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Subject: Winter Tournaments: new WSA reimbursement policy and listing of tournaments

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Hi Girls and Boys Managers,

WSA has a new reimbursement policy for Winter tournaments registration fees. A tournament list appears below.

As you all know, when it comes to manager duties, nothing's as simple as just sending out the two previous sentences. Bear with me as I use alot of ALL CAPS and bold with some italics thrown in to best organize a ton of info. As always, happy to answer questions!

Oh, one other (really great) thing before I get to the nitty-gritty: Tony McNamara, who manages the WSA Web site, has created a Travel Managers tab on wiltonsoccer.info where this list (and lots of other helpful Manager info) will reside for your reference. If you want us to add more stuff to this section, please let me know!

BACKGROUND

Excerpt from 2008/09 Travel Manager Handbook

Each travel team is encouraged to participate in at least 2 tournaments per season. "A" level teams are required to participate in two tournaments per season, while "B" level teams are required to participate in at least one. All girls teams are required to participate in Wilton's Nutmeg Tournament...Wilton girls teams will automatically be registered in the Wilton Nutmeg Tournament, held in June, and that tournament's registration fee will count towards one of the two reimbursed fees that season.

The WSA's seasons are Fall and Spring. Teams are reimbursed 4 tournament registration fees - typically 2 in Fall (SCOR and Columbus Day) and 2 in Spring (Memorial Day and Nutmeg).

The WSA understands that not all teams have been playing in 4 tournaments - getting 2 in during Spring can be challenging.

Additionally, many teams are choosing to train throughout the winter.

WINTER TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Given the above, WSA will reimburse a team for a Winter tournament registration fee. To qualify, a team must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Manager polls team and 2/3rds of families agree to participate in tournament - a vote count should be submitted. Teams with less than that percentage are welcome to play, they just will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- 2) Rosters:
 - A roster is submitted identifying travel players on either the Fall or Spring WSA roster.
 - If a hybrid roster is submitted (for example, made up of 12 U11B + 2 U11A players), the winter tournament registration fee is eligible for reimbursement if the team (in this example, U11B) has only participated in 3 tournaments during the year.
 - Excerpt from Travel Manager Handbook: Only tournament rosters that are different from season rosters have to be stamped with the tournament name. Some tournaments (especially indoors) have a smaller roster allowed. Please make sure it is typed up and certified prior to attending the tournament.
- 3) Two volunteers from the team participate in Fall and Spring field take-down, sign-in required.
- 4) Excerpt from Travel Manager Handbook: Copies of tournament applications and canceled checks for such tournaments should be forwarded to the VP Travel for reimbursement.

OUT OF STATE TOURNAMENTS

Excerpt from Travel Manager Handbook: Out of State Tournaments: If your team is traveling to a tournament outside of Connecticut you MAY need a Permission To Travel form; the WSA Registrar (Sue Mangan, suemangan@optonline.net) can confirm and provide this form.

TOURNAMENT COACH FEES

Teams will be responsible for paying tournament coach fees (exception is SCOR; WSA pays for this). WSA's Coaching Director, Sara Quantock quantocksara@aol.com, can confirm coaching fees per tournament.

WINTER TOURNAMENTS: INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

List appears below.

The team I manage (U11A Boys) has participated in the March Westport indoor/outdoor tournament the last two years and I can report it's a well run, one-day-only commitment with plenty of food on premises. Typically you are playing teams within our district. Younger teams play indoors in Westport school gyms; older teams are outside. I checked the official rules and noticed something that may be an issue for your families: U11 is 5 v 5 and only 10 players "suit up" for a match although it can be a different 10 for each game. Meaning, if your roster size is larger, some players sit out an entire game.

I wish we were participating in the Manhattan Spring Kick-off but it's only open to U12 and up. Let me know if your team goes!

I know of one U9 Boys team on the waiting list for the Last Licks RBYS Kickoff Classic '09.

If you have any info you think will be helpful to Managers, please share!

Thanks,
Eileen Schneidman

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Westport Invitational Tournament WIN2009

3/14 - 3/15/2009

Westport, Connecticut

Sponsor: Westport Soccer Association

Gender: Male and Female

Boys Age Group(s): U9,U10,U11,U12,U13,U14,U15,U17

Girls Age Group(s): U9,U10,U11,U12,U13,U14,U15,U17

Facility Type: Indoor and Outdoor

Applications accepted online starting 1/9/09

Website: <http://www.westportsoccer.org/>

Winter Break Tournament

2/16 – 2/20/09 (one day commitment, different ages play different days)

Glastonbury, CT

Oakwood Sports Center

<http://www.oakwoodsoccer.com/> click Indoor Tournaments to download brochure

NEW YORK

Last Licks RBYS Kickoff Classic 2009

3/28 - 3/29/09 (one day commitment)

Rye Brook, NY

<http://ryebrooksoccer.org/gpage5.html>

Additional info: outdoor fields, A teams are not eligible to apply, divisions fill up quickly

Hudson Valley Sportsdome

240 Milton Turnpike
Milton, NY 12547
(845) 795-5220

<http://www.hudsonvalleysportsdome.com/Tournaments.htm>

Jan. 25th MARIST 3rd Annual Indoor Soccer Tournament For Girls (U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, & U15 Girl)

Jan. 31st QUICKSTRIKE SOCCER TOURNAMENT (1/2 Field 9 v 9)

Feb. 14th, 15th, 16th Hudson Valley Sportsdome 2nd Annual Soccer Tournament to benefit the MAKE-A-WISH Foundation ®

Sat. Feb. 14th: U9G, U10G, U11G, U12G, U14G, U16G

Sun. Feb. 15th: U9B, U10B, U11B, U12B, U14B, U16B

Mon. Feb. 16th (Presidents' Day): U19G, U19B

Feb. 21st-22nd QUICKSTRIKE SOCCER TOURNAMENT (1/2 Field 9 v 9)

March 13th - 15th HUSC 13th Annual BIG BLUE SHOOTOUT SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Manhattan Spring Kickoff

3/07 - 3/08/2009

New York, New York

Sponsor: Manhattan Soccer Club

Gender: Male and Female

Boys Age Group(s): U12,U13,U14,U15

Girls Age Group(s): U12,U13,U14,U15

Facility Type: Outdoor

Application Deadline: Feb 15th

Number of games: 3 minimum

Format: 2 flights per age group; round-robin competition; 60-minute games; 3-man referee system

Fields: Randalls Island turf fields, including Ea st River Fields and Icahn; these new turf fields will not be pulled due to inclement weather.

Registration Fees: \$490 per team

Contact: Jason Kahan

Contact Email: jkgny@aol.com

Website: <http://www.manhattansc.org/>

NEW JERSEY

MAPS / MSSL 2009: The Spring Challenge

3/14 - 3/15/2009

Fort Dix, New Jersey

Sponsor: MAPS/MSSL

Gender: Female

Girls Age Group(s): U8,U9,U10,U11,U12,U13,U14,U15,U16,U17,U18,U19

Facility Type: Outdoor

Application Deadline: 02/05/2009:

Contact: Bohdan Porytko

Contact Email: bohdan@mssl.org

Website: <http://www.socceragency.net/maps/2009/0903/challenge.htm>

Match Fit Chelsea FC Invitational

03/28/2009 - 03/29/2009

Pittsgrove, New Jersey

Sponsor: Match Fit Academy FC

Gender: Male and Female

Boys Age Group(s): U14,U15,U16,U17,U18,U19

Girls Age Group(s): U14,U15,U16,U17,U18,U19

Facility Type: Outdoor

Application Deadline: February 27, 2009

Website: <http://www.matchfitacademy.net/Tournaments/springinvite.htm>