



ACADEMY FEES PAYMENT POLICY

Purpose

This document outlines the club's policy in relation to payment of invoiced Academy Fees.

Status, Application & Commencement

This Policy was approved by the Executive Board under Rule 12 (Bylaws) of the WSAFC Constitution.

This Policy is binding on the Club and all Members and shall come into force with effect from 11 February 2025.

Definitions

1. Acceptance of a place in any Academy Team is deemed to have occurred if a player is not specifically withdrawn from that team within 2 weeks of it being named.
2. Ongoing failure to pay is defined as being when the fees for any given Term have not been paid, and the fees for the subsequent Term are overdue against the required payment date on the invoice, without the player / parent having sought to make any arrangement to pay with the Club.
3. Inadvertent Circumstances are defined as injury or illness directly afflicting the player in question and must be supported by medical evidence confirming the players' inability to participate for the applicable period of time.
4. Prolonged Absence is defined as at least 50% of the full weeks of any given term.

Policy

1. Academy Fees applying in any given year, will be communicated in full prior to the commencement of Term 1 training.
2. Acceptance of a place in any Academy team signifies acceptance of the applicable Academy Fees.
3. Ongoing failure to pay Academy Fees will result in the player in question being deemed ineligible to continue playing and attending training sessions, until financially up-to-date.
4. Fees for Academy ID Sessions in Term 4 are payable in advance of the sessions commencing, and failure to pay will result in the player being ineligible to be named in any Academy Team.
5. Reimbursement of Academy Fees will only be available on request, when a player suffers a Prolonged Absence through Inadvertent Circumstances.
6. Reimbursement is available as follows;

- a. When a player is forced to miss at least 50% of the full weeks of any given Term, 50% reimbursement of Academy Fees for that term shall be available.
- b. When a player is forced to miss an entire Term, 100% reimbursement of Academy Fees for that Term shall be available.
- c. No sliding scale is applicable between (a) and (b) above.

Player Support mechanisms are available in the event that any player / parent is facing genuine financial hardship affecting their ability to pay Academy Fees.