

Hello Westfield FC Families, Friends and Volunteers,

After a grueling few months of planning and education, Westfield FC feels confident that we can provide safe soccer for our families for the fall 2020 season. We had to make significant modifications to our traditional season, but hope that these temporary changes will unify our town and travel players and provide an opportunity for any child who wishes to step out on a soccer field the opportunity to do so in the capacity in which they are able and comfortable with.

Registration will be opening soon and families will see two options. Both options are available to any town or travel player. Please read below and decide which option best suits your player.

Once registration is complete, information will be sent out to all families about protocols and session plans.

Option One: Westfield FC Fall Clinic

Cost: \$50 -- Registration open for the month of August

The Fall Clinic is open to any and all Westfield FC players (previously town or travel) and is a twice a week clinic at Woronoco Field. The Fall Clinic is temporarily replacing the Westfield FC Town season.

It will be run by a combination of town and travel coaches and will be skills based with age appropriate scrimmages. Players will practice drills, work on conditioning and will engage in small sided scrimmages. The Fall Clinic will start after Labor Day and will run for approximately 6-8 weeks

Option Two: Roots Soccer League Games

Cost: \$150-175 (based on age) -- Registration open until August 17, 2020

The RSL Games are available for any and all Westfield players (previously town or travel) who want to register to play for a travel soccer team.

Teams/ages may be combined to make full teams based on player numbers or based on the need of coaching staff. Once max roster numbers are reached, registration closes for that age. All game schedules will be developed by the Roots Soccer League and teams must follow the guidelines set by the league. Travel soccer will require families to compete in games in neighboring towns and is a higher competition than the Fall Clinic.

FAQ

What steps is Westfield FC taking in order to keep my child safe?

Westfield FC will be following the guidelines of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association created under the guidelines set by the CDC and the State of Massachusetts.

A full explanation of those guidelines can be found here:

https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/Return_to_Soccer_Activities_PDF_060720201.pdf

I am comfortable with my child playing soccer this fall, but how do I choose the right option?

Families who are looking for fun soccer with a less competitive and Westfield-based atmosphere would most likely enjoy the Fall Clinic. This option is to get our players out on the field and designed to replace the traditional town fall soccer season. There is no registration limit for this option.

If your child is looking for higher competition and is willing to play games against other towns, the Roots Soccer League is the best option for them. Westfield FC players would have to agree to the requirements of the league and expect to travel to neighboring communities for competitive games.

Are there going to be evaluations or tryouts for this season?

No. We are hoping to reinstate evaluations and tryouts in the spring for the fall 2021 season.

I signed my child up for the Fall Clinic. What should I expect?

Based on registration numbers and age groups, Westfield FC coaching staff will be providing safe soccer sessions at Woronoco Field. Families will be required to complete check-ins on health and be willing to complete waivers affirming that children are not demonstrating any signs of illness and have not come into contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19. The check in process will be provided to families before the start of the first session, but children can assume they should bring their own mask (to enter and exit the field), ball and water bottle (ball can be provided for those without). They will complete predesigned drills with the coaching staff and then will engage in different levels of scrimmaging. There will be limits to the amount of individuals we can have on the fields at one time. Parents will be asked to stay in their vehicles as a precaution if their child requires no accommodations on the field. Parents who feel that they must be on the field for their child's benefit must wear a mask and stand 6 feet away from all other individuals.

I signed my child up for the Roots Soccer League Games. What should I expect?

Families can learn more about the structure of the RSL here:

<http://www.rootssoccerleague.com/>

Players who sign up for the RSL will play for Westfield FC, receive a uniform and will practice with only the individuals assigned to that team. There is the expectation that players will attend most if not all practices and every game. Games traditionally take place on Saturdays, but this may fluctuate due to individual town needs. This season lasts about 8 weeks. Families will be required to complete check-ins on health and be willing to complete waivers affirming that children are not demonstrating any signs of illness and have not come into contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19. Children can assume they should bring their own mask (to enter and exit the field) ball and water bottle (ball can be provided for those without) and parents will be asked to stay in their vehicles.

What is the refund option for my child for the Fall Clinic?

Refunds will only be given to families prior to the start of the first session.

There is the chance that sessions may be cancelled due to the changing guidelines of the state or children may be asked to not return to the field for 14 days due quarantine requirements. In the event of these situations, no refunds would be given.

What is the refund option for my child for the Roots Soccer League?

Refunds will only be given to families prior to the start of the first practice.

There is the chance that games may be cancelled due to the changing guidelines of the state or children may be asked to not return to the field for 14 days due quarantine requirements. In the event of these situations, and if the child has already attended the first practice, no refunds would be given.

What are my responsibilities as a family/friend of Westfield FC during practices/clinic sessions?

Westfield FC is a volunteer based organization. We are asking all of our families to please respect the guidelines and rules that will be put in place to keep everyone safe.

The guidelines may change mid season and we ask that everyone adjusts and is flexible with those changes as they occur.

Families will be asked to monitor their child's health and to avoid stepping on the practice fields. Face masks, hand washing and social distancing will be required for everyone. At this time, children do not have to wear masks while they are practicing, but will be asked to wear them on and off the field. No one will be allowed on the field without a mask.

How can families help Westfield FC?

Westfield FC needs volunteers!

We are looking for board members and volunteers to help with field lining. If you are willing to help in any way, please email: Travel-info@westfieldfc.net