

## WEST UNION PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER PROGRAM SPRING 2021

West Union Parks and Recreation Director: Kathy Guyer.

The West Union Soccer program will continue to be part of the Northeast Iowa Soccer League. This is a Level 3 Soccer League. This is a formal league that follows the Iowa Soccer Association guidelines.

### Spring 2021 Season Dates:

Practice will run from April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>. The week of May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> are optional depending if team needs to reschedule a game on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Practices are once a week for 8U and twice a week for 10U, 12U, 14U and 15U.

**Examples of scheduling: It all depends on who the coach is and their availability. Please do not use this as a decision-making tool on whether to sign up your children. Practice schedules vary greatly depending on schedules and numbers of teams.**

**15U – practice in Elgin on the field behind the school**

**14U & 12U:** practice in West Union.

**10U:** Practice in West Union

**8U:** Practice in West Union

Game Days: Saturdays mornings or afternoons depending on gender and age. The length of the game depends on the category of the child but it should not run over 1 hr. The location of the games depends on the Northeast Iowa Soccer League schedule. The games will run from April 10<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## TEAMS

### Who can be in a team?

EVERYONE. No child will be rejected to be part of a team. There can be more than one team for every category. The more teams we pull the better. This is level 3 soccer. Note that under the Level 3 rules, each player should be guaranteed to play at least 50% of the total time in the league. No player shall be forced off a team by a coach or by a parent due to lack of playing ability. The only reason a child would not be able to join is when we do not have enough children of the same age to make a team. In that case, we will notify you and refund your money.

### Classification:

Teams will be formed depending on age and gender. We are opening the program for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U categories. The classification goes depending on child's year of birth as follow:

**8U:** Born in 2013 and 2014.

**10U:** Born in 2011 and 2012.

**12U:** Born in 2009 and 2010.

**14U:** Born in 2007 and 2008.

**15U:** Born in 2005 and 2006

If there are enough girls to form a team, the team will be entering the girls' league. Otherwise, girls will be playing in the coed league.

### Uniforms:

Uniforms need to be ordered directly from McJs Embroidery in West Union. Their phone number is 563-422-3119. Pricing was included for your information.

For practice, children can wear any color of shorts or sweatpants (no jeans), t-shirt, shin guards and shoes or soccer cleats.

## COACHES

**We will need two parent coaches for every team.** Please consider volunteering to be a coach. Even if you don't have experience you can make a difference coaching a team. You will be given the necessary tools and guidance to coach your team successfully.

### Responsibilities as Coach:

Each coach will be responsible for coaching his/her team during practice. Each coach will be responsible to attend his/her soccer game and act as a coach. These duties include but are not limited to: who will be playing first, determine who comes in and out during the game, keep an eye on the discipline of the team and outline a strategy for the game.

Each coach will be responsible to provide a good example of behavior for the players during practice and games. We want the coaches and players to have fun while learning about sportsmanship, competition and the game.

## GAMES

**Number of games:** We are guaranteed to play six games during the season in the Northeast Iowa Soccer League.

**Location:** If we have enough referees, coaching staff and the regulated field, we will be allowed to host three of those games. Away games will vary depending on the calendar of the League. I have requested the League's administration to not schedule us games further than 50 miles from West Union. We were told that many towns around us are going to have teams as well. (New Hampton, Tripoli, Waverly, Waukon, etc.)

## COST

Fees are required unless otherwise indicated:

Iowa Soccer Association	\$ 45.00 (if not paid in the fall)
Park and Rec Fees	\$45.00
Uniform (jersey) – <b>Optional (If their uniform from last year still fits, they do not need to order another one.</b>	\$40.00

**Referees:** We are in need of certified referees. If you are interested on becoming a referee, please let Kathy Guyer or Ignacio Fuentes know. The West Union community is very low on certified referees and that might impede our ability to play games at home.

## REGISTRATION

Please register at [www.teamsideline.com/westunionia](http://www.teamsideline.com/westunionia) by **Monday, February 15, 2021**. Late registrations might not be admitted in the program. We need to hand out our teams' rosters to the NEISL right after the registration closes.

Please keep in mind that if we don't have enough children of the same category to form a team, they will not be able to join the program and we will return the registration fees. Please encourage children 12-13-14-15 years of age to participate. This will help prepare them for playing at the high school level.

**PICTURE:** It is important that you send a picture of your child after you send your registration to the Park and Rec. That way they get their league's passes. Please send the picture to [wuparkandrec@gmail.com](mailto:wuparkandrec@gmail.com) with the name of your child.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Weather:

If weather threatens the safety of the children, we will cancel practice. You will be notified through the school, email and/or our Facebook group. Soccer is played in the rain, snow, hot or cold temperatures. Games are cancelled only on extreme situations like flood or lightning.

### Illness:

There might be a time when a parent coach can't make it due to illness. If we are unable to fill his coaching spot for that practice day, we will try to reschedule practice. You will be notified through the school, email and our Facebook group.

## FACEBOOK GROUP

Join today by liking the West Union Soccer Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/WestUnionSoccerProgram>

## TEXT MESSAGING COMMUNICATION

Each coach will set up a communication network for their team. Kathy Guyer, Director, will be in communication with the coaches for cancellations due to weather related concerns.

## COMMUNICATION

### Who do I contact if I have a question?

Communications are best via email or through our Facebook group. The parent coach or the head coach will be communicating with you in regards to logistics for games and practices. You should get information from your parent coach once the teams are formed. Otherwise you can also contact the head coach:

Ignacio Fuentes – Referee Questions  
[nacfuentes@yahoo.com](mailto:nacfuentes@yahoo.com) (preferred way of communication)  
507-995-9765 (cell)

If you have Park and Recreation related questions, or registration concerns, you can direct those to:

Kathy Guyer, Soccer Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director

[wuparkandrec@gmail.com](mailto:wuparkandrec@gmail.com)

563-380-8496

**SOCCER REGISTRATION FORM – Spring 2021**

**Deadline:** Entries must be received by February 15, 2021.

**Entry Fee:** **See breakdown of fees under Cost.** Make checks payable to West Union Parks and Recreation. **Please duplicate this form as necessary.**

**Send to:** Mail entries to: West Union Parks and Recreation, PO Box 151, West Union IA 52175. They can also be returned to the school.

**Questions:** Email Kathy Guyer at [wuparkandrec@gmail.com](mailto:wuparkandrec@gmail.com) or call 563-380-8496.

**This activity is NOT school sponsored. All inquiries should be directed to Park & Rec. Note the contact information above. DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL asking if there is a cancellation. Park & Rec will notify the school of any change in plans. Changes will be announced to the students at school and posted on the Park and Rec website: [www.WUParkandRec.com](http://www.WUParkandRec.com). Each child must have a parental permission note to give to the school if they are to go to the Park and Rec activity following school dismissal. Without a parental permission note, the child will follow his/her normal after school procedure. Each child is required to have a parental note as to what the child should do if the activity is cancelled.**

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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (REQUIRED FOR COMMUNICATIONS):** \_\_\_\_\_

Email (REQUIRED FOR FOMMUNICATIONS): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACHING STAFF:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I am willing to be one of the parent coaches. \_\_\_\_\_ No. I am not able to coach at this time.

**UNIFORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if your child needs a new uniform.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter the size of T-Shirt

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter the number on the back of the t-shirt (if child had one in the past)

Waiver form: Program registrants assume full responsibility for any risk, implicit or direct, by participation in said activity or facility.

I, parent/guardian of the entrant listed above, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against the program listed above, its coaches, the City of West Union and its Parks and Rec. Department/Board and its employees, other sponsors, coaches and volunteers, for any and all injuries that may be suffered by the entrant listed above in connection with the above registered activity. I also understand it is my responsibility to transport my child(ren) from the school to the recreation center. Neither transportation nor chaperoning is provided by the school or the Parks and Recreation Department.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_