



# White Lake Youth Sports Club

## Spring 2026 Youth Soccer Registration

Birthdays between July 31, 2023 – August 1, 2011  
\$55 Registration Fee

**Online Registration Ends February 15<sup>th</sup>!**

[www.wlysc.org](http://www.wlysc.org)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Our season officially starts the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>, giving two (2) full weeks of practice and an optional 3<sup>rd</sup> (Spring Break) before our 1<sup>st</sup> game. The season has six (6) games starting April 18<sup>th</sup> and running every Saturday until May 30<sup>th</sup>, skipping Memorial Weekend.

#### ***Do I have to live in Whitehall or Montague?***

No, we welcome all White Lake Community Members and anyone from any community willing to make the commute for practice & games!

#### ***When are practices?***

Practice times/days are up to coaches. Practices are midweek and typically held between the hours of 5:00pm-8:00pm. They traditionally are one (1) hour or less for U4-U8 & one (1)- one & a half (1½) hours for U10-U15. Practices may be 1-2 times per week.

#### ***Where are practices?***

Practices are traditionally held at Funnel Field (Whitehall), Shoreline Elementary (Whitehall), VFW (Montague) & NBC Middle School (Montague). Other locations may be utilized based on coaches' preference, but all are within the White Lake area.

#### ***What gear will my child need to get started?***

The only required gear are shin-guards & socks to cover. For younger kids a sock/guard combo is available almost everywhere. For older kids, hard rubber cleats are advised but not required. No metal cleats or football cleats (no toe cleats). Please also make sure your child comes to practices & games with water.

#### ***Do you play in the rain?***

Games will only be cancelled if the weather is deemed dangerous (high wind, thunderstorm, freezing rain & hail for example), otherwise we play! So come to all games in weather appropriate gear. Practice cancellations are up to the coaches. Some may opt to cancel practice in rain (especially the younger age groups), but may schedule practice so long as it is deemed safe.

## ***I'd like to Coach or help coach my kid, what do I do?***

WLYSC Micro Soccer is comprised entirely of parent & community volunteers. All volunteers are subject to a background check & must be at least 18 years of age to "officially" be a coach or an assistant. Parent or older siblings can certainly help but cannot be left with the kids unsupervised. If you would like to sign-up to coach or assist, please do so online at [www.wlysc.org](http://www.wlysc.org) (same registration path as signing up a kid). If you have questions about coaching or assisting, please reach out to Nate or I directly. We'd be happy to speak to you and answer any questions you may have.

## ***I don't understand how the Age Groups work, can you explain?***

Age groups are labeled as U6 (for example). This means under-6. We follow USA soccer guidelines for age groups, which has changed from birth year to academic year parameters this year. Age groups are defined as born between August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, which more closely aligns with grade level(s). While we are making a concerted effort to shrink the age-gap between players on the field, final age group allocation will depend on participation at each level.

## ***Can my child play a higher age group & when should I consider this?***

Club rules allow for a child to play one (1) age group above their own. This should only be considered if the skill level displayed, or physical development of the child has them at a serious advantage over other players. For example, a coach has to regularly hold them back in games. Before considering this, please speak to a soccer coach/professional who has seen your child play (reach out to last year's coach if you still have their info) and ask their opinion.

While it may be convenience, it should never be done simply to ensure siblings or friends can play together. It is more likely your child will not enjoy themselves and cause them to lose interest if they are not ready for this advancement.

## ***Can my child play at a lower age group?***

Regardless of skill or physical development, the club does not allow for anyone to play at a lower age group than the one they are in. No matter the circumstances.

## ***Is it ok to request specific practice days or teams?***

We understand that there are conflicts and special needs in order to make Micro Soccer work. These may include telling us that specific practice days won't work due to conflicts or requesting a specific coach that has worked well with your child in the past. We try to accommodate these requests when it's possible and can usually do so when notified in advance. Please understand that it is not always possible, especially if requests are extremely specific. We also take great care to ensure teams are balanced in both skill, gender & age. These can also be grounds for not accommodating a specific coach request. Please also note that coaches cannot request players (outside of their own children of course), only players can request coaches.

## ***How do I make special requests & when is too late?***

You can make special requests while registering your child under the comment section and can update those requests in their account up to the point registration ends. You can also email us to let us know of a change in availability up to March 15<sup>th</sup>. **No additional requests or changes will be accepted after this date**, unless it is an error caused by WLYSC.

## ***Additional Questions? Email us!***

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