



**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES**



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GAME TIME POLICY

PURPOSE

Murray United FC has a policy to manage game time expectations of players within the club.

This game time policy sets out the clubs requirements and expectations for game time for all players and teams. Players, parents and coaches at all times will place “playing for the club” over “playing for a team” as the primary guiding principle.

The policy also serves as a communication to all players, parents and coaches ensuring the expectations of all parties are understood prior to the season commencing.

Game time policy varies by age group and level of competition where teams are participating, Boys/Girls Premier League teams and Senior Men and Women teams are rewarded with club promotion and penalised with club relegation.

PRE-NPL U10 to U13 BOYS & GIRLS

- Every player is to play equal game time, averaged out over the season, subject to the players full attendance to training, compliance with the clubs training program and codes of conduct.
- Game selection priority may be given to players that have greater training attendance leading into games.

YOUTH PREMIER LEAGUE U13 to U18 BOYS & GIRLS

- There is no minimum playing time requirement. Team selection will be based on full attendance to training, compliance with the clubs training program and codes of conduct.
- Game selection priority may be given to players that have greater training attendance leading into games. Selection of match day teams is by the head coach or Technical Director and their decisions are final.
- It is the aim of coaches and Technical Directors to ensure fair and reasonable game time to all players, averaged out over the season. Players that fail to attend training without reason may be declined selection for games.

RESERVES (U23) & SENIOR MEN & WOMEN

- There is no minimum playing time requirement. Team selection will be based on full attendance to training, compliance with the clubs training program and codes of conduct.
- Game selection priority may be given to players that have greater training attendance leading into games. Selection of match day teams is by the head coach or Technical Director and their decisions are final.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Players will:

- At all times comply with the clubs annual training plan and attend all training sessions which includes pre-season training, games and tournaments.
- Arrive for training and matches on time and be prepared as directed.
- At all times be respectful to team mates, coaches, the opposition, the referee and all club officials including visiting clubs/teams.
- Attend training and games if injured or in the process of recovery.
- Support the team and club positively and unconditionally with a philosophy of, *“there is no “I” but rather “we” in teams and clubs”*
- Show a strong level of commitment and application to training, games and club events.
- Show a good level of learning, development and improvement at training and games.
- Always listen attentively to coaches and referee’s instructions.
- Understand that Murray United FC is a high performance club and results based football is for the benefit of the players, teams and club.
- Be open to feedback and attend all player/coach reviews as organised by the club.
- Be prepared to offer your own feedback to coach/club via e-mail or club survey.
- Understand and at all times apply the clubs Player Psychology framework.
- At all times disclose other sporting activities including school based physical activities to coaches that may affect training and performance within the clubs annual training plan.
- At all times comply with the Players Code of Conduct.

Parents will:

- Support all players positively and unconditionally.
- Behave in a civilised and respectful way when representing your child and the club, especially during matches.
- Promptly notify the coach and team manager if your child is unable to attend training or matches.
- Support your child if they fail and help them understand that with failure comes improvement.
- Understand and at all times apply the clubs Player Psychology framework.
- Not shout instructions or attempt to coach from the fence lines. This causes confusion to coaches and players.
- Parents, family, friends and supporters are not permitted entry into the sporting fields and must remain behind fence lines at all times, this includes before, during and in-between training and games (unless they are a team or club official).
- Parents, family, friends and supporters are not permitted entry into changerooms on match days before or at half time of any game (unless they are a team or club official).
- Not approach the coach during training sessions or game day’s but instead save any comments or feedback and e-mail the coach, Technical Director or via club survey when asked.
- At all times comply with the Parents Code of Conduct.

Coaches will:

- Lead by example and be good listeners and communicators.
- Develop players into high performance footballers and encourage them.
- Regularly liaise and consult with Technical Directors and club officials.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of players in their care at all times.
- At all times be respectful to players, coaches, the opposition, the referee and all club officials including visiting clubs/teams.
- Show a strong level of commitment and application to training, games and club events.
- Show a good level of learning, development and improvement at training and games.
- Be open to feedback from club officials and attend player/coach reviews.
- Be prepared to offer your own feedback to the club via e-mail or club surveys.
- Understand and at all times apply the clubs Player Psychology framework.
- Encourage players to think for themselves and have the confidence to make decisions.
- Reassure players that making mistakes is part of their development.
- At all times comply with the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Factors of consideration in non-attendance/participation:

- Out of region players travelling greater than 50 km to Murray United FC
- Player illness and injury
- Player medical condition
- Player study, homework or work
- School or University excursions, exams or school events
- Holidays and time away

None of the above factors of consideration give cause or reason for a coach to select a player in a starting team in any match. Coaches will assess and consider absences, unavailability or unique circumstances to players on a case by case basis. Selection and player rotation of match day teams is by the head coach or Technical Director and their decisions are final.

Club Sanctions/Penalties due to Member Conduct:

- Members found guilty of breaches of behaviour codes of conduct resulting in fines being imposed on the club, the Member will take full responsibility for payment of that fine to Murray United FC.

Refer to club website for Policies and Codes of Conduct.