

WCSC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Registration Process

When is registration?

- Two in-person registration days are held during each season. The dates are communicated to the coaches at the start of each season, posted to our website, and advertised in the Pulse-Journal. We often hold a single, post-season in-person registration.

How do I get a registration form?

- Coaches are supplied with registration forms at the start of each season. Forms can also be found online at our website, and at each of the Lakota schools.

What is the difference in registering in person versus via mail?

- Mail-in is offered for your convenience

Can I mail in a registration form?

- Yes
- Registrations can be mailed to the club's P.O. Box. Please note that you will pay more to register via mail.

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.

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.

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.

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

- Yes
- SAY North follows a fall to fall and spring to season 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.

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.

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 Level (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?

- Yes
- There is a field on the registration form for you to make this request. 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 team (Freshmen, JV, or Varsity) from playing on any organized team during the season.

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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 cardable 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.scsoccer.org (links page)
- www.saynorth.org
- www.saysoccer.org

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Practice Times/Locations

Anyone involved in youth soccer in West Chester recognizes the severe shortage of practice and game space in the township. It has created a hardship for all players, parents, and coaches. Each of the area soccer organizations meets with the township prior to the season to determine available park space, and agree upon a usage schedule. This schedule is communicated to all of the coaches at the start of the season.

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 and the majority of their team.

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

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.
- The District Representative must approve the request.
- In general, the player must be displaying superior athleticism and skill to be considered to play up at the next level.
- Five year old players in Instructional may not request to play in Passers unless they will become six in August or September and will be entering first grade that fall.

Playing Down

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

- Yes
- This is subject to SAY Rule 1-3I. 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 Representative.