

WYSA Travel Program Information

The WYSA Travel program provides the opportunity for players to play at a competitive level against teams from other municipalities. Players registering for the WYSA Travel program must commit to both the fall and spring seasons.

Travel teams for the U9-U14 age groups practice twice per week and play competitive fixtures in the Essex County Youth Soccer Association (ECYSA) on Saturdays. High School age travel teams (U15-18) participate only in the spring and play competitive fixtures on Sundays. Many Travel teams also participate in tournaments on holiday weekends.

From U9-U12, Wilmington Youth Soccer places players on single age teams wherever possible (players will be placed with players from their own grade). From U13-U18, players may be placed on dual age teams. The make-up of teams is dependent upon the number of registered players from each age group and data from the Player Placement Process.

Coaches of travel teams are required to fairly distribute playing time to ensure that every child plays a substantial amount of time each game (Minimum 40%). In addition, coaches are required to rotate players to play in several different positions. Only when a player reaches the 11v11 field should they be expected to play the majority of their playing time in one single position.

WYSA recognizes the importance of the individual player's coach in their development and works hard to provide travel coaches with appropriate coaching resources, training, and education opportunities as well as written and verbal feedback. All travel coaches and players are given the opportunity to work with professional coaches at least 2 times during the spring season.