



WHEATON UNITED SC

TRYOUTS AND PLAYER SELECTION INFORMATION

The following information and guidelines provide an overview of the Wheaton United SC tryout and player selection process to help parents and players understand the club's overall philosophy and approach. This approach recommends a blending of the processes used by Kopion FC and Wheaton Wings SC and is designed to create a new, stronger, united program to serve our competitive soccer community.

Getting Started

Our Mission: Wheaton United SC is dedicated to developing soccer players both on and off the field in a community-based, competitive, and fun environment while preparing them to reach the next level. The focus is on complete player development, encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork, developing leadership skills, and improving individual athletic skills.

Preparing for Tryouts

- All players should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the tryout time.
- All players need to bring a ball and water bottle.
- Players should wear athletic wear, shin guards, and appropriate soccer shoes.

What to Expect at Tryouts

When you arrive, please check-in at the sign-in table. Players will be assigned a bib number and have their picture taken. Players will keep this number throughout the entire tryout process. Players will be divided into small groups and asked to participate in small-sided games and other exercises designed to demonstrate skill and knowledge of the game. Players trying out for a goalkeeping position should make this intention known at registration and on the day of the tryout. Wheaton United SC coaches and staff will administer the tryouts and evaluate the players. Wheaton United SC volunteers and staff will be available on-site to assist and answer questions.

How Players are Evaluated and Placed

Players are evaluated on their technical skills (dribble, pass, trap), tactical awareness (understanding of the game), and physical ability (speed, agility, strength). All players tryout to be eligible for a team each year. Roster spots are not guaranteed from year to year. Players are strongly encouraged to participate in all days of tryouts. At the close of tryouts, evaluations will be collected and reviewed by the directors and coaching staff for that age level to facilitate team formation. Wheaton United SC directors and coaching staff have final discretion on team placement. Selection is based upon several factors in addition to the tryout itself, including but not limited to, prior travel experience, coaches' evaluations, and prior commitment to United in-house and travel programs.

Those who are unable to try out due to injury, illness, or other commitment must notify Club Director Rudy Keller (rudy_keller@comcast.net) in advance. The Club Director will submit that player's name for consideration to the coaches for that age level, taking into consideration any factors known to be pertinent to the situation, including the player's abilities and prior participation at the travel level, if applicable.

Team Formation

The number of teams formed at each age/gender group will vary depending on the number and level of players trying out and the number of coaches available at that age-level. The strongest roster will be selected for the first team in each group. If numbers of remaining qualified players allow, additional teams could be formed. There are several different leagues and divisions the Wheaton United SC competes in, and each team will be matched according to their level of play and based on Club needs to field the most competitive and well-rounded team.

Coaches could be assigned to teams before or after the team formation is completed. As team formation is a fluid process, no player or parent will be given any information on the team roster until it is finalized.

Tryout Results Notifications

Wheaton United SC shall use its best efforts to complete the selection process within one week from completion of the tryouts. Players who have received an offer for a roster spot will be contacted directly by the coach and are asked to respond in a reasonable time to either accept or decline the offer. Club/Level Directors, along with each coach, will decide a desired time frame to make the decision. Not responding within that time frame may result in that spot being offered to another player.

Supplemental tryouts can be requested at any time during the season. A supplemental tryout will only be granted if a team has an available roster position at the age group of the requesting player. If interested, please contact the Club Director, Rudy Keller at rudy_keller@comcast.net.

Thank you for considering making Wheaton United SC your family's club. Go Wheaton United SC!



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