

WNSL Indoor Soccer League Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question, start here. If you still cannot find your answer, E-Mail scott@wnsl.net.

Sign-Ups, Cost and Division Questions

When can we register? Registration is now open and will close in Late September for Fall and Early December for Winter.

How do I register and pay online? Go to www.wnsl.org and click on one of the sports you would like to register for. Once on a sport-specific page, log into your WNSL account (see the Login button on the right side of the screen). Once logged into your account, click "Register Now" in the top left corner to select the sport you would like to register your child for. If you do not have a WNSL account, click the "Register" button on the right of the screen to register/create an account. You will then "Add Participants" to your account and select which sport(s) you would like to register them for.

What if I do not want to register online? You can download a paper registration form on the Soccer page at www.wnsl.org. You may mail it in with a check but there will be a \$10 paper registration fee as indicated on the application.

What if I forget to register? The price will increase after the published registration deadline. Late registrations will be taken on a case-by-case basis and players will be added to existing teams or new teams created if the need arises.

Do you give refunds if my child decides not to participate? Refunds are only given with a Doctor's excuse that a child cannot play due to injury (minus a \$35 administration fee). Registrations may be transferred to another sport up until the Coach Meeting. After the coach meeting has occurred, transfers are not available.

What are the divisions? Co-ed Pre-K/K, Co-ed 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd Grade Boys, 4th Grade Boys, 3rd/4th Grade Girls, 5th Grade Boys, 6th Grade Boys, 5th – 6th Girls, 7th – 9th Boys & Girls. The number of participants will determine all divisions. If there are not enough teams in a division for fair play, divisions may be combined and girls may play boy teams with girls playing down a division for fairness.

Are players allowed to play up or play down? One player per team may play down one division with approval from the league. To get approval for your player to play down, contact scott@wnsl.net.

If my player is not on a preformed team how and when do I know which team he/she is on? Individuals not on a team (Free Agents) will be contacted by their coach after the Coaches' Meeting.

What happens if my team does not have a coach? WNSL relies heavily on volunteer coaches. Sometimes, we do not have enough volunteers for the number of players that register. If your team does not have a coach, WNSL will first ask if any parent or group of parents is willing to take on coaching responsibilities. If no one is willing or able, we WNSL will find a paid coach to oversee your team, the cost of which will be divided among the parents. Refunds due to a team not having a coach are very seldom given and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Can a player play on two teams? Players may not play on two teams in the same age group; however, a player may pay to play on two teams in separate age groups. Example: A Kindergarten player may also play on a 1st Grade team. To play on two teams a player must pay two registration fees.

How much does it cost? Division costs range from \$170 to \$190 depending on the season and age group. See divisions at www.wnsl.org/soccer for more information.

What is included in the registration fees? Minimum of 7 games, referees, participation medallion if requested, a jersey and shorts, insurance, a newsletter, excellent indoor fields, equipment and league administration.

How do you form teams? The WNSL is open to full teams, partial teams and free agents. All players are welcome to request a coach on their registration, however, this is just a request -- there is no guarantee that the participant will be placed on the team they request. We try our best to accommodate requests, however, coaches with pre-formed or partially formed teams submit rosters with the players they intend on playing on their team. We go by this roster first. Players not on a pre-formed team are free agents and we work to place them on a team with classmates/players from their area or create an entire team from free agents.

What happens if there are too few teams in a division? The WNSL will do whatever possible to have all divisions play. If there are not enough we will combine divisions, make division's co-ed, or have boys/girls teams play against one another. If we are unable to form divisions we will offer refunds (less a \$35 administrative fee).

How many players are on a team? Pre-K - K will have 4 players on the field and 1st - 9th will have 5 players on the field. The minimum number of players to be considered a full team is 8 players (6 for PreK/K). The league reserves the right to add free agents to a team with less than the minimum number of players.

Is this league Co-Ed? Yes, Soccer is Co-Ed for Pre-K and K and 1st and 2nd Grade divisions. If there are not enough older girls teams, girls divisions may be combined with boys divisions.

Coach-Related Questions

Who coaches the teams in the Late Fall/Winter Soccer League? The WNSL relies on volunteers to coach. Some teams bring coaches with them and often parent's coach. If you are interested in coaching or being an assistant you may indicate this on the "Volunteer" portion of the registration site.

How are coaches certified? Coaches are screened at the Coaches' Meeting and sign a "Code of Conduct" as well as complete a background check.

How does a parent notify the league that he or she would like to coach or be a team parent? During the online registration process there is a "Volunteer" page. Click on the volunteer position you would like (Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Parent) and fill out the requested information. You will then be assigned to your child's team once the registration process is closed.

Once I register, how long will it be before I hear from a coach? The coaches' meeting is held in Mid October (Late Fall) or Mid December (Winter) to finalize all rosters. After that meeting a coach will be in touch with you. Coaches that add a free agent player are asked to contact the free agent player immediately.

What if there are not enough coaches signed up? The WNSL does its best to never turn away a player. If there are not enough coaches initially volunteered, the league will create new teams called "Free Agent Teams" and ask parents from that team to volunteer to coach.

How do you come up with team names? There are no team names in WNSL Soccer but teams are welcome to come up with a name of the team. *Note: Players receive a "generic" reversible jersey for Soccer, so team names are strictly for scheduling purposes.*

Weather, Fields, Equipment and Soccer Basics

What type of Soccer league does the WNSL offer? The WNSL feels all youth sports should be recreational in nature yet also competitive. For Soccer, the season is more laid back. The sports program is not a baby-sitting service but it is a league that does not encourage a "win at all cost" attitude. Sportsmanship, camaraderie, fun and learning the game are the most important aspects of our soccer league. The WNSL feels that the casual recreational player as well as the more serious competitive player will both be accommodated. In short, the WNSL wants players of all different levels to have fun, excel and feel good about what they are doing. The older age groups play more competitively than the other age groups.

How long does the season last? Soccer season begins Late October (Fall) or early January (Winter) (See the site for details) and runs approximately 8 weeks. Games are played every Saturday throughout the day (8AM – 5PM Depending on Facility Availability). Some weekday or Sunday games may be played if coaches desire.

Where are the games played? All of the games are played at Boost Fit Club (11 Vaughn's Gap Rd).

What happens in case of inclement weather? Are games rescheduled? How will a parent/coach know if games are canceled? Games may be rescheduled for Sundays or on weekday afternoons. Cancellations are posted on the website, on the phone line (376-4700) and if time permits an e-mail is sent out as well.

When and how often do teams practice? Teams are responsible for their own practice locations. Limited slots are available at Boost Fit Club. Teams can call Boost at (615) 662-8989 to book times and receive a WNSL team discount.

Does the league provide photos for teams and individuals? No, not at this time.

What equipment does the League provide? The WNSL provides indoor fields, game balls, goalie pennies, as well as jerseys for Soccer.

What equipment does the Individual player need? Appropriate cleats or tennis shoes, shin guards, socks that will cover the shin guards, and a Futsal practice ball.

Does the WNSL provide referees for games? Yes. One trained referee is provided for every game in the 1st - 9th grade divisions. Youth referees are provided for the Pre-K – K Division *when available*.

What are the rules for the different divisions? You can review the rules on the Soccer page of www.wnsl.org.

Does WNSL post standings? No, The WNSL does not provide standings for we do not want to promote over the top competitiveness and focus on the "Love of the Game" instead.

Is there a post-season tournament for Soccer? Not at this time.

Are league trophies given out at the end of the season for league champions? No.

Sponsorships and Financial Aid

What if I am interested in sponsoring a team or the league? Please let your participant's coach know and then contact scott@wnsl.net or carly@wnsl.net.

Are there any opportunities for corporate sponsorships (other than the team sponsorships) ? Yes. The WNSL offers corporate sponsorships for each individual sport, as well as the overall league.

Does the WNSL provide financial assistance or scholarships? Yes. If you are in need of a full or partial scholarship, fill out and submit the financial assistance information at www.wnsl.org. Someone will be in touch regarding to the amount of financial assistance available for your participant. No player will be turned away for financial reasons.

Miscellaneous Questions

What is the difference between WNSL and other Soccer Leagues? The West Nashville Sports League is a top-notch youth sports organization that emphasizes all players valuing the pure love-of-the-game over a winning-at-all-costs attitude. Providing the best indoor field conditions possible, certified referees, excellent communication to all participants, parents and coaches and an informative and user friendly website, the WNSL goes above and beyond to create a memorable and positive experience for all involved.