2026 SEASON LAUNCH

Coach & Manager Information Night

WAKEHURST TIGERS

Presented by Greg Dick, President

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- **Club Mission & Values:** Ensuring a safe and fun environment.
- **Child Safety:** Mandatory requirements for 2026.
- **Respect for Referees**
- **Team Discipline**
- **General Requirements & Expectations**
- **Match Day Logistics:** Ground setup and technical areas.
- **Managing the Season: Key Activities and Information**
- **Q&A:** Open floor for questions.

Welcome to Wakehurst FC

Wakehurst FC is a volunteer run, grassroots, family focussed, community football club established in 1968 and based in Belrose.

We are one of the sixteen clubs who play in the Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) competitions from Avalon in the north to Mosman in the south. The MWFA organises and manages all competitions, does the draw and assigns grounds.

WFC MISSION

SAFE. FAIR. INCLUSIVE.

We just want your kids to be safe and have fun playing football.

We want football to be safe and enjoyable for everyone.

WFC VALUES

- A children focused club where children are free from all forms of abuse including emotional, physical, neglect, sexual and family violence
- A club where football is inclusive, fair and safe for all and where all players & teams are valued equally
- A club where discrimination, bullying & harassment of any kind are not tolerated
- A club that sets the standard in good conduct & good behaviour of all our players, officials, parents and spectators on and off the field
- A club where football is an enjoyable experience for everyone
- A club that promotes football and does nothing to bring the game of football into disrepute

WFC VALUES

- We ALL have a responsibility to ensure these values and standards are met
- If you see something inappropriate or suspicious tell your Coach, your Manager, your Age Group Vice President or the President
- “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing”
- "The standard you walk past is the standard you accept"
- We need you as Coaches & Managers to pass on all of the information given today to your Players, Parents and Supporters, and remind them about it on a regular basis
- All of the information shown and referred to today is available on our website

WFC TERMS

In applying to register with Wakehurst FC you (player, coach, manager, volunteer or committee member) and your parents, relatives, guardians and supporters agreed to abide by the following documents:

- Football Federation Australia ‘Code of Conduct’
- Football Federation Australia ‘Coaches Code of Conduct’
- Manly Warringah Football Association ‘Code of Conduct’
- Manly Warringah Football Association ‘2026 Competition Rules and Regulations’
- Wakehurst Football Club Incorporated ‘Code of Conduct’

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

Of our 1,750 members, over 1,200 are children, under 18 years of age

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

- The Child Safe Standards were recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and provide a framework so organisations can create cultures and adopt strategies to keep children safe from harm
- The Standards are designed as a way to embed child safety in the attitudes, behaviours and practices of organisations and people who work and volunteer in them
- The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Final Report consists of 17 volumes. Volume 14 is 245 pages long and covers sport, recreation, arts, culture, community and hobby groups
- Wakehurst FC MUST comply with the NSW Child Safe Standards and the NSW Working With Children Check and MUST be able to demonstrate compliance when audited.

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

NSW Recorded Crime Statistics January 2025 - December 2025

Age and gender of victims* of selected offences recorded by NSW Police

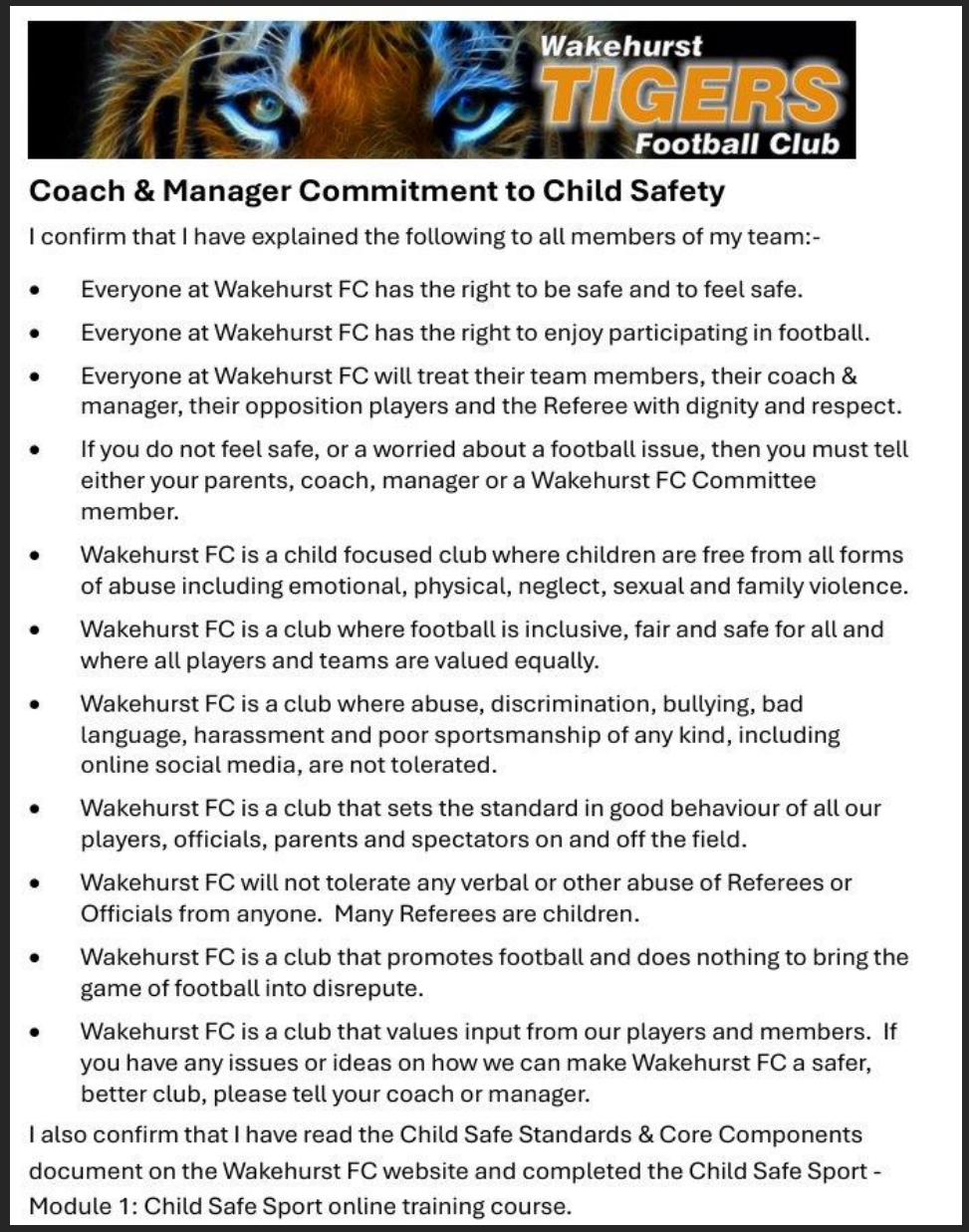
Northern Beaches Local Government Area

Victim's gender	*Victim's age*	*Homicide*	*Domestic violence related assault*	*Non-domestic violence related assault*	*Sexual offences*
Male	0 - 17	0	44	96	90
	18 - 29	0	35	110	10
	30 - 39	0	30	47	5
	40 +	0	85	177	na
	Unknown	0	1	5	2
	Total	0	195	435	107
Female	0 - 17	0	34	57	152
	18 - 29	0	60	39	54
	30 - 39	0	61	25	24
	40 +	na	145	69	28
	Unknown	0	1	3	2
	Total	nc	301	193	260

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

On the Wakehurst FC (WFC) website you will find the following documents:-

- Child Safe Background
- Child Safe Standards & Core Components
- WFC Statement of Commitment to Child Safety
- WFC Child Safe Policy
- WFC Coach & Manager Commitment to Child Safety
- WFC requires all Coaches & Managers to:-
  - spend at least 15 minutes explaining the Coach & Manager Commitment to Child Safety with all of their team members at training during April
  - Read the Child Safe Standards & Core Components document



Wakehurst TIGERS Football Club

Coach & Manager Commitment to Child Safety

I confirm that I have explained the following to all members of my team:-

- Everyone at Wakehurst FC has the right to be safe and to feel safe.
- Everyone at Wakehurst FC has the right to enjoy participating in football.
- Everyone at Wakehurst FC will treat their team members, their coach & manager, their opposition players and the Referee with dignity and respect.
- If you do not feel safe, or a worried about a football issue, then you must tell either your parents, coach, manager or a Wakehurst FC Committee member.
- Wakehurst FC is a child focused club where children are free from all forms of abuse including emotional, physical, neglect, sexual and family violence.
- Wakehurst FC is a club where football is inclusive, fair and safe for all and where all players and teams are valued equally.
- Wakehurst FC is a club where abuse, discrimination, bullying, bad language, harassment and poor sportsmanship of any kind, including online social media, are not tolerated.
- Wakehurst FC is a club that sets the standard in good behaviour of all our players, officials, parents and spectators on and off the field.
- Wakehurst FC will not tolerate any verbal or other abuse of Referees or Officials from anyone. Many Referees are children.
- Wakehurst FC is a club that promotes football and does nothing to bring the game of football into disrepute.
- Wakehurst FC is a club that values input from our players and members. If you have any issues or ideas on how we can make Wakehurst FC a safer, better club, please tell your coach or manager.

I also confirm that I have read the Child Safe Standards & Core Components document on the Wakehurst FC website and completed the Child Safe Sport - Module 1: Child Safe Sport online training course.

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

- Wakehurst FC requires all Coaches & Managers to do Child Safe Sport Module 1, which takes 45 minutes.
- https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/running-your-club/safe-and-fair-clubs/child-safe-sport/training-and-education
- Please forward your Notification of Completion email to your VP

OCG Child Safe Sport eLearning

WAKEHURST FC CHILD SAFE

- Do not leave a child alone and do not be alone with a child
- Do not leave a child alone
  - At training
  - On game day (at Home or Away games)
  - Coach & Manager must have all players contact details with them at all times
- Do not be alone with a child (in person or online)
  - Have the 2nd to last parent wait with you at the end of training or a match until the last child is collected
- If you see anything in-appropriate or suspicious then tell your VP or the President !

If you suspect a child is at significant risk of harm then contact the Police or FACS Child Protection Helpline on 132 111

MPIO & WWCC

- We are an open Club that welcomes feedback and does not fear balanced, fair complaints.
- We have two Member Protection Information Officers (Greg Dick and Jodie Kenny) who ensure feedback and issues are handled confidentially & impartially.
- Our role includes:
  - providing information about your rights
  - providing options on how your complaint can be handled
  - supporting you throughout the process
- Our role does not include:
  - Investigating the complaint
  - Offering advise or advocating for you

MPIO & WWCC

- FNSW requires all Coaches & Managers to have a Working With Children Check.
- WWCC's are free for coaches and managers as you are un-paid Volunteers.
- We have to verify your WWCC online and keep a register of all WWCC numbers.
- You apply for a WWWC online at:
    - https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check.
- You have to prove your identity at a Service NSW centre:
    - https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre
    - Please ensure that the name you use in your Application is exactly the same as the name on your proof of identity e.g. NSW Driver's License.

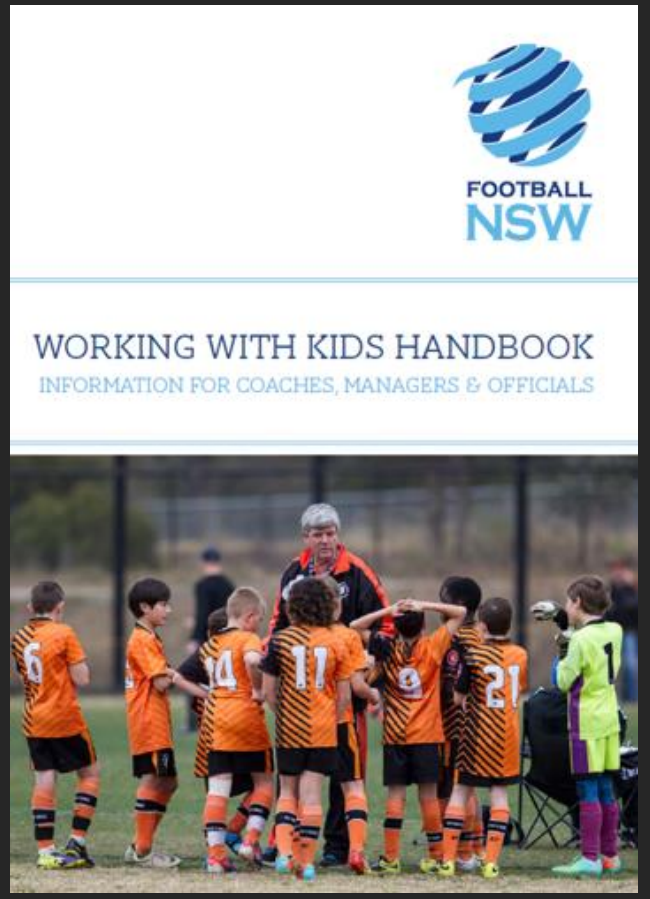
MPIO & WWCC

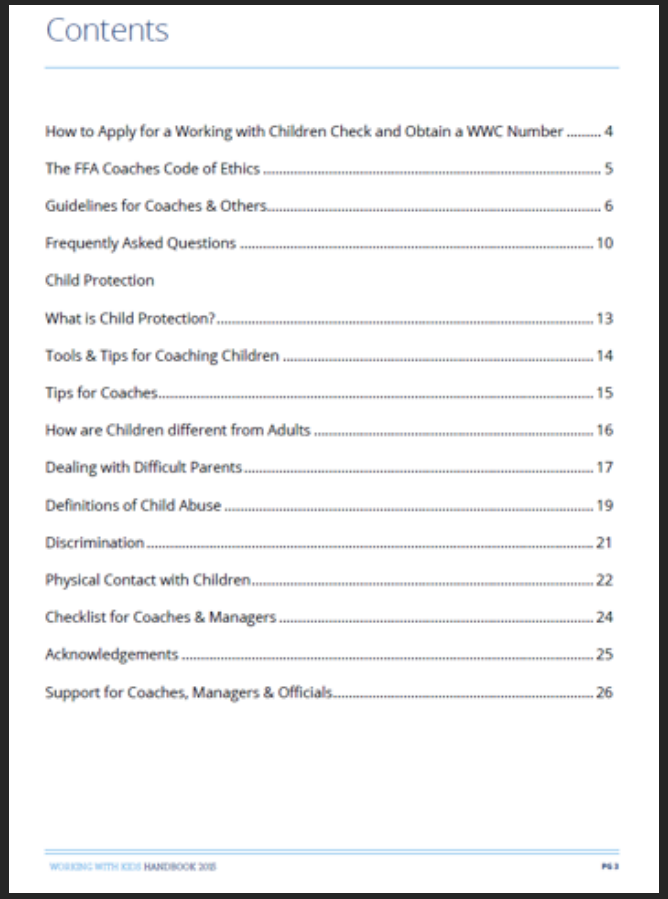
- You will receive an email with your WWCC number.
- WFC has to verify that you have a WWCC.
- To enable us to verify your WWCC number can you please email (president@wakehurstfc.com.au):
    - The name used in your Application
    - Your WWCC number
    - Your Date of Birth

MPIO & WWCC

FNSW Working With Kids

All Coaches & Managers must read this and comply with this !

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Social Media

- Please see the FNSW & MWFA Social Media Policy
- If you have not got anything good to say then don't say ANYTHING !
- If you would not say it to someone's face then DO NOT put on social media
- Junior team coaches must not be the only adult that is part of a private Team Social Media group (Facebook, WhatsApp etc).
- There must be at least two parents in every group.
- For WFC Members using social media, such use must not contain, or link to, libellous, defamatory, bullying or harassing content - this also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames
- Comment on, or publish information that is confidential in anyway
- Bring the organization or the sport into disrepute; or otherwise be in breach of the FFA Code of Conduct.

SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR

- WFC needs our Coaches & Managers to deliver this message to all parents and supporters, on a regular basis !
- The Team will lose competition points for bad parent behaviour
- Several teams were thrown out of the competition in 2024
- If you have not got something good to say, then SHOOSH !

RESPECT FOR REFEREES

- WFC will NOT tolerate ANY verbal or other abuse of Referees or Officials from ANYONE.
- Anyone found guilty will be evicted from Wakehurst FC.
- Teams can lose competition points for bad behaviour of officials, parents & spectators
- Sin Bin. 5 minutes U12-U14 and 10 minutes for U15 & older for Dissent to the Referee or Officials.
- The Referee is ONE person, with ONE set of eyes in ONE place on the football field
- It is NOT what you think is abuse, it is what a 15 year old Referee thinks is abuse.
- This applies to MWFRA Referees, U6-U11 Parent Game Leaders and Team Referees

RESPECT FOR REFEREES

MWFA TEAM DISCIPLINE POINTS MWFA

Offence Code and Designation	Detailed Breakdown	Minimum Games	Maximum period	Team Disciplinary Points
(a) **R1** Serious Foul Play	General Range	2	2 years	2
	Violent Tackle that endangers the safety of an opponent	3	2 years	2
	Rugby Tackle	2	2 years	2
	Violent Charging, using excessive force with shoulder, elbow or forearm.	2	2 years	2
	Over the Ball Tackle making contact with either ball or leg	2	2 years	2
(j) **R6**	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against or about Match Officials	4	2 years	5

Offence Code and Designation	Detailed Breakdown	Minimum Suspension	Maximum Suspension	Team Disciplinary Points
	Threatening or intimidating a Match Official by word or action	12	Life	10

Accumulated Team Points	First Warning	Loss of Three Match Points	Team Withdrawal
All Open Competitions run as squads	18	26	36
WO30/35/W40/45 teams	9	13	18
U/16-AL single teams	9	13	18
U10-U15	9	13	18
U6-U9	5	8	11

DESCRIPTION	CLUB	AGE/DIV	OFFENCE	JUDICIARY OUTCOME	TEAM DISCIPLINE POINTS
12th March 2026					
Player	Pittwater	PL	R1 - Serious Foul Play - Voilent tackle that endangers the safety of an opponent	4 Actual	2
10th September					
Player	BTH		R2 - Violent Conduct - Punching / Fighting	2 (two) Matches suspended until (19th April 2026)	3