**Woking Primary Schools Football Association (WPSFA) – A brief History**

We are essentially associated with primary/junior schools who are members of WASPs (Woking Area for School Sport), organising the Levels 2 and 3 events of school sport in football of which we provide Level 3 opportunities for children in our squads.

Originally formed over 40 years ago and under the general banner of ‘District Football’, boys were trialled and selected on their ability, they then played in leagues against other districts. WPSFA was then established with a broader focus in introducing and helping develop more boys to a district standard of football. A Girls District Squad was added over a decade ago, closely followed by a Girls Development Squad to allow talented girls the chance to shine and expand their abilities. At the time, Woking were a pioneering part of Girls District Football and helped establish various aspects of girls district football.

WPSFA is essentially a voluntarily run organisation.

**District Football**

WPSFA run:

* Two U11 boys district teams
* One U10 boys district team
* One U10 girls district team
* One U11 girls development district team
* One U10 girls district team

Our main boys and girls district sides play almost weekly district fixtures from September to May and are actively involved in many district events. In addition to these teams, we train boys at U10 and girls from U8 to U11 giving an approximate total of 60 children involved with district football in some way.

We can offer children the opportunity to play with and train alongside others of a similar high level. This will undoubtedly improve their own ability by accelerating the progress of themselves with a high potential in football from an early age.

We offer a pathway for children with aptitude in football. Through the challenge the children experience, there is a stronger sense of belonging and it forms a pathway to Regional Talent Centre/Academies for the most talented of children.

**Coaches**

We use numerous coaches who have differing qualifications and all with DBS checks. Most of our coaches work voluntarily. We also utilise young coaches helping them to develop their coaching ideas further both in terms of working alongside our coaches, but also encouraging them to further enhance their knowledge by completing courses.

**Schools and Clubs**

We have strong links with local schools, and respectful links with local clubs.

**Funding**

We rarely receive funding so we rely on parent’s paying for anything needed whilst trying to keep costs to a minimal. Occasionally we get donations, grants and sponsorship.

**District Ground**

We have formed excellent links with Woking Borough Council who highly value district football and what it brings to the community as a both a part of their schools but also as part of their sporting programmes for children. They appreciate the value of a club for more talented footballers and have worked alongside us to help us establish our new home ground.

As a part of the housing programme in Woking, a new site was identified to build a community are on which included a park and pitch area. We collaborated with Woking and a local football club to produce a new clubhouse and two 9-a-side pitches (which could also play 7-a-side on) funded by the building project. We have exclusive use of the ground on Saturday’s, whilst the club use it Sundays. The clubhouse is modern, containing two changing rooms and a kitchen area as well as a storage room. Two pitches were also built with the latest draining technology installed. The whole ground is situated in park land next to a play area and mugger facility on a new estate.

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