

Introducing a new program from the Weston
Soccer Club
WESTON ELITE SOCCER

Program outline

Weston Elite Soccer (WES) is a new program designed to take the most skilled U12, U13 and U14 boys' players to the next level.

Similar to an advance placement class in school, WES will gather identified players for one extra day of training (in addition to the current schedule of three days practicing with their current travel team) and possible tournaments.

Identification is based on aptitude and attitude. Each season the Director of Coaching in consultation with his coaches will invite 16 of the most dedicated players across the three age groups. Enrollment is entirely voluntary and, if any placements are declined, the squad will decrease by that number. The identification process will happen once a season allowing deserving players to enter the program at different points in time.

This program is for boys only at this time, based on the recommendation of our professional Coaching Director Kevin Fitzsimmons after considering the needs of the U12-14 boys. An additional training program for girls in the U12-14 age groups is being developed by Coach

Gustavo Reaes based on the needs of this smaller group of players. The program is called "Hat Trick" and details will be released soon.

Reasoning

The success of Weston's soccer program has led to both higher standings (relative to neighboring towns) and a growing seriousness among our players. The most committed boys in the years leading up to High School are now asking for more soccer than the current program offers (three practices per week plus a weekend game). The Weston Elite Soccer program (WES) has been designed for them.

Goals and benefits

- A high level of competition overall (practicing and playing with the most committed players)
- Younger/smaller players are hardened by playing against and with bigger, stronger, quicker, skillful and more aggressive players
- Older players are prepared for High School competition by introducing them to the concept of playing with players of different ages (Varsity and Junior Varsity mixes four grades)
- All players are encouraged to be leaders – the older players to their peer group as well as to the younger players, and the younger to their peer group
- Development of, and provide continuity for, a "Weston Team" mindset from an earlier age

Format

Those players enrolled in the Elite Program will continue playing with their travel teams as usual. On Thursday afternoons each week there will be a two-hour practice (all three age groups combined) led by the Director of Coaching (Kevin Fitzsimmons). There is a possibility of tournaments (if numbers allow and non-conflicting dates can be found).

Details

Launch Date: Practices starting April 2014

Candidates: Players are identified by the Director of Coaching (DOC) and professional coaches from U12, U13 and U14 teams

Selection Process: Identified players will be contacted by phone/email by DOC by no later than January 6. The deadline for acceptance will be January 27, and the team will be announced on February 3.

Maximum no. of players: 16

Minimum no. of players: 6

Practices: Thursdays for 2 hours for 8 weeks.

Time: 3 - 5pm

Coach: Kevin Fitzsimmons

Cost: \$200 p/p (does NOT include tournament(s) and is in addition to the regular fee for the travel team)

Parent Participation Requirement: Team manager plus practice parents