MWFA 2026 Playing Rules – Ground Set Up & Pack Up

D3 Ground Allocations and Fitness

a) The Association shall allocate the grounds for all competition matches and all matches ordered shall be played thereon. Any club allocated a ground for the season, shall mark that ground exactly as shown in the Referees Chart and Players Guide to Association Football, with an approved line marking substance (not lime), prior to the commencement of each days play as shown in the scheduled draw.

b) The Club shall provide at the ground goal nets and corner posts with a flag on top, Defibrillator and Defibrillator signage or flag except as defined below. The following applies to all competition teams (U12 to PL, All Age, O30, O35, O40 and O45 teams).

- At least 45 minutes before the start of the first Match on a field, the Club who is allocated the field by the MWFA must deliver nets, flags and other necessary items for the setup of the field. These should be placed at the centre of the field.
- The teams who are playing the first Match on the field on that day must each setup half the field, including the net in one goal and the flags for half a field. Any containers and other equipment must be stored near one of the goals. This must be completed at least ten minutes before the start of the Match.
- The teams who are playing on the last Match on the field must each dismantle half a field and place the equipment in the containers provided in the middle of the field. Unless otherwise indicated this will be the 3pm Match on any field. This includes corner flags and one net.

  In order that there is no possibility for ambiguity, each team will be responsible for the setup or takedown of half a field. It is up to the individual teams to decide which half of the field they will setup/take down.

c) Any Club found not complying with this rule shall be fined in accordance with Appendix C of the MWFA Playing Rules for each item. The fine shall also apply if a Club fails to provide the necessary equipment for setting up a ground in the required timeframe. This includes adequate materials to adhere nets to goalposts.

d) If a team fails to perform this function the following penalties will be imposed:

- On the first offence a formal warning will be issued by the MWFA. The Club of the offending team must provide proof the team has received the notice.
- On the second occasion, the team will lose one Competition Point
- On the third occasion, the team will lose three Competition Points
- On the fourth occasion, the team will be asked to provide reasons as to why they should not be removed from the competition.

The imposition of these penalties is at the discretion of the MWFA.

Wakehurst FC Field Set-Up

If you are the first team playing on a Wakehurst FC field on Friday night, or Saturday and Sunday morning you are responsible for setting up the field.

This is normally the 8.30 am game but maybe a later time, including 1.00 pm, for senior games on some of our fields.

If you are the last team playing on a field, you are responsible for packing up the field. This is normally the 3.00 pm game but can be earlier depending on the MWFA draw.

The set-up process requires two people, especially on fields where nets must be put up.

We are fortunate at WFC in that nets are left up throughout the season on all Lionel Watts fields. Hews and Bambara have portable U8/9 and U10/11 goalposts with permanent nets.

The procedure for each field is as follows: -

1. **Lionel Watts 2**
    - Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
    - Take the following equipment to LW 2 and place it in position: -
        - two benches
        - four corner flags
        - four orange 25 m markers (if required)
        - three Referee chairs
    - Place the goalposts in the correct position
    - At the end of the last game return all this equipment to the storage shed

2. **Lionel Watts 3**
    - Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
    - Take the following equipment to LW 3 and place it in position: -
        - two benches
        - four corner flags
        - four orange 25 m markers
        - three Referee chairs
        - one garbage bin to be placed on the halfway line against the fence
    - Place the goalposts in the correct position
    - Take the four corner flag hole plugs back to the storage shed
    - At the end of the last game return all this equipment to the storage shed

3. Lionel Watts 4

- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to LW 4 and place it in position: -
  - four box net rear poles and attach the nets
  - two large benches
  - four corner flags
  - four orange 25 m markers
  - four Referee chairs
  - one garbage bin to be placed on the halfway line against the fence
- Place the goalposts in the correct position
- Take the four corner flag hole plugs back to the storage shed
- At the end of the last game return all this equipment to the storage shed

4. Lionel Watts 3J12 - Under 12 Games

- For U12 and WU12 games played on LW 4
- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to LW 4 J12 and place in position: -
  - two benches
  - three referee's chairs
  - four corner flags
- Place the portable 5 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the last game move the goalposts off the LW4 main field and take the corner flags back to the storage shed

5. Lionel Watts 5 – Under10/11 Games

- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to LW 5 and place in position: -
  - four corner flags
  - one garbage bin to be placed on the halfway line against the fence
- Place the portable, 5 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the last game take the corner flags & the garbage bin back to the storage shed

6. Hews J1 – Under 6/7 Games

- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to Hews J1 and place in position: -
  - Four portable, 2 m x 1 m, aluminium goals (two for each field)
  - eight corner flags (four for each field)
- Place the goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the last game return all equipment to the storage shed

7. Hews J2 - Under8/9 Games

- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to Hews J2 and place in position: -
  - four corner flags
  - one garbage bin to be placed on the halfway line between J1 & J2
- Place the portable 3 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the last game return all equipment to the storage shed

8. Hews J3 - Under8/9 Games

- Meet WFC committee member at storage shed at 7.50 am
- Take the following equipment to Hews J3 and place in position: -
  - four corner flags
- Place the portable 3 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the game return all equipment to the storage shed

9. Bambara J6 - U6/7 Games

- The storage shed will be opened by a WFC committee member before 8.00 am
- Take the following equipment to Bambara J6 field and place in position: -
  - Four portable, 2 m x 1 m, aluminium goals (two for each field)
  - eight corner flags
- At the end of the last game return all equipment to the storage shed

10. Bambara J8/9 – U8/9 Games

- The storage shed will be opened by a WFC committee member before 8.00 am
- Take the following equipment to Bambara J8/9 field (nearest the car park) and place in position: -
  - Four corner flags
- Place the portable 3 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the game return all equipment to the storage shed

11. Bambara J10/11 – U10/11 Games

- The storage shed will be opened by a WFC committee member before 8.00 am
- Take the following equipment to Bambara J10/11 field (furthest from the car park) and place in position: -
  - Four corner flags
  - Black plastic, First Aid container and place on the halfway line
- Place the portable 5 m x 2 m goalposts in the correct position
- At the end of the game return all equipment to the storage shed

12. Bambara Full Field – Afternoon Senior Games

- The storage shed will be opened by a WFC committee member before 8.00 am
- Take the following equipment to Bambara full field and place in position: -
  - four corner flags
  - three Referee chairs
  - Two nets
  - Black plastic, First Aid container and place with referee's chairs
- Hang the nets on the goalposts
- At the end of the game take down the nets and return all equipment to the storage shed

13. Ararat

- The Male & Female toilets will be opened by a WFC committee member before 8.00 am.
- Take the following equipment from the Female Toilet and place in position: -
  - two benches
  - four corner flags
  - four orange 25 m markers (if required)
  - three Referee chairs
  - Two nets (if required)
  - Black plastic, First Aid container and place with referees' chairs
- Hang the nets on the goalposts (if required). Nets are generally left up at Ararat.
- At the end of the game return all equipment to the Female Toilet and lock the toilet with the padlock

14. County Road

- A Wakehurst Committee member will deliver the necessary equipment to County Road before 8.00 am.
- Place the following equipment in position: -
  - four corner flags
  - four orange 25 m markers (if required)
  - Two nets
  - Black plastic, First Aid container and place on the halfway line
- Hang the nets on the goalposts
- At the end of the game take down the nets and return all equipment to the southern side of the field at the halfway line

The black plastic First Aid containers have a Defibrillator and a First Aid Kit.

The Hews Reserve canteen has a First Aid kit and there is a Defibrillator on the outside wall.

The Lionel Watts canteen has a First Aid kit and there is a Defibrillator on the outside wall.