



# Wheaton Wings Competitive Soccer Club

## Frequently Asked Questions FAQ's



1. **Question:** What is the mission of the Wheaton Wings Competitive Soccer Club?

**Answer:** The Wheaton Wings Soccer club is dedicated to developing soccer players both mentally and physically in a community-based, competitive environment preparing them for high school play and beyond. Our focus is on the player as a whole, encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork, developing leadership skills and individual athletic skills in a fun but competitive environment.

2. **Question:** Who are the Wheaton Wings?

**Answer:** The Wheaton Wings Competitive Travel Soccer Club is the Wheaton community competitive traveling soccer club. The Wheaton Wings were in existence from 1978 until the fall of 2003 and were brought back in the fall of 2008 after the Wheaton Park District received overwhelming interest from residents to start a new competitive soccer club. The Wheaton Wings were brought back in order to play competitive soccer against other "select" traveling clubs in northern Illinois. All Wheaton Wings teams have first priority on soccer field space for practices and games. Wheaton Wings players practice close to home and at times can even ride their bike to practice depending on where they live. If fields close due to poor conditions, indoor space will be offered to Wheaton Wings teams to train when it is available.

Wheaton Wings teams are trained and coached by the Future Pros professional training company. The Wings will field U8 to U18 girls' teams to compete in the Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL), and U8 to U18 boys' teams to compete in the Northern Illinois Soccer League (NISL). Team rosters are finalized in June 2017 to compete in both the fall 2017 and spring 2018 seasons.

3. **Question:** What are the changes being made for the 2017/ 2018 season?

**Answer:**

- Changing from school year to birth year.
- Adding Winter Goalie Training at Naperville Yard, 5 sessions for each age group.
- Winter training will still be 10 sessions indoors at Naperville Yard.
- There is one extra training session per week during the Winter at Naperville Yard for U12-16.

4. **Question:** When will tryout participants know if they made the team or not?

**Answer:** Tryout results will be posted by noon the next day after the last day of the tryouts. Tryout participants can look on the Wheaton Wings website to see if they were selected for the team. Tryout participants will need to remember their tryout number as that is how they will know if they made the team. To get to the Wheaton Wings website, go to:

[www.wheatonwings.com](http://www.wheatonwings.com)

5. **Question:** How much does it cost to play for the Wheaton Wings?

**Answer:**

***U8 and U9 Teams***

Age Level	U8	U9
Price	\$1,130	\$1,220

***U10-U14 Black Team Players***

Age Level	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
Price	\$1,745	\$1,940	\$1,940	\$2,035	\$2,035

***U10-U14 Yellow/White Team Players***

Age Level	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
Price	\$1,270	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,640	\$1,640

- If a nonresident makes a team, the fee is an additional \$100.
- Uniform fee is separate from registration fee.
- Wheaton Wings has a payment plan option. \$200 initial payment in May or June, 1/3 payment in August, 1/3 payment in October and final 1/3 payment due in January.
- Wheaton Wings offer partial scholarships for players that qualify.
- Parent Assistant Coach and Parent Manager Discount: \$75 per volunteer.
- Multi-Family Player Discount: \$75 off per player for families with two or more players in the Wings Program. (Must contact Mark Gartland at [mgartland@wheatonparks.org](mailto:mgartland@wheatonparks.org) to adjust fees after registration)

**Each U8, U9 and U10-U14 Yellow Team Player Receives:**

- Training with a professional trainer, two times a week for **one-and-one-half hour** each session (weather permitting).
  - Fall = 10 Weeks
  - Spring = 8 Weeks
- Training with a professional trainer, once a week for one-and-one half hour each session for 10 sessions in the winter.
- Five day preseason camp in the beginning of August.
- Club goalie training on Saturdays plus make up sessions every other week in the fall and spring, except on holiday and tournament weekends. (Each team is allowed to send two goalies a week)
- Winter Goalie Training 5 sessions.
- Professional trainer will plan and run all training sessions.
- Professional trainer will coach at all league games, and at two tournaments (One in fall and one in spring).
- Team will participate in Northern Illinois Soccer League (NISL - Boys) or Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL - Girls)
  - Fall = 10 games
  - Spring = 8 games
- Teams will participate in two tournaments, one in the fall and one in the spring.
- Player Evaluation – Written and short (5 min.) meeting between trainer and parent/player to discuss the player evaluation at the end of the fall season.

### **Additional services for U11-U14 Yellow Teams:**

- Winter training for the U11-U12 will still be 10 sessions but will now be on a 25x35 yard turf surface. The U13-U16 will now be 10 team sessions on a 50x35 yard turf surface and then there will be age group skills training for U12-14 players for 10 sessions.

### **Each U10-U14 Black Team Player Receives:**

- Everything a U8, U9 or U10-U14 Yellow Team player receives, plus:
  - A third training session a week in the fall and the spring.
  - A third tournament with your trainer. (Third tournament either in fall or spring).
  - Winter Indoor League with trainer coaching at all games.

Volunteer Parent Assistant Coach is required to carry a class F and a class E coach's license to back up the trainer at games, and assist trainers at training sessions.

### **Additional Fees**

Additional Fees may apply if a team decides to do more than what is covered by the registration fee, those fees may include:

- Third Team Training Day-Fall and Spring  
*Approximate Cost: \$200 per player*
  - Extra Tournament  
*Approximate Cost: \$600 per team*
  - Trainer to Coach at Extra Tournament  
*Approximate Cost: \$320*
  - Trainer to go to a tournament out of the area.  
*Approximate Team Cost: Hotel \$280 (2 Nights), Travel Gas Expense: .17cent per mile, Trainer Food/Gas (to hotel/fields once there): \$30/day. Take these total costs/# of players. (Example: it cost a team \$444.30/15 players = \$29.62 per player to go to St. Louis, for the Scott Gallagher Tournament.)*
  - Team participating in an Indoor Winter League  
*Approximate Cost: \$1,500/team or \$150 per player for a team of 10 players.*
  - Trainer to Coach at Indoor Winter League  
*Approximate Cost for 13 games: \$1,040/team or \$104 per player for a team of 10 players.*
6. **Question:** If a yellow team that is playing at a high level, or if a team that is playing at an older age group wants to practice three times a week in the fall and spring, can they?

**Answer:** Yes, a yellow team maybe selected to train three times a week if they are playing at a higher level or if they are playing at an older age group. If a team is selected to do so, that team will be told that when they are notified that they made the team after tryouts. The cost of a third team training is an additional \$200 per player.

7. **Question:** What is the uniform cost, how many years will we have this style and what is included in that cost?

**Answer:** The tentative cost for the uniform will be approximately \$120. The uniform that has been selected is the Adidas brand. We are starting a new two year cycle with this uniform style through spring 2018, unless it is discontinued. A basic package is two jerseys, one pair of shorts, one gold training shirt, and one pair of socks. Optional items available at an additional charge are a jacket, pants, and/ or a backpack. Our uniform supplier is Soccer 2000.  
<http://team.soccer2000.com/wheaton-login/>

8. **Question:** What are the colors of the Wheaton Wings?

**Answer:** The club will have a Yellow Jersey, a Black Jersey, Black short and Black/White sock.

9. **Question:** In what seasons will the soccer club train and play games in?

**Answer:** All Wheaton Wings teams will train and play games in the fall 2016 and spring 2017. Our teams will train one time a week for 10 weeks in the winter starting the second week of December.

10. **Question:** How many games will each team play?

**Answer:** Each team will play 10 league games (5 home/ 5 away) in the fall, and 8 league games (4 home/ 4 away) in the spring. League games are on Saturday's and Sunday's. Game times vary based on field availability, and other factors. Each team will compete in one tournament in the fall, and one tournament in the spring. U10-U14 Black Team players will play one additional tournament and will play in a winter indoor league with 10-13 games.

11. **Question:** How many training sessions (practices) a week will a U8, U9 or yellow team have and for how long?

**Answer:** Each U8, U9 and U10-U14 yellow team will have two training sessions a week in the fall and spring with a professional trainer for one and one half hour each. Some U10-U14 yellow teams maybe selected to train three sessions per week in the fall and the spring. Each team will have one training session per week with a professional trainer in the winter for one and one half hour.

12. **Question:** Who will be supplying the professional training staff and what are their qualifications?

**Answer:** Each Wheaton Wings team is provided advanced training from a professional licensed staff member of the Future Pros organization. The Future Pros Organization is run by program director Ruben Stivan. Trainers will plan and run all training sessions. Trainers will coach at all allotted games that are part of the registration fee. Parent Assistant Coaches will assist trainers as needed at training sessions and games.



Future Pros has been successfully providing training programs for soccer players of all ages and skill levels for over the past 20+ years. Throughout the years, Future Pros has been providing the latest methodologies of soccer training. The Future Pros has adopted the player development

curriculum of US Soccer. It is their goal to use the guidelines outlined by US Soccer to develop individual players. The Future Pros trainers bring their extensive experience of playing and coaching in Europe and South America to the players of the Wheaton Wings Soccer Club. The Wheaton Wings Soccer Club and the Future Pros goal is to create a challenging practice environment where the player is stimulated and mentored to reach higher levels of the game according to his or her abilities.

To see the qualifications of these trainers, please visit the Wheaton Wings Soccer Club website at: [www.wheatonwings.com](http://www.wheatonwings.com).

13. **Question:** Will the trainer be at all training sessions (practices) and games?

**Answer:** The assigned trainer from the Future Pros will be at all training sessions and games that are a part of the registration fee. There will be times that the assigned trainer will have a conflict and another trainer will fill in.

14. **Question:** Who are the parent assistant coaches and what are the qualifications to be a parent assistant coach?

**Answer:** A parent assistant coach is a volunteer coach that may or may not have a child on the team. The parent assistant coach will be required to be at one training session a week, and attend all games. The parent assistant coach will work closely with the assigned professional trainer. The parent assistant coach will assist the professional trainer at training sessions and games. The parent assistant coach is required to have a minimum of a USSF "E" Coaching License. At older age levels, a higher level coach's license may be required. This license is required by the leagues in order to get a coach's pass, and to coach on the side line. This is important because there may be times that trainers are stuck in traffic or coming from another Wheaton Wings game and the parent assistant coach may need to fill in. To sign up to attend the class to get a USSF "E" Coaching License, please go to the IYSA website: [www.iysa.org](http://www.iysa.org).

15. **Question:** Do you need parent managers and what are they responsible for?

**Answer:** Each Wheaton Wings team will need a parent manager. The parent manager is one of the key parts of the puzzle of success for the team. The parent manager's main responsibility is communication. The parent manager will need to communicate with the Wheaton Park District, the Professional Trainer, Parent Assistant Coach, the league, and the tournament directors. The parent manager will be responsible to get the word out when a practice is cancelled or moved. The parent manager will deal with other clubs in rescheduling a league game, report that change to the league/ referee assigner, and then make sure all team members are aware of the change. The parent manager will confirm each game, home and away. The parent manager will get directions to away sites, and give it out to each player. The parent manager will provide information to be put on the Wheaton Wings website and Facebook page.

16. **Question:** When will players need to make a commitment after they learn they made a team?

**Answer:** You have 24 hours to make a decision on whether to accept or decline the position. To accept the position on a team, you have to put an initial payment of \$200 down by noon the following day results are posted. If you decide to decline the position, please email Mark Gartland at [mgartland@wheatonparks.org](mailto:mgartland@wheatonparks.org) to let him know. If no initial payment is made by noon the following day that the results are posted, that position may be offered to a player in the holding pool. The initial payment is non-refundable. We have found that this is only fair way because players who commit need to know if there is going to be a team or not. If we don't have enough players to make a team, then the players that did commit may explore other options.

17. **Question:** What is the minimum number of players to make a team and what is the maximum number of players a team can have? Is everyone guaranteed to make a team?

**Answer:** No, not everyone is guaranteed to make a team. The league sets a maximum number of players that a team can carry on the roster, see below. A tryout participant must also possess the talent to play travel soccer, if trainers don't think a tryout participant is ready or at the level that they should be at, the tryout participant will not be chosen. On the other hand, if a player is talented enough, we will do everything we can to get that player placed on a team.

Boys (NISL):

Age Level	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14-U16
Format	5 v. 5	7 v. 7	7 v. 7	9 v. 9	9 v. 9	11 v. 11	11 v. 11
Minimum	5	7	7	9	9	11	11
Maximum	12	14	14	16	16	18	18

Girls (IWSL):

Age Level	U8	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14-U16
Format	5 v. 5	7 v. 7	7 v. 7	7 v. 7	9 v. 9	9 v. 9	11 v. 11	11 v. 11
Minimum	5	7	7	7	9	9	11	11
Maximum	12	14	14	14	16	16	18	18

18. **Question:** If there are enough players, will there be more than one team in an age group?

**Answer:** It's possible! If we have enough talented players to field two or three teams, we will. Then it depends on if we have enough players that commit to each team.

19. **Question:** When and where would we practice?

**Answer:** At this time, we can't tell you that information. It depends on the schedule of the parent assistant coach, and the composition of the team. In the past, most teams practiced at Seven Gables Park. Teams that practice in the later slot, usually move to Graf Park to practice for light usage. If we have all north Wheaton participants, we would try to get them a practice location close to them. Practices are most likely going to be two days between Monday and Friday.

20. **Question:** When are the games played?

**Answer:** Games are on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, make up games during the week.

21. **Question:** How far away could the games be?

**Answer:** We are hoping to stay local, within a 25 mile radius. It will depend on the division that the league puts us in. The more competitive that the team gets, the further they have to travel.

22. **Question:** What do I wear to practice?

**Answer:** Teams wear a yellow Wheaton Wings t-shirt the first day of training and a black Wheaton Wings t-shirt the other day. This promotes team unity. Players also wear black shorts, shin guards with socks that cover them and soccer cleats.

23. **Question:** Do I have to pay the registration fee all up front?

**Answer:** The Wheaton Wings has a payment plan option. \$200 initial payment in May or June, 1/3 payment in August, 1/3 payment in October and final 1/3 payment due in January.

24. **Question:** What happens if I miss practices and games?

**Answer:** It's hard to progress as a player, and as a team when you miss practices and games. This is a competitive travel program, and we expect a full commitment from all players. Playing time maybe affected if you miss practices and games.

25. **Question:** Will playing time be equal?

**Answer:** Playing time is not guaranteed as this is a travel program. In league games, we expect trainers to try their best to get each player a fair amount of playing time. In tournament games, teams will play to win. At this time, playing time will not be guaranteed.

26. **Question:** If I play for the Wheaton Wings, can I also play In-House Soccer?

**Answer:** No, the leagues do not allow players to be on more than one team.

27. **Question:** Will there be an informational meeting after tryouts and when will the uniform sizing be?

**Answer:** Yes, the informational meeting, and uniform sizing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center. Tentative times are 5:30 pm for boys and 7:30 pm for girls.

28. **Question:** What age group should my player be playing at?

**Answer:**

2010 (formerly U8):	Born in 2010 or younger
2009 (formerly U9):	Born in 2009
2008 (formerly U10):	Born in 2008
2007 (formerly U11):	Born in 2007
2006 (formerly U12):	Born in 2006
2005 (formerly U13):	Born in 2005
2004 (formerly U14):	Born in 2004
2003 (formerly U15):	Born in 2003
2002 (formerly U16):	Born in 2002

If you have additional questions, please contact Mark Gartland at 630.510.5016.

