



# South Whidbey Youth Soccer Club Select Team Policy

## **SWYSC Recreational and Select Teams**

SWYSC supports two types of soccer teams: Recreational and Select.

- Recreational teams are randomly assigned or formed by the order of player signup and play in North County Youth Soccer Assn. recreation leagues, the WISL leagues, or in the District 1 competitive leagues.
- Select teams choose players from a formal tryout. They play in District, State leagues or other competitive Select leagues.
- SWYSC supports Recreational teams at all ages.
- SWYSC supports Select teams for ages U10 and older.

## **Select Team Application**

Anyone can apply to create a Select team if they meet the following conditions at the time of the standard registration deadline:

1. The person(s) creating a new Select team must inform the SWYSC Board of Directors (BOD) of their intention no later than the February BOD meeting before the following fall season or as is consistent with other Select teams at WYS.
2. The applicant(s) must nominate an experienced coach that agrees to coach the team as part of their application.
3. The age of the Select team is U10 or older.
4. Select teams must abide by all US Youth Soccer, WYS, WIYSA, and SWYSC rules governing Select and Premier teams.
5. Coaches must possess (at a minimum) the WYS "E" Coaching license, or be in the process of obtaining the "E" license.
6. Coaches will attend yearly training sessions to further develop their coaching skills and techniques.
7. Coach applicants must be willing to participate in the SWYSC player evaluation process and to comply with the coach's duties set forth in the SWYSC Operating Procedures.

The SWYSC BOD together with the SWYSC DOC will determine whether a Select team and/or coach are appropriate to move forward with the Select team formation, and the BOD will give an answer to the Select team applicants by the next board meeting. If the coach isn't approved, the Board will help to find someone whom they determine to be suitable.

## **Advertising of Tryouts and Meeting**

The SWYSC DOC will determine the exact time and location of the Select team meeting. All team tryout dates are to be held in concordance with the tryouts calendar published by WYS.

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The SWYSC website manager will advertise both events on the SWYSC website and send emails to all eligible Club members at least two weeks prior to the tryouts.

## **The Team Meeting**

The Select meeting will be held at a date and time determined by the SWYSC DOC and advertised by the Club. All Select team members and coaches will attend this meeting or must notify the BOD if they cannot attend. This meeting is to provide information about Select soccer to all interested parents, players and coaches.

At the meeting, the SWYSC DOC will describe the differences between the Recreation and Select programs: the emphasis on competitive play, the increased commitment, the allowance for inequity in playing time, the authority of the Coach, the fee structure, etc. Coaches for potential or existing Select teams have the opportunity to address the meeting, describing their expectations and laying out the program for their team. There will be a question and answer period.

## **Tryouts**

Select team tryouts for each team will consist of one or two 2-hour sessions. Additional tryout sessions or evaluations can be added due to special circumstances.

All players trying out for a Select team will be required to pre-register with SWYSC and to pay a non-refundable \$25 fee. This fee may be applied toward either the Select team fee (if selected) or a recreational team fee in that same season. The SWYSC Registrar will provide the SWYSC DOC a list of eligible players prior to the tryout. Any player who has not previously been registered with SWYSC will also be required to produce an ORIGINAL birth certificate, passport, or driver's license at the tryout—and which will be validated by the Registrar prior to final registration with any SWYSC team. All players trying out will be required to sign a Medical Release Form.

The SWYSC DOC will determine the method and criteria of selection and administer the tryout activities. The prospective coach and at least two other experienced, non-tryout-team-affiliated coaches, chosen by the SWYSC DOC, will evaluate and document the players during the tryout. The evaluation documentation will be kept confidential, to be used only in the selection process and, if needed, to review selection decisions at a later date.

The prospective coach will choose the Select team in consultation with the SWYSC DOC and the other evaluators using the evaluation ratings. If any of these parties feel that the team was not fairly selected in the best interest of the players and the team as a whole, this should be reported to the SWYSC DOC to determine possible re-selection, re-tryout, or other action. The SWYSC DOC is responsible for upholding the highest standards of fairness and integrity during this process.

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## **Club Support**

The Club charges higher Select team fees to support the longer Select season. At minimum, the Club provides the following benefits:

1. Goals and lines on the field, but Select teams must purchase their own equipment. They must purchase club uniforms and may select their own uniforms, provided they match the club colors (royal blue and white);
2. guidance to any prospective team: requirements, deadlines, cost, lessons learned from the past, etc.;
3. try-out notification e-mails and posts on the SWYSC website. Provides a field and evaluation assistance for tryouts;
4. provides field time and team registration;
5. provides (through WYS) player and coach insurance;
6. provides in-season field and referee assignments for all home games.

## **Team Registration**

Players will register under a separate Select category on the SWYSC website.

## **Team Management**

Like recreational teams, the Select team must register a coach, assistant coach, and manager. The coach and assistant coach are responsible for the management of the team—practices, scrimmages, games, etc. The manager is a point of contact between the team and the SWYSC BOD. Additionally, the manager is responsible for medical forms, receipt of tournament rosters, RMA cards, team budgeting, etc.

## **Disputes**

All Select teams are part of the Club. As such, all teams, players, parents and coaches must abide by the rules of the Club.

If, at any point, a player or parent has an issue with the way the team is run, (s)he should discuss the issue with the Head Coach and/or Team Manager away from the field, and not during practice times. If the issue cannot be resolved, the parent/player should contact the SWYSC DOC to resolve the issue.

If the DOC cannot resolve the issue, the DOC will bring the issue to the board for final resolution.

The Head Coach of a Select team has authority to determine eligibility requirements, practice requirements, disciplinary actions, playing time and all other administrative aspects of running the team, subject to Club, Association, District, State and National rules.