



South Whidbey Youth Soccer Club Select Team Policy

SWYSC Select Teams

- Select teams choose players from a formal tryout. They play in District 1 competitive leagues or State Premier leagues (e.g., NPSL, etc.).
- 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 one week prior to a SWYSC Board meeting and four weeks prior to a proposed tryout date.
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 have the "E" license course scheduled by the beginning of the season. If the coach fails to complete the "E" license in the first year, tryouts will not be held a second year until the course is complete.
6. 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 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 requires a Select team formation notification and select team meeting. All team tryout dates are to be held in concordance with the tryouts calendar published by WYS.

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

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The Team Meeting

At the meeting, the SWYSC representative(s) 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 \$35 fee. The SWYSC Registrar will provide the SWYSC representatives 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 drivers 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 Board or their designated representative(s) 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 representative(s), 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 designated SWYSC representative(s) 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 Board to determine possible re-selection, re-tryout, or other action. The SWYSC representatives are 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. guidance to any prospective team: requirements, deadlines, cost, lessons learned from the past, etc.;
2. Tryout notification e-mails and posts on the SWYSC website
3. Provides a field and evaluation assistance for tryouts;
4. provides in-season 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.

Select teams must purchase their own equipment (other than goals). They must purchase club uniforms and may select their own uniforms, provided they match the club colors (royal blue and white).

Team Registration

Players will register under a separate Select category on the SWYSC website. There is a SWYSC Club select registration fee that breaks out as follows:

- Tryout fee (\$35 & non-refundable) (see Tryouts section above)
- SWYSC select registration (\$275)

The SWYSC Club select registration fee covers the following costs:

- Washington Youth Soccer fees
- Affinity registration system fees
- Field lines
- Referee support for home games

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 daily 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. The assistant coach and team manager can be the same person.

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Select Team Fees

Upon offering a player the opportunity to play on a select team, the select team will provide the player with the following information:

- Scholarship opportunities and the procedure for applying for a scholarship
- Select program fees:
 - SWYSC select registration fees
 - Team fee total, but including a breakout of the following:
 - Equipment fee
 - Uniform fees
 - Tournament fees
 - Coaching stipends
 - Payment schedule (teams may allow for payment over time)
 - Payment methods
 - Account bookkeeper(s) name and contact information

Select Team Financial Statements

Select teams will file semi-annual financial statements with the Club treasurer, including account balance, income totals broken out by source, and expenditures broken out by payment category in time for review at the January and July Board meetings. All team accounts will be established at a financial institution acceptable to the Club Treasurer and will provide the Club Treasurer with access to the account. The team bookkeeper and/or Club Treasurer will make available the balance and/or income or expenditures of the team account to all Club Board members at any time upon request by a vote of the Board.

Dissolution of Select Team

A select team that is not going forward must provide the Board with an accounting of their financial status, an inventory of team owned property, and a plan for the equitable distribution of remaining assets.

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 Board-designated representatives to resolve the issue. If the SWYSC Board-designated representatives cannot resolve the issue, then they 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.