



Registration Process

When is registration?

- Registration for the Spring Seasons begin on or before September 15th each year
- Registration for the Fall Seasons begin on or before April 15th each year

How do I get a registration form?

- Mail in form by request only, email info.wcsc@gmail.com

How do I register my players?

- Secure on-line registration is using a credit card.
- Go to www.wcsoccer.org
- Click on register and then create your family profile and then register your players.
- A confirmation email will be generated – please review the details at the bottom of the confirmation for some additional information/timeline

How late can I register my child?

- Players may be added to a team's roster no later than thirteen (13) days after the day of that team's first game. There is *no guarantee* that your child will be placed with a team after the draw has been completed due to space limitations

Team Formation Process

How are teams formed?

- WCSC teams are formed in compliance with SAY RULE 8 – Legal Team. Teams in all divisions are formed using a software package utilized by most of the SAY North clubs.
- The software randomly assigns new players and players moving up to the next age division to teams, while ensuring that ages are balanced across teams.
- The SAY philosophy allows for 2 players (typically the head coach and the assistant coach). Other players are distributed through a draw across the teams in the age group. Siblings in the same division are also placed together.



FAQs



Can players be exempted from the draw process?

- Yes.
- We adhere to SAY Rule 8-3k. Children of the head coach and children of one assistant coach are exempt from the draw process. A head coach may opt to have a sponsor's child/children exempted in lieu of having an assistant coach assigned prior to the draw.
- Also, if someone feels strongly NOT to be placed with a specific coach
- We can not allow for requests to be paired with a specific coach (exception: Happy Feet League)

When do players move up?

- Spring
- WCSC and SAY North players move up to the next age group in the spring season. This way players can adjust to new rules (ex: passers to wings) and additional players on the field (ex: instructional to passers) before the fall season which has more games as well as tournaments.

Can a coach have two assistant coaches?

- Yes
- However, only one assistant coach can be named prior to the draw and exempt their child from the draw process (see Rule 8-3k). Therefore, a second assistant coach must be found from those parents of the players assigned through the draw process.

Are teams allowed to carry over players from season to season?

- Yes
- SAY North follows a fall to fall and spring to spring process.
- This means that the younger players in a division this fall will play together as the core of their team next fall. These players are designated as Core players. Core players are exempt from the draw process in most cases. Occasionally a core needs to be disbanded due to number of teams or to balance players

Do these Core players stay together as they move up to the next division?

- No, all players moving up (i.e. Passers to Wings) must go through the draw process, with the exceptions noted above.



Can I play for a specific coach?

- Only players at the Instructional/Happy Feet Division (U6) can request to play for a certain coach or with other players.
- All other divisions must have players put through a blind draw.

Can I request to not play for a specific coach?

- Please email info.wcsc@gmail.com
- We can exempt your player from one team.
 - We cannot accept a list of coaches “not” to play for, in other words, “build a team”.
- Please note that requests made in divisions with only two teams will receive special scrutiny, and there must be a compelling reason for the request to be honored.

Can I play for WCSC if I live outside of West Chester?

- Yes. However, if you live in another SAY district, you must obtain a release from that district’s representative.

Are select players allowed to play in WCSC?

- Yes, there are no SAY prohibitions to select players being on a SAY roster.

Are high school players allowed to play in WCSC?

- No, OHSAA rules prohibit players on a high school soccer team (Freshmen, JV, or Varsity) from playing on any organized team during the same season.
- WCSC welcomes players who do not make their high school teams.
 - The Minors & Seniors division are typically very competitive as they are filled with talented players that did not make the high school cuts.



Spectator Behavior

Are there guidelines for spectator behavior?

- Yes
- Both SAY North and WCSC have drafted guidelines for coach, player, spectator, and referee behavior.
- Listed below are the Code of Conduct guidelines for WCSC spectators:
 - Applaud superior play by both teams
 - Do not address remarks to referees, opposing players or opposing fans. This does not apply where remarks are genuine and encouraging.
 - Avoid remarks toward players when they make mistakes. (We all make mistakes!) If you are aware of the error, rest assured that the player is also aware of his / her mistake.
 - Give consistent support to coaches, players and referees whether your team is winning or losing. The coaches are giving many, many hours of time and are committed to their own continued improvement as a coach. In winning, they deserve your congratulations and in losing they deserve your encouragement and support.
 - Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreement with referee calls. Prolonged remarks or abrasive disagreement with the referee calls may result in a red or yellow card - offense - chargeable to your team's coaches.
 - Never use foul language.
 - Always sit or stand at least 3 yards from the playing field's touch line - and always on the spectator's side. Never interfere with the coaches or players unless requested.
 - Please cooperate with any referee or coach's request

Where can I find more information on behavior guidelines?

- Visit the Say North website for complete documentation of coach, player, spectator, and referee guidelines.
- www.wcsoccer.org (WCSC)
- www.saynorth.org (Governing league)
- www.saysoccer.org (SAY National)



Practice Times/Locations

WCSC utilizes green space at Keehner Park, Beckett Park and Voice of America Park (VOA).

We are all trying to do the same thing – practice so please share the space.

There is also rental space available at Hy-Crest Swim Club and Journey's Church – please contact them directly for the details.

Are coaches assigned practice dates, times, or locations?

- No
- Coaches use their discretion to determine dates, times, and locations.
- They will choose what works best for them – it's a perk of coaching

How often should my child be practicing?

- There are no formal guidelines. It is at the discretion of the coach.
- However, it is expected that teams will practice at least once a week for 60 minutes.
- Some coaches may opt to practice longer and/or have multiple practices per week.

Playing Up or Down

Can I request that my child play in the next higher age division?

- Yes
- This is subject to SAY Rule 1-3G. You must make a written request to the District Representative **prior** to holding the draw. (February 15 (spring) or July 15 (fall))
- In general, the player must be displaying superior athleticism and skill to be considered to play up at the next level.



FAQs



Can I request that my child play in a lower age division?

- Yes
- This is subject to SAY Rule 1-31. A player with a **disability or developmental problem** may be assigned and play at the next younger age division, only if approved by the SAY Area and only if the following criteria are met:
 - The request is initiated by a parent, in writing, prior to the player draw, AND
 - The request is accompanied by a written document from a doctor attesting that the child's developmental problems would best be served by playing in a younger age division, AND such a player assignment is approved, in writing, by the District President and District Representative

Special Requests

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- SAY Rules **DO** allow special requests to:
 - Play with siblings in the same age bracket where equitable
 - Pairing of players with friends in the Instructional League only
 - Play on team where parent is the coach
 - Avoid assignment to a specific coach's team
- SAY Rules **DOES NOT** allow special requests to:
 - Pair players with friends in leagues other than instructional/happy feet
 - Pair players for carpooling reasons
 - Play in an older division than age permits
 - Be assigned to a specific coach, other than parent
- Parents: Except for our Instructional (Happy Feet) division or siblings (of the same age/division), SAY policies are specific to the rules our computer-generated draw can allow. Except for a head coach requesting either one assistant OR a sponsor; other play together requests cannot be honored.
- WCSC is a recreational club that follows the SAY rules randomly draw teams each season – which allows for a random draw of the group younger players in a division.
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- In most cases, we can keep a core of kids that played together in the same division, on the same team the prior year, in this case, Spring 2017. Cores move from fall to fall or spring to spring.
- A core this season would have been the younger group from last spring– randomly drawn.
- Ages will also need to be balanced – meaning that 1 team cannot have 7 older players and another only 3 older players.
- While we can appreciate Suzie wants to play with Kimmie or Mike needs to ride with Jeff – we cannot “create” teams – please don’t ask. We know that car pool situations can be resolved once you learn who else is on your child’s team and kids will find new friends on their team and will probably enjoying playing against their BFF.
- An instructional/happy feet (6U) player may request to play with ONE other instructional player, however not all requests can be honored. Play together requests are not considered for any players in Passers, Wings, Strikers, Kickers, Minors or Seniors.

Respectfully, many hours of planning, ordering and prep goes into each season therefore:

- Refunds will only be issued following the criteria below:
 - **Valid Requests:**
 - Medical reasons (player only and before the start of the season) must include doctor’s letter and phone number for verification.
 - **Examples of Invalid Requests:**
 - Body Piercing (ear, gauge, tongue, belly, cartilage, nose, etc)
 - Select soccer or high school team appointment
 - Dissatisfaction with coach/team placement/practice day or time.
- When the valid reasons are not met, a refund is not possible, we will hold your player over to the next season.