

Oregon Youth Soccer 2010 Competitive Programs Updated May 26, 2010

In response to significant changes in competitive soccer this fall, OYSA is pleased to share some exciting enhancements to our competitive programs for the 2010 fall season.

State-wide Oregon Youth Soccer Gold and Silver Premier Leagues

Oregon Youth Soccer will offer both Premier Gold and Premier Silver Leagues at the U12-U14 boy's and girl's age groups for the 2010 Fall League.

The registration deadline for the Fall League is 5:00 PM, July 12, 2010.

At U13 and U14, teams will be selected for these two leagues based on the following criteria:

- 1) 2009/2010 Oregon Youth Soccer Premier Gold Fall League Top Four Teams
- 2) Teams that are approved to participate in the 2010 Far West Regional League
- 3) Participation in the Oregon Youth Soccer Premier Qualifying Tournament

The U12 boy's and girl's teams must participate in the Premier Qualifying Tournament to be placed in the Premier Gold or the Premier Silver League.

The OYSA Premier League will be a 14-game, state-wide season and will be scheduled with home and away games. The season will begin on September 11 and end on November 7.

We anticipate 8 teams per division; however we may, with the assistance of the OYSA Premier Council, adjust the division size and number of games depending on the number of teams that enter. If the number of games is changed, we will make an appropriate adjustment in league fees.

The Premier League fee will be \$1,000 for 14 games and includes all referee fees.

Far West Regional League, Northwest Division

Starting in the fall of 2010, the Far West Regional League (administered by US Youth Soccer Region IV) is expanding to include U13, U14 and U15 boy's and girl's teams in a Northwest Division. States invited to participate will be Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Northern Utah. Teams will play a round-robin schedule and the cost will be \$250 plus the referee fees.

The registration deadline for the Far West Regional League, Northwest Division is 11:00 PM, June 28, 2010.

Please be aware that this new league's schedule will remain uncertain until after the registration deadline and they know how many teams in each division there are. There could be as few as five or as many as seven games. League fees may be adjusted accordingly.

Play Dates and Locations:

- August 28, 29: Spokane, Washington
- September 25, 26: Idaho/Montana (possibly Coeur d'Alene & Missoula)
- October 16, 17: Boise, Idaho
- An Oregon venue may replace one of the weekends above, depending on the number of teams from Oregon that enter.

To participate in this league, teams must be approved by Oregon Youth Soccer. We will consider approving teams that were among the top four teams from the 2009/2010 Oregon Youth Soccer Premier Gold Fall League or were a 2010 State Cup semifinalist. Teams selected for this league will be the top seeds in the Oregon Youth Soccer State Cup in the spring of 2011.

Modified Premier League Also Available

Teams that are selected for the Far West Regional League may also, if they choose, play an abbreviated (half-season) Premier Gold Fall League schedule. Selected teams will be automatically placed in the Oregon Youth Soccer Premier Gold Division (assuming they also want to play in the OYSA Fall Premier League) for their age group and will not need to enter the Premier Qualifying Tournament for the 2010/2011 soccer year. The Premier League fee for these teams will be \$550. Every effort will be made to schedule these as home games in consideration of the travel involved in the Far West Regional League.

As indicated above, the actual schedule of the Far West Regional League, Northwest Division is uncertain at this time. The intent of our Modified Premier League for teams participating in the FWRL is to provide additional premier playing opportunities within our Oregon league. Therefore, the actual number of games to be played in our Modified Premier League is also not known at this time. The general expectation is that 14 games will be played between the FWRL and our Modified Premier League. Our fees and the actual schedule may be adjusted accordingly.

If interested, please contact Scott Enyart, OYSA Director of Leagues and Tournaments, 503-626-4625, extension 229.

Oregon Regional Leagues

We are expanding the regional league structure we used for U11s last year to all ages below premier in 2010 and we are adding a U10 division. Our regional league format will reduce travel, reduce cost and will allow us to provide significantly greater flexibility with schedules.

There will not be a Qualifying Tournament for teams entering our regional leagues. Further, No team will have overnight travel unless they specifically request it. This will significantly reduce time and expense for participating teams.

OYSA will make every effort to accommodate special scheduling requests, provided requests are made prior to the league registration deadline. Please help us make your schedule fit your team's needs by giving us your requests early. Be sure you coordinate any special requests with your club's field representatives/coordinators. You may:

- 1) Request to play on Saturdays only or Sundays only
- 2) Request days or weekends off to attend special events
- 3) Request days or weekends off to coordinate around school holidays
- 4) Request double headers to free up additional weekends
- 5) Request accommodation for teams sharing a coach

Regional leagues will be ten-game leagues (extra games may be possible for an additional fee).

- U10 and U11 league fees are \$475 per team, including one referee (for Oregon teams)
- U12 through U14 league fees are \$700 per team, including referees
- U12-U14 divisions will be formed based on ability (determined, in general, at a seeding meeting open to participating team coaches/administrators).

The three regional leagues will be:

Portland Metro League (PML)

Oregon Youth Soccer and Washington Youth Soccer will sponsor leagues for teams from the Greater Portland Metro area and District 5 in Washington (Greater Vancouver area). All U10-U14 boy's and girl's teams will be able to participate.

It is possible that all U10 and U11 games will be played in the team's home state. There is some interest at this time for at least some of these games to be played throughout the region. A final decision on interstate play for these ages will be made shortly.

Teams from both states will play home and away schedules.

Central Valley League (CVL)

The actual boundaries of this region will not be set until all teams have entered and we know how many teams from which communities and in which age groups are participating. In general, this league will extend from the southern edge of the Portland Metro area to Eugene and will include teams from Central Oregon. All U10-U14 boy's and girl's teams will be able to participate.

Southern Oregon Classic League (SOCL)

The actual boundaries of this region will not be set until all teams have entered and we know how many teams from which communities and in which age groups are participating. In general, this league will extend from south of Eugene to the Oregon/California border and will include South-Central and Southern Oregon. All U10-U14 boy's and girl's teams will be able to participate.

The U10 and U11 leagues will be administered directly by OYSA. The U12 through U14 leagues will be administered by the group of clubs that have historically run the SOCL. Only a relative handful of teams from the Southern part of the state have entered OYSA's non-premier leagues in the past and there simply are not enough teams to have an additional regional league in the Southern part of Oregon

Frequently Asked Questions

Fall Premier League

- Q. When will the Qualifying Tournament be for Premier Level teams?
A. July 30, 31 and August 1, 2010.
- Q. What is the Qualifying Tournament entry fee?
A. \$600.
- Q. What can you tell us about the ODP scouting/observation weekend for U12s?
A. We will schedule all U12 premier games at a single venue during one day or one weekend of the season. We will have our State Coaching Technical Director as well as other ODP coaches in attendance to scout players. Players selected will get a personal invitation and recommendations to attend ODP tryouts in December.

Far West Regional League, Northwest Division

- Q. What is the estimated referee cost for the Far West Regional League, Northwest Division?
A. Referee costs are \$50 to \$55 per team per game. Six games would therefore cost \$300 - \$330 per team for the season (U13 and U 14 pay \$50/game, U15 pay \$55/game).

Fall Regional Leagues (Non-Premier)

- Q. What are the OYSA membership dues for competitive teams participating in the new regional leagues?
A. \$13 for U10s, \$28 for U11 through U14.
- Q. Will U11 through U14 recreational teams be required to pay competitive dues to participate in the regional leagues?
A. No. The difference between recreational and competitive teams/players is how the teams are formed, not where they play. Recreational teams (and therefore the dues) are formed without regard to ability, i.e., tryouts or other skill-based criteria, while competitive teams (and competitive dues) are formed from an open tryout where player selection is based on player ability.
- Q. Can recreational teams play in the new regional leagues?
A. Yes. Recreational teams that *want and can handle a higher level of competition* are welcome to join our regional leagues.
- Q. What are the maximum roster sizes for U10 and U11 teams?
A. The maximum roster size is 14 for both age groups. We use a "flexible roster" or academy style approach for these age groups. This means a pool of players may be identified and the team roster developed from the pool on game day.
- Q. What is the maximum number of U9 and U10 players that can be on a U10 and U11 roster, respectively?

- A. The rules in Washington may be different, but for Oregon teams, no more than four U9 players can play up on a U10 team and no more than four U10 players can play up on a U11 team. Again, using a pool of players makes it easier to adjust actual game day rosters to accommodate this restriction.
- Q. Can these U10 teams play in the OYSA Biokleen and Kohl's America's Cups?
A. Yes, U10 teams are welcome in both events.
- Q. Will there be a U10 bracket in the OYSA Presidents Cup?
A. Yes, U10 teams can play in the OYSA Presidents Cup. Please note, however, that only U13 teams and older advance to the Regional Presidents Cup competition. Also be aware that our Presidents Cup and the Biokleen Cup competitions overlap and teams will not be able to play in *both* of these competitions.
- Q. Can recreational teams that play in the OYSA regional leagues also play in their local, club-run recreational leagues?
A. No, only because their schedules would almost certainly conflict.
- Q. If a U10 team enters the league but is then placed in a U11 age bracket because there aren't enough U10 teams to make a viable league, will they be able to withdraw with a full refund rather than being required to play in a league with older teams?
A. Yes.
- Q. What if we want to play more than ten games in the regional league?
A. We may be able to accommodate this as a special request (at an additional cost for the extra game scheduling and referee fees). It will be dependent upon the number of requests we receive. Teams are always welcome to arrange extra games by contacting other clubs and making their own arrangements. With the extra playing dates, there should be ample opportunity for extra games for those who want them.
- Q. If Washington and Oregon teams play each other at U10 and/or U11, what team format will be used?
A. Players will play the format that is followed in the state in which the game is played. For example, Washington plays 9v9 at U11, so U11 games in Washington will be 9v9 and U11 games in Oregon will be 8v8.
- Q. How far will teams have to travel in the regional leagues?
A. In most cases travel will be 90 minutes or less. However from virtually all of the feedback we have received, most agree that the level of competition (like playing like in terms of skill) is more important than the amount of travel. In other words, most people would rather travel an extra 15 or 30 minutes to play a well-matched competitive game than travel only 45 minutes to beat their opponent (or be beaten by an opponent) by five goals.
- Q. Will there be an OYSA District Recreational League (DRL) this year?
A. No, recreational teams that want to play DRL should enter one of our regional leagues.

Clubs with teams playing in the 2010 OYSA Fall League:

- Ashland FC
- Basin United SC
- Battleground SC (WA)
- Camas-Washougal SC (WA)
- Canby Youth Soccer Association
- Cascade Futbol Club
- Castle Rock SC (WA)
- Central Vancouver SC (WA)
- Columbia Premier SC (WA)
- Columbia River Futbol Academy
- Central Coast SA
- Corvallis United
- East County YSA (WA)
- Eisenhower SC (WA)
- Emerald Kidsports
- Evergreen SC (WA)
- Gorge SC (WA)
- Grants Pass Youth SC
- Hood River Dynamos YSC
- Kalama SC (WA)
- Keizer SC
- Kelso SC (WA)
- Lewis River SC (WA)
- Longview SC (WA)
- Lower Columbia Youth SA
- McMinnville Youth SA
- Mid Valley SC
- Molalla Youth Services
- Newberg SA
- Northwest Soccer and Scouting Association
- Ocean Beach SC (WA)
- Oregon Rush
- Oregon City SC
- Prairie SC (WA)
- Rainier SC (WA)
- Rogue Valley SC
- Roseburg SA
- Salmon Creek SC (WA)
- Santos FC
- Silver Falls CS
- Table Rock SC
- Thelo United FC
- Valley FC
- Wahkiakum SC (WA)
- Washington Soccer Academy (WA)
- Westside SC (WA)
- Woodburn Athletic FC
- Woodburn United SC

