

Hollywood Soccer Club

Team Formation Policy

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Mission Statement

Hollywood Soccer Club's mission is to provide a positive and healthy environment for young people to learn how to play soccer – and for their parents to coach, volunteer, and watch them – all while having fun and making friends

Team Formation Overview

Hollywood Soccer Club (HWSC), a member club of the Portland Youth Soccer, currently consists of recreational teams, and is affiliated with Northeast United (NEU) competitive soccer club.

Though there are no restrictions on where in the city limits players on HWSC teams may live, HWSC's recreational teams generally consist of players who live or go to school in the greater Hollywood neighborhood area of northeast Portland, Oregon. Any child that lives within the geographic boundaries served by Portland Public Schools is eligible to hold membership with HWSC.

It is the goal of HWSC to field as many players as possible within the capability of club staff and facilities and to provide a positive learning and playing environment for participants, coaches and teams. To achieve this goal, teams are formed each year that include players of all levels of skills and experience. Recreational teams cannot be formed with the goal of placing the more skilled players at the same age level on a single team. The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to selectively form a team on the basis of talent or ability is strictly prohibited.

Team formation for Fall league begins annually after commencement of registration, which is on or around May 15th, and runs through the end of August, or until teams are full per club and PYSA rules as described below. Registration for all players is on a first-come basis – you are strongly encouraged to register early in order to reserve a place within an age bracket. While the club attempts to place all interested players, there is no placement guarantee. Nonpayment at time of application does not reserve space for any player.

Team Formation Policy

General: The HWSC Registrar has final responsibility in resolving all issues involving team formation. The Club may also designate other people to assist the Registrar with team formation, such as use of commissioners, Head Coach, President and/or Vice President. Special requests noted on a player's *Registration Form*, such as to be on the same team with a particular friend, will be honored when possible, while still maintaining balanced teams in terms of skill level and experience. If the number of such requests cannot be accommodated for a particular team, they will be honored on a first-come basis.

Kinder Kick: This program for Kindergarten-aged participants has 'teams' created with rotating rosters of 3-6 players each week for both skill-building exercises and games.

U7 (1st Grade): This is the first occasion for same-gender fixed-roster teams. Players assigned to a team will play games with this team for entire season. One or two teammate requests may be submitted with the player application process to help ensure each child is paired with at least one friend. Parents who coach will automatically have their child(ren) placed on their team

U8-U14 (2nd through 8th Grade): Teams are reformed each Fall season. Formation is determined from a combination of:

- teammate requests
- evaluation from coaches
- roster sizes

Coaches, parents and players should not expect teams to remain the same each year.

Age / Grade / Gender Placement

By default, players will be assigned to play on teams at their grade level, from U6 (Kindergarten) through U14 (8th grade), even if they are old enough to play at the next age level up. In a case-by-case evaluation certain players may also play at one age level up if they so request and our coaching and administrative staff agree that this is in best interest of the affected players and teams. A noted exception is that a 9th grade student may repeat a year of U14 play if are still 13 years of age on August 1st of year they intend to register.

The HWSC U6 – Kinder Kick (Kindergarten) program is co-ed. While gender based teams are formed beginning at the U7 level, individual teams may have players of both genders at the discretion of the coach and club administration. Co-ed teams must register as a 'boys' team.

Roster Size

In order to allow as many players as possible to participate, the Registrar will ensure that as many teams as possible will be formed at the U-7 and above levels, with each team having as close to the required minimum number of players as possible. No teams can have less than the minimum, nor more than the maximum number of players, per the PYSA rules, for U7 – U9 teams, and per the HWSC team formation guidelines for U10 and U11 – U14, as follows:

<u>Age / Grade Level</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Ideal</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u># of Players on the Field at One Time</u>
U-6 / Kick'n'Chase (Kindergarten)	*	*	*	N/A
U-7 (1 st Grade)	8	10	12	6 (Two simultaneous 3 v 3 games)
U-8 (2 nd Grade)	10	12	12	8 (Two simultaneous 4 v 4 games)
U-9 (3rd Grade)	8	10	12	6 (One 6 v 6 game)
U-10 (4th Grade)	10	12	16**	8 (One 8 v 8 game)
U-11 thru U-14 (5 th -8 th Grade)	13	15	18**	11 (One 11 v 11 game)

Notes:

* Teams are not formed for the U-6 / Kinder Kick program.

** The PYSA maximum for U-10 teams is 16 players, and for U-11 thru U-14 is 18 players. HWSC teams at these age levels may have the maximum number of players on their rosters at the team Head Coach's discretion, otherwise teams are capped at 12 (U10) and 15 (U11-U14).

Coaches

Every HWSC team will have a head Coach and at least one Assistant Coach. All members of our coaching staff will register with PYSA and submit to a criminal background check. Failure to submit to a criminal background check precludes any individual from working as a coach with HWSC.

All coaches are strongly encouraged to get as much class / clinic / seminar / etc. coach training as possible. At the very least, coaches should complete at least one Youth Module License class sponsored by PYSA, or equivalent officially sanctioned and reputable domestic or international youth soccer organization sometime during their first year of coaching for HWSC. Subject to prior approval, HWSC will reimburse coaches for the cost of all such coach training.

Registration Fee Refunds

If a player withdraws their registration at any time before the first official practice of the Fall Season (after Labor Day) and for any reason other than injury, moving out of the area, or not being able to be assigned to an HWSC team due to lack of open roster spots, HWSC will refund the *Registration Fee* minus \$10.00 to cover the cost of having registered the player with PYSA.

Full *Registration Fee* refunds will be given only for the following reasons before the Sept. 14th HWSC deadline for adding players, if a player:

- Cannot be assigned to a HWSC team due to lack of open roster spots
- Moves out of the area
- Incurs a season-ending injury

Note that *Late Fees* are not part of the official *Registration Fee* and will not be refunded.

Registration Schedule

Following is a sample *Registration Schedule* – actual dates will vary slightly from year to year.

<i>Week of April 24th</i>	Notice about registration for the upcoming fall season distributed to parent(s) / guardian(s) on email contact list.
<i>May 15th</i>	Registration for the upcoming Fall season begins.
<i>June 1st – June 15th</i>	Notice about registration for the upcoming Fall season distributed to parent(s) / guardian(s) of all prospective Kindergarten students at Beverly Cleary Elementary School.
<i>July 1st</i>	Deadline for returning players to register without incurring a late fee.
<i>July 1st</i>	Club registers with PYSA. Teams register with PYSA. Preliminary rosters distributed to coaching staff
<i>August 1st</i>	PYSA “drop team without penalty” deadline. Deadline to register new teams with PYSA. Updated rosters distributed to Coaches
<i>Sept. 1st</i>	Updated rosters distributed to Coaches.
<i>Sept. 7th</i>	1 st officially scheduled PYSA games
<i>Sept. 14th</i>	Deadline for adding new players to teams. Final Rosters sent to PYSA & distributed to Coaches. First scheduled games for ‘Rec Plus’ (Sundays only)