



2011 - 2012

PARENT HANDBOOK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to personally welcome you to the Warren United Soccer Club! You and your child have made a decision to become a member of a competitive soccer organization that places an emphasis on developing our players and to create a spirit of sportsmanship and fun! The club will work with you and your child to become the best soccer player that you can be. With a certified and accomplished professional training staff lead by Jamie Martin, our full time Director of Coaching, we strive to ensure that we have the latest training ideas, the most updated information and the partnerships necessary to provide you with the tools and the knowledge to succeed. With a program designed for every age group you and your child will get game and player analysis that gives specifics to work on and to develop. I am proud of what this club has to offer our players!

The following parent handbook will go over many aspects of the club and important information that will make life a bit easier while your child plays for Warren United S.C. I encourage you to read over all the information with your child. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the board members and training staff. Make sure you stay informed at our club website by visiting www.WarrenBlazers.com. We have up-to-date information about the club and all the teams.

Once again, good luck this upcoming season to all of the players, coaches, trainers and parents. I hope to see you on the soccer field this season.

Sincerely,

Ken Carrano
President
Warren United S.C.

MISSION STATEMENT

“A local area travel soccer community, with a focus on quality training that facilitates the best player development in a positive atmosphere at various levels of competitive play. We are committed to learning the game of soccer, with a focus on sportsmanship, teamwork, family involvement and fun”.

WARREN UNITED S.C.'S PHILOSOPHIES

Offers a learning environment where the players come first.

Believes in the necessity for a structured; age and ability specific development plan for each team and player within our club.

Training philosophies and methodologies are designed to help each and every player reach a level beyond their own expectations.

Believes its soccer education must be fostered in a FUN and CHALLENGING environment!

Believes in building mutual respect among its players, trainers, coaches, referees, and parents.

PLAYING TIME

A primary goal of the Warren United Soccer Club is to prepare each player to the best of his/her ability for a significant team role. A key step in meeting this goal is to give every player a chance to play in both league games and in tournament situations. For all age groups, differences in playing time are determined by relative player commitment, work ethic/attitude and skill. Players at the younger age groups may expect more equal playing time for focus on building a foundation, while playing time for the older age groups will be geared more closely to player ability, team and opposition tactics and score-line.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, EXTRA TRAINING and GOALKEEPING

It is the Club's belief that players should receive training and playing times in more than one position during their development as a soccer player. This makes players more versatile and better prepared to compliment the needs of the team as they develop both their individual skills and their knowledge of soccer strategy. Teams with versatile players are also capable of remaining competitive in spite of the unavoidable injuries, illnesses and absences, which occur during the season.

WUSC proudly boasts an up to date "technical /functional based" player development curriculum for players aged U8 to U11 and technical / functional / tactical team specific curriculum for U12 and above.

Training Content

AGE	TECHNICAL	TACTICAL	PHYSICAL	PSYCHOLOGICAL
U8	60% – 75%	10% – 20%	10% – 15%	5%
U10	40% – 60%	20% – 35%	15% – 25%	5%
U12	30% – 40%	35% – 45%	20% – 30%	5% – 10%
U14	15% – 30%	45% – 55%	25% – 35%	10% – 15%
U16 to U18	10% – 20%	50% – 60%	35% – 45%	10% – 20%

WUSC offers all of its players extra skill sessions to develop their technique and ball handling abilities. These sessions are usually on Fridays and are open to all current registered players.

Specialized goalkeeping training is offered to the players once a week during the fall and spring seasons. Catching, diving, positioning and distribution will be the main focus of these sessions. Times and dates will be posted on the Club website.

TRAINERS and COACHES

All Warren United S.C. teams are trained and game day coached by our professional training staff. This essentially means that the team's professional training during the week shall also take the games on the weekends. The primary reason for this is to give our players a consistent message in training and game day development. (There may be occasions where the trainer will be unable to take a game, as such either another trainer will be assigned or the team's assistant coach will take the game).

All professional trainers have been directly employed by the club's Director of Coaching (DOC). Hiring criteria include a USSF "D" or equivalent to train players aged U8 to U11 and we are looking to provide trainers holding USSF "C" or NSCAA "National" (or international equivalent) qualification to train U12 to U18. All staff are required to have a history of child education as well as commitment to furthering their personal education and extensive playing experience. Biographies of each trainer can be found on the website.

Each team will be assigned a "volunteer assistant coach" to support the head trainer in game day coaching. The pre-requisite for this position is the USSF "E" license.

The trainer should create a positive environment for the players to develop and provide technical advice to players and volunteer-coaches.

Each team also has a volunteer team administrator. The volunteer-coach assists the trainer at the games. The volunteer-administrator's main roles are helping create the game schedule, communicate any logistical information such as tournament play, field directions etc. All members related to the team should promote teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play, and communicate effectively with parents, players, trainers, and the Club.

TRYOUTS and TEAM LEVELS

Tryouts are held in May (High School Girls) and June of each year to determine the teams for the next soccer year, which runs from August through June (11 week fall, 11 week winter & 10 week spring).

The WUSC professional training staff determines player selection based on a set tryout rationale / methodology and age specific ability rating system. Consideration will be given to various factors in evaluating player's abilities, including player performance during tryouts, player's performance during the prior season, and player's commitment, attitude, and coach-ability.

Tryouts and player selection are run by the clubs professional training staff and overseen by the club's Director of Coaching (DOC).

Players are divided into teams based on skill, potential, and commitment. All teams participate in the same amount of league play in the fall and spring. Club fees include participation in a fall and spring tournament. Additional tournaments must be approved by the DOC.

Teams are categorized into one of three levels/colors, as follows:

BLACK

This flight is focused on U10 and older players/teams that have a high commitment to soccer and have demonstrated higher level skills in their age group. (Teams who move up into this bracket need to compete in the higher division for a min. of two seasons for their flight status to be changed).

Leagues: YSSL Division 1 or IWSL A or A/B Division.

Practice: Twice per week for 90 minutes per session

Tournaments: One per outdoor season at Elite level tournaments, and participation in the Illinois State Cup (U12 and above) or Illinois Cup (U10-11); High School aged teams take part in college showcase tournaments.

BLUE

Leagues: YSSL Division 2 through 4 & IWSL (B and C divisions where C is not the lowest division)

Practice: Twice per week for 90 minutes per session.

Tournaments: One per outdoor season at competitive events for their skill level.

WHITE

Leagues: YSSL Division 5 or below divisions or IWSL D divisions

Practice: Twice per week for 90 minutes per session.

Tournaments: One per season at competitive events for their skill level.

Additional Information

ALL teams and players are REQUIRED to participate in all seasons. (Fall, winter and spring). Any player who wishes to not participate in a season for any reason other than injury must request approval in advance from the DOC. Parents and players should understand that this request may force the DOC to move this player to a lower competitive level team because of the prolonged absence.

COMITTMENT

A youth player is committed to Warren United for the entire soccer-playing year (August 1 through July 31) from the time the Club receives the online registration bearing his or her name or other notification to the Club of acceptance of a roster spot until the end of the soccer-playing year for which the team is being rostered (current year). Notwithstanding the previous sentence, it is every player's right to be released from the Club at any time he/she wishes except where the player owes debts and/or dues to the Club and/or has equipment belonging to the Club. In order to be released, the player must have paid to the Club the entire amount of dues and training costs for the current soccer-playing year, and returned to the Club any equipment that he/she may be using. All fees must be paid before the release of the player's pass is initiated.

The only exceptions to this rule are:

(a) Where a player's home address has changed and is newly at least twenty-five (25) miles further from the Club's primary practice location and home game field, or

(b) Where her team has disbanded or will not play the winter or spring season.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Warren United stands for creative, attacking soccer and good sportsmanship. Your behavior during a training session, in victory or defeat in a game will be "sporting" and dignified.
2. You represent Warren United first and foremost and your team second.
3. Your language toward referee's and officials will always be respectful. You will also recognize that the referee is the sole and final authority on the field.
4. You will strive to be a team player and will be willing to make sacrifices for the good of the team.
5. You will work hard and strive to improve your technical skills and athletic ability.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. You represent Warren United during a training session and at each game, any you will respect and abide by the decisions and requests of the coach, trainer and referee.
2. You will not coach your child or any other child during a training session or at a game.
3. You will not address the referee or linesman, before, during or after the game
4. While at training sessions or during a game, your comments will be positive and encouraging. You will not publicly criticize trainers, coaches or players, even if the player is your child.
5. If you have concerns about training, coaching tactics, or ethics, take the concerns up with your coach. Schedule a conference with the coach, giving your self at least 24-hours to think about your concerns. If the coach and you cannot resolve the differences, follow the Warren United grievance procedure.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011-2012

The following dates can be used for yearly planning. Some dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. The club website also has a yearly calendar regarding camps, practices, tournaments, etc. Many of our teams play in tournaments throughout the year over, including some holiday weekends, including Labor Day and Memorial Day. Please check with your team administrator each season for which tournaments the teams plan on participating in.

Training begins with a FOUR (4) day pre-season camp in late August. Fall training begins the first week of September and runs through to mid November. Teams play a 10 game fall league schedule and usually participate in one or two tournaments.

Winter indoor training and league play runs from January through the end of March. Indoor league play usually consists of a ten or eleven game schedule and teams play at various indoor complexes depending on competition, league dates and times. The facilities are located in Round Lake or Libertyville.

Spring training begins in April and the 8 or 9 game spring league runs from early-April through mid-June. Teams usually participate in one or two spring tournaments.

All fall and spring games are generally scheduled on Saturdays for Boys, Sundays for girls but games may be played any day of the week if they are rescheduled.

2011-20012 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Preseason Team camps weeks of or August 22nd or August 29th

Fall Season Starts – September 10th/11th 2011

Fall Season Ends – November 12th/13th 2011

Indoor Training Starts – 1st full week of January (12 weeks)

Indoor League starts – (Round Lake and Libertyville) – 1st week of January

Spring Season Starts – Approx. April 14th/15th 2012

Tryouts for 2012-13 season – Beginning of June 2012

Spring Season Ends – Approx. June 9th or 10th 2012

TOURNAMENTS THAT WUSC TEAMS USUALLY ATTEND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- a. Libertyville Cup
- b. State Cup
- c. Battle on the Border, Kenosha
- d. Palatine Cup
- e. Park Ridge
- f. Barrington
- g. Puma Cup

VOLUNTEERING

Warren United SC is a 501(c)3 organization that relies on volunteers to fill a great number of roles on teams or for the club itself. Parent volunteers allow us to keep our fees competitive while providing a quality soccer experience to our children. Each soccer family is expected to volunteer five hours during the soccer year (August – July) in any one of the areas listed below. We will be instituting a system on our web site that allows you to track and get credit for your volunteer hours called “Dibs.” This system will be activated before the start of the season in mid-August.

The Club’s Board of Directors has decided at this point to not charge our parents a refundable fee to make sure that the volunteer commitment is kept. However, we reserve the right to do so if we have difficulty in filling volunteer positions throughout the year.

Volunteer positions available:

Club Positions

- Board Positions
- Tryout Committee
- Blazerwear and uniform administrators
- Fields Administrators
- Assistant Referee Assignors
- Fundraising
- Golf Outing/Dinner Committee
- Gurnee Days 3v3 Tournament Committee (held mid-August)

Team Positions

- Assistant Coach (with DOC approval)
- Team administrator
- Team website administrator

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP

WUSC has various fundraising efforts throughout the year. The club is currently attempting to obtain sponsorships to keep the players fees from increasing. We are looking for volunteers to help spearhead this effort with ideas - golf outings, 3 v 3 tournament, End of season team parties. Please contact any of the Board members or Director of Coaching if you are interested.

GOLF OUTING & RAFFLE

Each year, the Club hosts a golf outing and raffle to raise funds to support general Club operations. This event usually takes place in the spring. Attendance at the Golf Outing/Dinner is optional.

Each player in the Club, including girl's high school players, will be required to purchase \$60 in raffle tickets. The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each, and will be distributed in March. The \$60 is included in the fees that appear later in this handbook. Because you are paying for the tickets in advance, you will keep the funds that you collect for the sale of the tickets.

You may sell additional raffle tickets, and are encouraged to do so. Additional books of tickets are also \$60, however, you will receive one free ticket in the book that you can use for yourself or sell. Prizes for the raffle will be determined later this year. A cash prize will be awarded to the member who sells the most raffle tickets at the Golf Outing/Dinner.

Questions regarding the raffle can be directed to our Director of Fundraising, Karen Kouba.

CHICAGO FIRE PREMIER PARTNERSHIP

Over the recent years, our organization has partnered with our local Major League soccer team the Chicago Fire. The goal of the partnership is to expose to our players of professional soccer in THIS country in a cost efficient way. Each season our goal is to get each team to attend at least one game per season. This has brought us a number of fundraising opportunities which includes the sale of over 250 tickets at a discounted rate to any home games.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

We understand that travel soccer is expensive, and that occasionally families can use some help in paying for these costs. Warren United will make several individual fundraising options available to all players who want to participate. The Club will forward 100% of the individual monies raised to the member after fundraising costs. Details will be posted on our website after registration.

WUSC FEES BREAKDOWN

Club fees are \$1,100 for all players U8 through U14, and \$800 for boys and girls high school teams U15 and older. As mentioned above, an additional \$60 will be included in the fees for raffle tickets. However, you can keep the receipts for these ticket sales. Members who pay for the entire soccer year by June 25 will receive their raffle tickets but not be charged the additional \$60.

The Club now offers three distinct payment plans for members who want to pay in advance, or who want to pay under the traditional travel club payment schedule of three payments, or those who wish to extend their payments out over a number of months:

Warren United Soccer Club 2011-2012 Payment Plans As of June 13, 2011

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

	<u>Date</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10-14</u>	<u>BHS</u>	<u>GHS</u>
Payment by July 15 (Includes raffle tickets)	Upon Reg.	500.00	800.00	1,200.00	850.00	850.00

Regular Payment Plan (regular price - includes raffle tickets)

	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10-14</u>	<u>BHS</u>	<u>GHS</u>
Upon Reg.	200.00	300.00	400.00		400.00
8/15/2011	180.00	280.00	290.00		255.00
10/15/2011				400.00	
11/15/2011	180.00	280.00	290.00	255.00	255.00
3/15/2012			280.00	255.00	
Total	560.00	860.00	1,260.00	910.00	910.00

Extended Payment Plan (Credit Card Required - includes raffle tickets)

	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10-14</u>	<u>BHS</u>	<u>GHS</u>
Upon Reg.	200.00	300.00	400.00		400.00
8/15/2011	50.00	75.00	115.00		110.00
9/15/2011	50.00	75.00	115.00		110.00
10/15/2011	50.00	75.00	115.00	400.00	110.00
11/15/2011	50.00	75.00	115.00	110.00	110.00
12/15/2011	50.00	75.00	115.00	110.00	110.00
1/15/2012	50.00	75.00	115.00	110.00	
2/15/2012	50.00	75.00	115.00	110.00	
3/15/2012	50.00	75.00	115.00	110.00	
Total	600.00	900.00	1,320.00	950.00	950.00

A sibling discount is available and will be applied against your last payment due. Please contact our Club Treasurer for more information.

WUSC FEES INCLUDE:

20 weeks of professional outdoor training (3 hours per week)
1 x 4 day summer pre-season camp for fall teams (Late August – 1.5 hours per day)
11 weeks of indoor training (1 hour per week)
1 fall tournament and 1 spring tournament (and State or Illinois Cup for Black flight teams)
Professional game coaching for all teams
YSSL/IWSL league, referee and linesman fees
Field equipment, field rentals, and administrative costs – Club, Coach and Trainer Licensing

Please Note: Payments received after the above stated dates may be subject to late fees.

Refund Policy

As stated above, a player who commits to playing for the Club commits for the entire soccer playing year. A player can be released upon payment of the full year fees that would be due.

No refunds, partial or full, will be made for players who decide not to participate in any portion of the soccer year. The only exception to this is if a player sustains an injury while participating in a Warren United sponsored activity that prevents them from playing in 50% or more of the practices and games for a particular session (fall, winter, or spring). Should this be the case, the Club will offer a refund in the following manner:

1. A 50% refund for that session (fall, winter or spring) where the player cannot participate as stated above, to be applied to your account for the next soccer season, or
2. A 25% refund in cash.

All refund requests should be made in writing to the Club Treasurer or Director of Coaching.

CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

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Y.S.S.L. (Youth Sportsmen's Soccer League)
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Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0724
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I.W.S.L. (Illinois Women's Soccer League)
PO Box 68907
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www.iwsl.com

Soccer Plus (Adidas apparel)
456 W. Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL 60067
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500 North Milwaukee
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If there are any questions or concerns regarding WUSC please use the following lines of communications:

1. Contact your teams head coach
2. Director of Coaching
3. President

Additional copies of this document can be found on the club website in the Forms section.