



Whatcom Development League Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 Tryouts

Friday, April 30th Try Out Times: For Boys—5:15pm to 6:45pm For Girls—7:00pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, May 6th Try Out times: For Girls—5:15pm to 6:45pm For Boys—7:00pm to 8:30pm

Try out Fee of \$5.00 will be charged (this is a one time fee)

To be eligible for the WDL Program in Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 a child's birth date must fall between August 1, 1998 and July 31, 2000

What is Whatcom Development League (WDL)?

The philosophy of the WDL is to create an intermediate developmental league for the recreational soccer player. The purpose of the league is to place players of equal ability in a more competitive environment to train and compete against each other to encourage the progression of their skill and to create a challenging environment for the players to develop the technical, tactical and psychological components of the game.

What happens at the tryouts & how are teams formed?

Eligible player's parents must complete a tryout registration form for their child and register them before tryouts begin. Show up for tryouts at least 1/2 hour prior to try out start time and complete the form and pay the \$5 fee. (this is a one time only fee) On April 30th tryouts are held at NWSP for Boys from 5:15pm-6:45pm and Girls 7:00pm-8:30pm on May 6th tryouts are held at NWSP for Girls from 5:15pm-6:45pm and Boys 7:00pm-8:30pm. (it is recommended, but not required, that players attend both tryouts) The participants are registered and assigned numbers when they arrive at tryouts and are evaluated based on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological components they bring to the game. Based on the player's evaluation at the tryouts they are invited to participate in the WDL program and 6 boys and 6 girls teams are formed—13 players per team. (teams will play 9 aside) Players invited to play in the WDL program will receive a registration form for Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 that must then be completed. The combined fee for WDL for Fall and Spring is \$245. In the Fall you only pay \$130—which includes a jersey and ball. Spring season you will pay the balance of the WDL fee of \$115. The WDL teams formed will remain the same for both Fall 2010 & Spring 2011. If a child decides to not play Spring season, they will be replaced on the roster by the next eligible player and will not have to pay the \$115 balance. A new player added for the Spring only season will have to pay the \$130 initial registration cost.

WFC Rangers U12 Team

At the time of evaluations, players have the option of being considered for the Whatcom Football Club Ranger (WFC Ranger) U12 travel teams (one boys team and one girls team) to play within the state administered Player Development League (PDL). These teams will be WFC Ranger U12 teams and players will register with the Rangers and pay fees to them. The fees will be higher than the WDL Fees. (Based on Fall 2009 Ranger pricing the fees will run approximately \$1000 per player (this includes registration fees, team fees, uniform fees & coach's stipend) plus travel expenses. The teams participating in the PDL will travel to play away games and could potentially travel to Spokane, Tri Cities, Vancouver as well as the Greater Seattle/Tacoma area.

To participate in this program, you come to WDL tryouts and mark on the try out form that you are interested in the WFC Ranger U12 team. Based on the evaluations at the WDL tryout the top 15 to 18 U12 boys and girls who opt for the WFC Rangers travel team will be offered the opportunity to participate in the Ranger program. Any player opting for the WFC Ranger team that doesn't make it will be eligible for a spot on one of the 6 WDL teams in their gender. If a player opts for the travel team and is chosen they are no longer in the WDL player pool and will receive registration & program information from the WFC Rangers.

When are the WDL games played?

The teams play their games on Saturdays during the Fall and Spring Recreational Seasons at 8:00am. and 9:30am.

Why is the fee higher than recreational soccer?

WDL registration fees include on-going training and development for both players and coaches involved in the WDL by qualified trainers. Fees also include a jersey and ball the player gets to keep! Coaches receive additional coaching education and development to allow them to better serve the players of the Whatcom Development League.

If you have questions regarding the Whatcom Development League program, please contact Marc Ronney at 676-1919 Ext 105 or marcr@bellingshamsportsplex.com.