

Fall 2012/Spring 2013

WSA Travel Tryout Process

Tryout Process: Tryouts are usually conducted in May to determine teams for **BOTH** fall and spring play. Prior participation on a travel team does not guarantee participation in subsequent years. All players wishing to be considered for a spot must attend tryouts, which are conducted over a two day period (except U9). The U9 players will attend 3 days of evaluations. The tryouts are conducted by Soccer Extreme. Two or more coaches will evaluate the players at each tryout session, one coach will be the current travel coach for that age group. During the tryouts, each player is given their assigned number and a corresponding vest to wear bearing that number. If your son or daughter is injured and cannot participate please contact your VP Travel.

Player Rankings: During tryouts, players are evaluated and scored based on skills and small-sided game situations. Tryouts are particularly relevant to technical skills and abilities. The result of the tryouts will determine your child's "tryout data".

Each rising U10 – U14 player receives a "coaching evaluation" by their current coach specifically designed to assist in ranking the players (different than the seasonal evaluation that each parent receives at the end of each season) will be used to provide further insight on technical skills and abilities as well as elements such as commitment. This seasonal evaluation will also take into account how well the child has played over multiple games, multiple practices and in varying situations. The "tryout data" and "coaching evaluation" will be combined to create a ranking for the players. Players that attend goalie tryouts may be given special consideration taking into account the goalie specialization policy for ages U11 and up.

Rising U9 player rankings will be determined exclusively from the 3 day field evaluations.

Team Selection: *All tryout data is independently audited to insure accuracy.* Soccer Extreme will compile the teams and present to the WSA Board of Directors for approval. The WSA Board of Directors works to ensure that the U9 –U14 players are placed appropriately to their skill levels to ensure that they can learn, compete and grow as soccer players. Starting in fall 2012, all age groups will be placed on ability based teams (ie, A, B, C).

The U9, U10, and U11 maximum roster size for Fall teams is (12) twelve players and with U12 and above the maximum roster size for Fall teams is (16) sixteen players. Spring roster sizes are sometimes increased based on the quality of the players available and a need for a larger roster due to multiple sport obligations.

U9 – U11 and some U12 –U14 Team Selection Results - *posted on/just after the last day of school*
Team selection results are posted on www.wiltonsoccer.info with notification emails to all members.

- 1) In general, all results for U9-U11 are posted on or just after the last day of school for the Wilton public schools.
- 2) Results for U12 and up *that do NOT involve players* trying out for Premier/Non-WSA teams are also posted on or just after the last day of school for the Wilton public schools.

Players from this category will have until JUNE 30 to accept their roster spot by paying online at www.wiltonsoccer.info and no refunds will be granted after acceptance. On JULY 1, the next qualified player from the "waiting list" will be offered their roster spot without notice. *Email notifications will be sent to all WSA Members so please make sure that your email address is current as **team acceptance is the responsibility of the parent.*** If you are traveling during this time please make the proper arrangements to contact WSA.

Some U12 – U14 Team Selection Results - usually posted in early July and always with notification emails to all members.

Some rosters from U-12 – U14 may not be available until later in the summer. This is because a number of WSA players also tryout for placement on premier teams and, if placed on a premier team, the player may not be rostered on a WSA travel team. The Premier team selection may not take place until mid-to-late-July. Once rosters are posted and players are notified via email, **players from this category will have 2 weeks to accept their roster spot** by paying online at www.wiltonsoccer.info and no refunds will be granted after acceptance. After this 2 week period, the next qualified player from the “waiting list” will be offered their roster spot without notice. *Email notifications will be sent to all WSA Members so please make sure that your email address is current as **team acceptance is the parents’ responsibility.***

If you are traveling in July please make the proper arrangements to contact WSA.

Players Trying out for Premier Teams and other non-WSA Teams – U12 and up

Players trying out for both WSA Travel and Premier/non-WSA teams have a responsibility to their WSA teammates to announce their intentions once the Premier Teams/non-WSA Teams select their teams. Players that do not commit or decline a roster spot for a WSA Travel Team in a timely fashion keep the WSA rosters “on-hold” and effect the entire age group by keeping the WSA from announcing teams. ***As a result, the WSA will allow a player 72 hours after the last Premier team has announced their roster to either accept or decline a WSA Travel roster spot.*** If a player trying out for a Premier/non-WSA team has not accepted their WSA roster spot by paying online at www.wiltonsoccer.info ***72 hours after the last Premier team has announced their roster*** the next qualified player from the “waiting list” will be offered their roster spot without notice. No refunds will be granted after acceptance.

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Waiting List

In most instances, more players register for travel soccer than can be accommodated on the teams available. Qualified players may be placed on a waiting list and ranked according to their scores. Should a player on a team decide to withdraw from the travel program, adjustments to the existing teams may be made, and a player from the waiting list may be added to the team.

A player placed on a waiting list may only be considered for vacancies that arise during the fall season. Vacancies that arise prior to the start of the spring season may be filled based on results of supplemental tryouts that are held prior to the start of the spring season.