



General Information/Rules for Whitefish Bay Club Soccer

WFB Soccer Club offers Club (Rec) teams from U-6 (K5) through U14 (8th grade) and Select teams from U11 through U18.

Players:

- 1) You can start playing soccer in any age group, even if you have never played before!
- 2) **Players must be at least 5 years old by August 1 or enrolled in K5 to play in U6.**
- 3) Players with August birthdates who are the youngest in their classroom can be allowed to “play up” to play with their classmates. Also, exceptions can be made if a player is older than their classmates and they can be allowed to “play down” only if their soccer skill matches their age group level. If questions, please contact the WFB Registrar or WFB Club Program Director for assistance.
- 4) Players or teams are generally not allowed to “play up” based on ability in the Rec program. We will work with the player or team to balance the talent throughout our program. If questions, please contact the WFB Registrar or WFB Club Program Director for assistance.
- 5) The fall season includes 8 games and starts after Labor Day and ends in late October or very early November. The spring season also includes 8 games and starts after Spring Break and usually ends the 2nd weekend in June-right after school is out.
- 6) Games are on Saturdays and occasionally on Sunday afternoons. Games for younger age groups are mostly in WFB or nearby communities. Away games for older players may be in surrounding communities.
- 7) Practices are generally once a week in WFB, Kletzsch or nearby County Parks.

Team Formation:

- 1) Club (Rec) Teams are formed and players placed on teams by the Age Group Coordinators for each age group.
- 2) Players may indicate a preference to be on a team with one friend (and it helps to have that friend reciprocate) or with a certain coach. However, our team formation policy is to balance each team according to the guidelines below and these requests cannot always be honored.
- 3) Coaches cannot place players on their teams.
- 4) New teams may need to be formed at any age group or players moved due to increase or decrease in number of players or team roster size, moving of teams or players to all girl's teams and losing coaches. While we try to honor requests, there are no guarantees for team placement.
- 5) Team formation guidelines:
 - a) Consistent team sizes across age groups
 - b) Multiple players from more than one school on each team
 - c) No player to be the only one from a school
 - d) U6 - balance of girls and boys
 - e) U8 and up - limit of 2-3 girls on coed teams is preferred.
 - f) Returning and new players registered in May have priority placement. New players can potentially bump a late sign-up returning player off a team.

If you have any questions regarding the WFB Club Rec soccer program or need assistance with registration, please contact the WFB Registrar, Beth Pfluger, beth@pfluger.org, or the WFB Director of Club Programs, Bill Nehr, wfbrecsoccer@gmail.com.