Boys U13, U14 & U15	Ballinger Park		5:00pm to 6:30pm		5:00pm to 6:30pm	5:00pm to 6:30pm
FQA Youth Boys U16 & U18	Ballinger Park		6:30pm to 8:00pm		6:30pm to 8:00pm	6:30pm to 8:00pm

Subject to change — times may change slightly. Team coaches and managers will be in contact once the field locations and dates are finalised.

In fostering a love of their game, we ask our families to let our players enjoy their training time just with their coaches. Please feel free to step away, take some time for a walk, and let them focus.

Training time is players' and coaches' time — thanks for giving them the space to learn, play, and grow!



WET WEATHER

Please see the below information on wet weather advice for training and games.

How do we determine when to close fields?

We always plan to train — however, fields are closed when we have significant water pooling and they're deemed unsafe for participants, or when there's a risk of significant damage to the playing surface.

If conditions deteriorate during training, the coaches are responsible for ensuring that conditions remain safe for players. If conditions deteriorate during or before games while the fields remain open, the referee will determine whether it's safe to play.

If we have any lightning storms forecast or while we train, we'll have to suspend training for 30 minutes until it passes. If we get another strike, then the 30 minutes start again.

When do we decide?

TRAINING

As best as possible, we aim to inspect pitches and determine whether fields need to be closed by 2:00pm. We'll update everyone through a team message as soon as practical, in addition to what the alternative will be for your team.

This season, please note that when it inevitably rains, we're planning to run classroom-style sessions at the clubhouse and will provide further information in January.

HOME AND AWAY GAMES

The fields are inspected at least three hours before the first game of the day or at 6:00am. If it's a home game, we then submit a field closure to Football Queensland, who update the Squadi app. You can also search on Facebook for the club team you're playing for, and they will usually update their feed with updates on the morning of games.

Game day cancellations

Please check the Squadi app, as it has the true information on ground closures as they are updated. If your game is cancelled, it will say 'Postponed' or 'Abandoned' underneath it. If either of these two words is not stated, your game is on.

We'll update our families with the details as soon as we have information in the morning or before if we have any information from the hosting club.

Fields may be closed in advance of these timeframes depending on field conditions and

weather forecasts. Clubs will usually update on Saturday evening if the ground is already closed for our Sunday games.

Please note — all fixtures in the Youth Competition will be rescheduled and updated in Squadi. We have three allocated catch-up rounds scheduled. They're not allocated in our draw, so please keep them free. They're listed on the Season Calendar.



2026 SEASON CALENDAR

Please scan the QR code to view the
**FQ Academy 2026
Season Calendar**



HOME & AWAY FIXTURES

SAVE THE DATES

Juniors U10 - U12 Boys & Girls

Season start: 7 – 8 March 2026

Season end: 5 – 6 September 2026

U9 Boys will play in the Sunshine Coast Community Competition in the U10 age group.

Youth (U13 - U18)

Season start: 7 – 8 February 2026

Season end: Finals from 12 – 13 September 2026
Grand final weekend - 19 – 20 September 2026

Preseason friendlies

Girls U11 – U17 Brisbane City at Ballinger Park on Saturday 31 January

We are working on further games over the pre season and will update once confirmed.



CARNIVALS

SAVE THE DATES

Juniors U10 - U12 Boys & Girls

All Juniors U9 – U12:

FQ Academy Central Conference Carnival,
Hervey Bay,
Fraser Coast Sports Precinct
28 February – 1 March 2026.

U12 Boys and Girls:

Junior Cup,
FQ Academy State Carnival,
Maroochydore FC
28 – 30 June 2026 (in school holidays).

U9 – U11 Boys and Girls:

Winterfest,
FQ Academy State Carnival,
Maroochydore FC
1 – 5 July 2026 (in school holidays).

Premier Invitational:

September school holidays
will be discussed as a group and to be confirmed.

Youth U13 - U16 Boys & U13 - U17 Girls

QLD State Championships:

Southpine Sporting Complex,
Brendale
7 – 11 July 2026
Used as talent identification for metro programs

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CLUB IN 2026

GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



ASSOCIATE



HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY

2026 REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 1.** Complete the registration process in Squadi (see notes below).
Registrations open 1st January 2026.
- 2.** Select the participant package in Squadi (see notes below).
- 3.** Complete payment in Squadi (covers FQ governing body fees).
- 4.** Follow the mandatory prompt to the PlayFootball registration page.
- 5.** Complete the payment of Football Australia's National Registration Fee in PlayFootball.

Please note that players must be made active in both PlayFootball through payment of the National Registration Fee and in Squadi to appear on team sheets and be eligible to participate in any fixtures.



SQUADI ACCOUNT

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT:

1. Log in to the Squadi app

- check the top left-hand corner of your app — it should say: 'Hey [your name]'
- if it displays your child's name instead, this means the account is under your child's profile — you'll need to switch the profile to your name
- if the app displays your name, you're ready to proceed

2. Tap the '*** More' option in the bottom right-hand corner

- scroll down, and select 'Register Profile'.

3. Choose your child as the participant

- verify that the details on the screen are correct, and click 'Next'.

4. Find a competition

- ignore the postcode field — instead, type 'Sunshine Coast Wanderers' into the 'Organisation Search' box
- select 'Sunshine Coast Wanderers Football Club'

5. Choose the program

- scroll through the options and select the correct program for your child

6. Confirm membership details

- select the appropriate role (for example, 'Player', 'Manager', or 'Coach')
- use the dropdown box to select your child's age group

7. Finalise registration

- scroll to the bottom and select 'Add Competition and Membership'
- answer all required questions (marked with a red asterisk)
- review the terms and conditions, check the box, and click 'Continue'
- pay the required fee using your preferred method and click 'Submit'
- follow the mandatory prompt to the PlayFootball registration page
- complete payment of Football Australia's National Registration Fee (\$18 for under 18s, \$42 for 18s and over) in PlayFootball

IF YOU NEED TO CREATE A SQUADI ACCOUNT:



1. Download the Squadi app

- go to the Play Store (Android) or the App Store (iOS) and download the Squadi app

2. Create an account

- open the app and select 'Create Account'
- enter your details and create a password

3. Enter 'Sunshine Coast Wanderers' when prompted to find your club

- if 'Slacks Creek' appears, this is correct, as it's Football Queensland's administrative location

4. Register your profile

- set yourself (the parent) as the primary contact
- click on your name to register your profile as the participant

5. Add your child

- select 'Add Participant' and then click 'Add Family Member'
- complete your child's details

6. Follow registration steps from above

- proceed with registering for competitions and memberships
- follow steps to pay and finalise registration

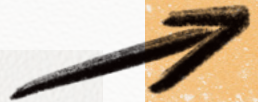
XPS NETWORK

**INTRODUCING OUR EXCITING
NEW CLUB MANAGEMENT
PLATFORM FOR SEASON 2026
— PLEASE SET IT UP NOW!**

We're thrilled to announce that the Sunshine Coast Wanderers will be rolling out a new club-management platform built on the XPS Network system (by Sideline Sports). This upgrade will streamline how we communicate, plan, manage, and keep everyone connected across players, parents, coaches, and the club.

XPS network

Here's a quick overview of why we're doing it, what it will do for you, and how to get started on your phone, tablet, or computer.

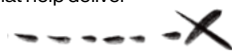


WHY WE'RE MOVING TO XPS

- Everything in one place — training sessions, calendars, communications, attendance, and more.
- Better communication and transparency — coaches and clubs can send messages, updates and content directly to players and parents.
- Improved planning and management — our coaches will use the platform to build programs, schedule sessions, mark attendance, and set team or individual workouts.
- Accessible on all devices — whether you have a phone, tablet or computer, it will work.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU (PARENTS AND PLAYERS)

- You'll receive timely updates about training, matches, changes to schedule, or location.
- You can view your child's session details, club calendar, and upcoming events on one simple platform.
- Attendance will be tracked easily by coaches via the app — this helps with safety, planning, and communication.
- Important documents, forms, and club info will be accessible digitally — less paper, more convenience.
- Player's individual development plans, wellness, and athlete tracking will all be on one platform.
- For coaches and players, the system allows building session templates and workflows that help deliver consistent, high-quality training.



HOW TO GET SET UP:



SMARTPHONE OR TABLET FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO GET UP AND RUNNING:

- 1. Search for 'XPS Network'** in your App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and install the app.
- 2. After installation, open the app and log in** using the credentials we'll provide.
 - you'll receive an email from the club with your username and initial password
- 3. Set up your profile**
 - add your name, relationship (parent/guardian), and link to your child's team if prompted
- 4. Explore the 'Calendar'** or **'Sessions'** tab to view upcoming training, events, and matches.
- 5. Enable push notifications** so you receive alerts for any schedule changes, club announcements, or coach messages.
- 6. When asked for attendance or club forms**, you'll see the notification in the app.
 - **respond** quickly so we know you've received it

COMPUTER/LAPTOP

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO GET UP AND RUNNING:

- 1. Open a web browser and go to the XPS Network login page.**
 - we'll provide the link in the coming days
- 2. Enter your club-provided username and password.**
 - once logged in, check the 'Dashboard' for your child's upcoming sessions, events and club calendar
- 3. Navigate to 'Documents'** or **'Library'** to access club forms, parent information packs, or coach notes.
- 4. Use the 'Messages' or 'Chat' function** (if available) to stay in touch with the coach/team admin.

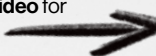
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Over the next week, you'll receive a welcome email from the club with your login details (username and temporary password).

Please log in and complete setup **by 5 January 2026** so you're ready before preseason begins.

We'll run a brief onsite session for all parents and players in early January to walk through the platform in person and answer any questions. Coaches will also be trained ahead of preseason, so everyone is aligned and using the platform from day one.

A FEW TIPS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF IT

- **Update the app** right away and enable notifications — you won't miss any important club/coach messages.
- Make sure your **child's team and age group are correctly assigned** in the app. If not, please contact us.
- If you prefer using the computer sometimes, use both — the system works across devices, so you're covered whether on the go or at home.
- You can **watch this YouTube video** for athletes 
- Also, **watch for the 'How-To' section in the app** or via the club's parent resources — you'll find short tutorials and FAQs. The official XPS Help Desk recommends spending a few minutes with the tutorial to familiarise yourself.



If you have any issues with login, notifications, or linking to your child's account, don't hesitate to reach out to your team admin or the club's admin contact.

THE ROLE OF OUR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS ON GAME DAY



Our football club is striving to create a **supportive and positive environment** for our players and is requesting that everyone be mindful of the messages we're sending.

We want to create a lifelong love of the game, but also strive for a challenging space to experience growth and opportunities for learning. **We want our players to experience all the facets of our game and build resilience and character.**

What the research says

- Players want their parents to be involved in and to be supportive of their sporting experience. Instead of behaviour that pressures players to perform and succeed, they would prefer supportive comments about the positive aspects of their attitude, sportsmanship, and effort (Sanchez-Miguel, Sanchez, Olivia, Amado, Garcia-Calvao, 2013).
- Participants that perceived more pressure from their parents generally experienced a negative relationship with sport enjoyment, whereas appropriate parental participation promoted an increase in players' enjoyment and motivation (Sanchez-Miguel et al., 2013).

PARENT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The behaviour of our players, their parents, spectators, officials, and administrators is critical in ensuring that young players enjoy an appropriate environment to push their football in a safe environment.

Below is a series of **codes of behaviour** that all people involved in junior and youth football must be aware of and abide by:

- remember that children participate in sport for their **enjoyment**, not yours
- **encourage** children to participate — do not force them
- **focus** on your child's **efforts** and performance rather than whether they win or lose
- **encourage** children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- **never ridicule or yell** at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- remember that children **learn best by example** — appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants
- **support** all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- **respect officials'** decisions and teach children to do likewise
- show **appreciation for volunteer coaches**, officials, and administrators — without them, your child could not participate
- **respect** the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion

ISSUES ON GAME DAY

Please encourage your child (player) to report any issues they may have on the field to the game day referee and their coach directly at the time. Alternatively, they can make their coach aware as soon as possible so they can report to the game day coordinator and Sunshine Coast Wanderers senior staff.

If you have an issue as a parent, please report initially to the coach present. We advise against taking this up directly with the referee/opposition coach/opposition spectators, as this may further aggravate the situation.

The coach will know how to make the referee and the match day parent game official aware, if appropriate, so they're able to address it at the time (if applicable) or report to the club, following

our club process. Our club officials will then be in touch with you at the earliest convenience and look to address or (if appropriate) escalate the address based on the circumstances.

As a parent, please feel free to also report any game-day issues to our club grounds official wearing the high-vis vest. We have one per team for our match days — they're usually a parent in our teams.

If the issue/concern is with the team coach or you don't feel comfortable raising it with them, please then report to our club Technical Director, Greg Brown. The club will look to address it internally, seek advice, or refer to our governing body to investigate if required.

ISSUES AT TRAINING

Please encourage your child (player) to report any issues they may have to their coach directly at the time. Alternatively, they can make their coach aware as soon as possible so they can then report to our club officials.

If you have an issue as a parent, please report initially to the coach present. We advise not to take this up directly with another parent or another player, as this may further aggravate the situation. The coach will know how to make them aware, if appropriate, so they're able to address it at the time (if applicable), or they'll report to the


club and allow us to follow our club process.

Our club officials will then be in touch with you at the earliest convenience and look to address it (if appropriate) or escalate it based on the circumstances.

If the issue/concern is with the team coach or you don't feel comfortable raising it with them, please then report to our club Technical Director, Greg Brown. The club will look to address it internally, seek advice, or refer to our governing body to investigate if required.

CLUB EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/SPECTATORS

1. **Complete the registration form** for your child(ren) and keep this information up to date. If there are any changes, please inform your coach.
2. **Agree to pay registration** on time or on a payment plan. If these are not paid, the club has the right to decline your child to be involved in training and matches. Your child insurance is linked to an active registration, and if this is not complete, neither is your insurance.
3. **Stay up to date** with our clubs and your team's communication channels. In meetings and events arranged by the club, stay informed and engaged.
4. **Inform the club/coach of the wellbeing of your child** and any changes in issues they may be experiencing. We may be able to support, and we can only act if we are aware of any issues.
5. Uphold and **adhere to our club values** and ensure your child always enjoys their football. Adhere to our code of conduct in line with Football Australia's Member Protection Framework.
6. We request that all our parents take the time to **read 'Safeguarding for parents and carers'** online via www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/safeguarding-sport/parents-and-carers



Children develop at different rates, and the same goes for football skills. We are an FQ Academy program, so the level and expectations are higher than community football.

Some may find it difficult to keep up with their peers or are exceeding the current playing group. **We pride ourselves on supporting all our players to enjoy our game at the level that they require at their age and stage.**

At times, players can be asked to play up for further challenge or play down an age group where they can practise their skills in a different environment. This is all taken into consideration by our club director of coaching/technical director on an individual basis. We'll address this with individual players and families if this is part of your football journey.

FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA'S MEMBER PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

STANDARDS OF RESPECT

These standards are built on the concept of respect — for the game and for each other. They're a part of Football Australia's Member Protection Framework, which aims to build a safe and inclusive environment for everyone to participate in our sport.

They also complement Football Australia's National Code of Conduct and Ethics, which provides enforceable regulations to uphold the integrity and protect the reputation of Australian football.

The standards are behaviours that everyone who participates in our game is encouraged and expected to uphold. They apply to anyone involved in our game, including players, coaches, match officials, club officials, administrators, parents, and spectators alike.

We all have a responsibility to provide a positive, safe, and welcoming environment for each other in our game. Below are the standards we live by in our proud football community.

- I. **We're inclusive and unifying** — we come from diverse backgrounds and share different views of the world. We value and celebrate that diversity, and we respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each other. We're committed to equality and creating an environment free from any form of discrimination.
- II. **We respect the referee's decision** — we acknowledge that match officials may make mistakes, but we do not call into question their integrity, abuse, or belittle them. We're grateful for the important and challenging role they play in our game. We always show respect for the referee and other match officials.
- III. **We make safety and welfare our priority** — we do not engage in, or allow others to engage in, activities that put the health and safety of participants at risk.
- IV. **We encourage others and promote enjoyment of the game** — as coaches, parents, and spectators, we recognise that children's community football is not the World Cup, the W-League, or the A-League. We provide only positive words of encouragement from the sideline. We do not put undue pressure on children, and we do not promote a 'win at all costs' mentality. We recognise that players, coaches, and others make mistakes.
- V. **We behave appropriately** — we do not engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive behaviour or language. We do not incite or encourage hatred or violence. We do not intimidate or abuse our opponents or officials.

- VI. We play fairly** — we do not cheat. We play by the rules and the expected standards of fair play.
- VII. We're good sports** — we respect good play whether from our team or the opposition. We thank the opposition players and officials after the match, and we are gracious — win, lose, or draw.
- VIII. We respect equipment and property** — we don't damage property, and we look after our facilities and those of our opponents, which we recognise are for the benefit of all in our football community.
- IX. We compete to the best of our ability** — we train and play with enthusiasm, and we help each other to maximise and reach our potential.
- X. We uphold the integrity and honesty of the sport** — we do not engage in dishonest or corrupt practices. We're consistent and impartial when we need to be. We always do our best to enhance the reputation of the game, and we strictly adhere to the rules about betting and match manipulation in the Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- XI. We hold each other to these standards** — we lead by example. We call out poor behaviour when we see it, and we encourage each other to uphold these standards while participating in any football activity.

**PLEASE SEE THE
LINK TO THE FULL
MEMBER PROTECTION
FRAMEWORK BY
FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA**

footballaustralia.com.au/member-protection-framework



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All our coaches and volunteers are required to have a Working with Children Check and hold a valid and current Queensland Blue Card.

Working with Children Checks aim to create a child-safe environment and to protect children and young people involved in our sport from physical and sexual harm.

They assess the suitability of people to work with children and young people and can involve criminal history checks, signed declarations, referee checks, and other relevant background checks to assess a person's suitability to work with children and young people.

To apply for a Blue Card, visit. qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card-services.

Once received, please send your information to secretary@wanderersfootball.com.au and you will be added to our Blue Card Database.



VOLUNTEERS

The club appreciates the support of all parent volunteers.

All parent volunteers are required to read and accept the club's Safeguarding and Standards of Behaviour for Parent Volunteers Policy and complete the Parent Volunteer Declaration Form.

If you're interested in becoming part of the volunteer team at Sunshine Coast Wanderers in 2026, please get in touch to obtain the relevant forms.

REMINDER

TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

- **Attendance** — regular attendance at all training sessions is mandatory.
- **Effort** — give maximum effort and focus during all training activities.
- **Preparation** — come prepared with proper equipment and attire.
- **Behaviour** — always maintain a positive and respectful attitude.

DRESS CODE

- **Training** — wear the designated training kit and shin pads (compulsory).
- **Games** — wear the full match day travel kit and correct playing kit.
- **Events** — dress appropriately for any club events or functions.

CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Goal setting** — work with coaches to set/review personal individual development goals.
- **Resilience** — approach challenges with a positive mindset and a willingness to learn.
- **Feedback** — actively seek and apply feedback from coaches.

GAME EXPECTATIONS

- **Punctuality** — arrive on time for pre-game preparations.
- **Teamwork** — play for the team and support teammates.
- **Conduct** — display good sportsmanship and adhere to the rules of the game.
- **Feedback** — be open to constructive feedback from coaches and peers.

INJURY AND ILLNESS

- **Reporting** — inform coaches/club medical staff immediately of any injuries or illnesses.
- **Recovery** — follow prescribed recovery and rehabilitation programs.
- **Medical clearance** — obtain medical clearance before returning to training or matches.

GAME TIME

- **Participation** — attendance, effort, and attitude in training will influence how you make your game decisions.
- **Patience** — be patient and focus on long-term development rather than short-term results.





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