



# 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)

### **New This Year!**

#### ***Age Groups Re-defined***

Historically, age groups & participation has been done by “birth year” only (all 2018). We are transitioning age groups to align closer to “academic” years (August 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> birthdays). This means that in most cases, players will play with kids in their own grade. In age groups spanning multiple years (like the traditional U12 for example), only two grade levels. As an example:

U7 – Birthdays from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Primarily Kindergarteners in this group.

U8 – Birthdays from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 - July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Primarily 1<sup>st</sup> Graders in this group.

#### ***Condensed Age Groups***

WLYSC is making a strong effort to limit the age gap between players this year by breaking into as many age groups as possible. For example, the traditional U8 group is being split into U7 (Kindergarten) and U8 (1<sup>st</sup> Graders) to allow an easier transition onto the larger fields. Not just for the players, but for the coaches as well.

Any other opportunities to shrink age groups will be pursued, depending on total participation. This may require the creation of age groups you may have not seen in the past (Like U7 or U9 for example) to ensure we keep this age-gap to a minimum.

#### ***U15 Middle School Group***

The U15 (Middle School) group is new for WLYSC this year. This group encompasses those in traditional 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels. This was created to allow recreation level soccer to those through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle School Club players are welcome to play, and games will be held in the afternoon to ensure there is minimal conflict with Girls Middle School Soccer. As this is new for us, we have not selected a field size or number of players on the field. We will play on either the U12 field or Full Size (U13-19) field depending on participation levels. In either case, this is local soccer and does not require any out-of-town travel.

#### ***U4 Age Group***

With the new structure, the U4 age group is actually getting 6 months younger! As this is really more about building confidence and getting on the field, we will be only playing 2 x 2 on this field without goalies.

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

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