



W.A.Y.S



Watertown Association For Youth Soccer

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Most Commonly Asked Questions

Fees, Deadlines and Dates

FEES: Travel: 1 player \$90, 2 players per family \$160, 3+ players per family \$200. **In Town/Rec:** 1 player \$80, 2 players per family \$150, 3+ players per family \$190. **Little World Cup:** \$55.00 per player (regardless of number of family members participating). **LATE FEE:** A \$50 late fee will be charged per family for Travel registrations received after Friday, March 7th 2008 and In Town/Rec registrations received after Friday, March 21st 2008. **NO REFUNDS** issued after Friday, March 21st.

When, Where, Times for Practices

Practices for the Spring soccer season, depending on the individual coach, will more than likely begin in late March/early April. The individual coach of each team will decide, after conferring with WAYS officials, on what days and at what times their teams will practice. Generally one practice per week for about 1 ½ hour. If your child hasn't been contacted about the start of the Spring season by April 4th-please call the WAYS Hot Line at 274-0847 for more information.

Practices will likely be held at Veterans Park, UNICO Field, Judson School, Swift Middle School, or Black Rock Park, depending upon the age group.

When, Where, Times for Games

Recreation League

Games for the Spring soccer season will begin in Mid-April and be scheduled primarily on Saturdays. There is possibility of weeknight games, which will be determined by the number of registrations received, teams fielded, and field availability. Weeknight practices and games will start after school hours usually after 5:00PM.

Games will be held at Veterans Park, UNICO Field, Judson School, Swift Middle School, and Watertown High School depending upon the age group.

Travel

Games for the Spring soccer season will begin in early April and generally be played on Saturdays (Division 2) or Sundays (Division 1) unless make-ups are scheduled. Sunday games are scheduled to be played after 12:00 noon. The WAYS organization competes in the Northwest District of the CJSA (Ct. Jr. Soccer Association). This District encompasses a geographical area that runs from the Massachusetts and New York borders to the North & West, respectively, and as far South as Newtown, as far East as Terryville. Away games can be played at any of the opposing towns within this District. Home games will be held at either Watertown High School, UNICO Field, Judson, or Veterans Park.

The travel area will depend on each town's ability to field a team in the appropriate age group.

Uniforms and Equipment

Recreation League

WAYS supplies a shirt and socks. Parents are responsible to purchase shin guards. The child will **NOT** be allowed to practice or play unless he or she wears shin guards.

Because of the slippery nature of playing on grass, especially when the grass is wet, it is recommended, although not a requirement, that the parents also purchase soccer shoes for their child. A child could play in sneakers.

NOTE: Soccer shoes are different than baseball cleats. A child cannot play with baseball cleats or soccer shoes that have plastic cleats. All cleats should be made of rubber or rubberized materials.

Travel

The parents/guardians are responsible to purchase all equipment for the child. This includes at a minimum a uniform, soccer shoes, and shin guards.

Formation of Teams

Recreation

Teams are formed randomly by computer software. WAYS discourages requests by parents to group children on specific teams.

NOTE: Actual division of age groups will depend on the number of registrants in each age group. Divisions will be formed, and the number of teams per each Division determined, prior to the start of the Spring season.

Travel

Travel teams can be formed starting from the age of 9 (U-9). Whether or not a specific Travel team is formed is decided by the WAYS Board of Directors based on the availability of a coach and the number of children registered to play in each age group. If the number of children registered to play Travel soccer is greater than the number of children the coach is able to/or wishes to accept on the team a tryout will be held. Tryouts will be held in late March as early as the weather and field conditions will allow. The individual coach will be responsible for communicating the times and locations of these tryouts to those players who have registered to play in each specific age group. Travel teams are grouped by age & gender ("co-ed" teams are not usually fielded).

WAYS policy allows for a child to try out and play on a team one age group above his or her actual age group, UNLESS the child is that of the coach of the older team. Then and only then, the child is allowed to play up 2 age groups. Under **NO** circumstance will a child be allowed to play on a team greater than 2 age groups above the child's actual age group. As an example a child born between August 1, 1995 and July 31, 1996 is considered a U-12 (Under 12) player. This child would be eligible to try out for and play on a team registered as a U-13 Travel team but will not be allowed to tryout or play on a team registered as a U-14 Travel team-unless the parent is the coach of the older team. It is a WAYS objective and recommendation to have children play within their own age group as much as possible. Should a child not be selected for participation as part of a Travel team, that player is still eligible and welcome to play in the In Town/Rec program.

Age groups will be noted on a separate sheets for Travel & In Town/Rec play-these will be available at all registration sessions.

LITTLE WORLD CUP

Registration for Spring Little World Cup Soccer will be held at the same times as the general registration for all WAYS play. WAYS expects to have 2 sessions each Saturday for a 6 week duration beginning sometime around the 3rd week of April.

The emphasis of the Little World Cup program will be on the introduction of the sport (to players and parents), skill development training, and small sided (4 vs. 4, 5 vs. 5) matches of randomly selected teams. Each session will last approximately one hour.

For a fee of \$55.00, each player will receive a #3 soccer ball & shirt when they register for this program the first time.

NOTE: LWC sessions will be scheduled according to the number of players registered and field availability. There will be no practices conducted for this age group-which will consist of 5 and 6 year old boys/girls.