



The Transition to D2 Soccer for U13 Teams

Changes from LWYSA In-house play

Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association (LWYSA) Recreational Soccer is a multifaceted organization. It begins with the Coed Kindergarten/U7 program and progresses through Micro and Mod soccer programs.

Upon reaching U13 soccer, some major change takes place as your team moves up to full sized fields, size 5 balls and 11v11 play.

Your team will now play soccer as part of D2 Youth Soccer (the successor to WYSA District II). As you have probably noticed the number of competitor teams is beginning to shrink as the players grow older, team size increases and players move on to other pursuits. D2 provides an opportunity for your team to play against a reasonable number of competitors at each age level. LWYSA team involvement with D2 begins at U13 and ends after U19.

D2 Youth Soccer is a nonprofit organization that supports its members by providing league play for U13-U19 teams. D2 provides service to LWYSA, North Shore Youth Soccer, Eastside Youth Soccer and Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer.

What does this mean to you? LWYSA will continue to register you and your team, form your team, equip your team and collect fees. D2 will take control of scheduling games, assigning teams to competitive divisions (Like versus Like), establish and enforce judicial standards, maintain scores and be the gateway to participation in the WYSA Recreational Cup.

Particularly for new U13 Coaches, you should NOT miss the D2 Coaches Meeting. It is usually scheduled on two separate evenings in July. Attend one so that you can learn about the program, website AND provide input on placement of your team in a competition

appropriate division. D2 will use results from previous year's play. If there has been a major change in your team roster, they need to know. The D2 staff are long time soccer volunteers (like you) who will explain in detail how the D2 season will play out.

You will 'travel' for your away games. Expect to visit new venues in exotic locations like Bothell, Woodinville, North Bend and the mystical Mercer Island. Be prepared for the differing styles of play that are found with teams from other Associations. Some play with finesse and others are more physical. The role of a Team Manager becomes more important. Coordination will become vital with the need to direct parents and players to new venues.

Referees are assigned for your matches. However, if a Ref does not arrive for the start of the game, be prepared to use volunteers from your team and your opponents team.

At the meeting, you will also get a primer on use of the D2 website (<http://www.wsysad2.org/>). This is soccer central, the place where you check schedules, scores and other information. When you have questions, the Webmaster is just an email away (<mailto:webmaster@wsysad2.org>).

You will also need to provide a completed roster to the Referee for each match. The blank forms will come in your Coach's packet.

If your team opts to participate in the WYSA Recreational Cup, D2 is the organization that will provide you the opportunity. You will be guaranteed a minimum of two games. D2 will schedule initial group play that leads to D2 Championships in your age group. Championships are usually played at Eastlake High School in Sammamish on a weekend in late November. Champions and Wild Card teams then move on to the State Quarters/Semis/Finals in December. These matches are played in the Starfire Complex in Tukwila. LWYSA teams have been State Champions and Finalists in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Registration for Cup play closes in September. If your team decides to participate the LWYSA office must see proof of birth information for each player. All registered players will then receive a Player Card for tournament use. We do not retain copies of birth certificates or other proofs. We do report birth date verification to the State.

WYSA District 2 Game Roster Sheet

Home A _____ Away B _____

DATE _____ TIME _____

Score at Half _____ Score at Full Time _____

Number of Goals Scored _____

Referee: _____

Disciplinary reports should be filed online through your assigning organization (see form) to indicate District ID AND mail white copy of roster form to District 2 within 48 hours of game. Do not mail form unless disciplinary action has occurred.

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REFeree (please print)
Name - Referee Pos - Home Visitor - Away



Again, make sure you and or your Assistant Coach attend a D2 meeting. Feel free to ask questions of D2 staff or use the web master email address.