



The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association will be offering a South East Classic Boy's League starting in the fall of 2011. The league design will be similar to the structure of the state leagues and South East Classic Girls with the focus being on South East Wisconsin teams.

- U11–U14 boys' season will run fall/ spring. Placements will be made with available information as can be obtained from the current MYRSL website.
- U15–U18 boys' spring season
- Registration forms are available June 6<sup>th</sup> and due July 6<sup>th</sup> for fall U8, U9, U10 and U11–U14 teams.
- Cost: U8–U10 \$125 for fall/spring, U11-U14 \$200 for fall/spring, U15–U19 \$175 fall only

Why is the WYSA starting a Southeast Classic League for Boys?

We have been asked for the past several years to develop such a league. As MYRSL has been a long standing league that has been reasonably run, we resisted developing the league. In the past year changes occurred with the administration of the league and requests from many clubs came into the WYSA to administer a league. This past year at the AGM many clubs asked if the Association would step in and help develop the schedules that MYRSL teams played through this spring, when we did the rest of the season played out relatively well. Many clubs then have continued to request the addition of the Southeast Classic League for Boys and now seems to be the logical time to move forward on it. This means that many clubs in Southeast Wisconsin will now have an alternative classic league for their teams to play in

What is Academy programming?

Over the past several years there have been a bit of a change in traditional recreational soccer programs. Clubs have offered accelerated training programs in order for players to enhance their soccer skills. We have seen that when these player play against traditional recreational players scores are lopsided and no one seems to be having that much fun. Again, requests have come into the WYSA to develop avenues in which those players might be able to play. Language on academy programming was developed over the past year, with the hope that a District might venture forth and provide programming. This did not occur as anticipated so the WYSA will be offering a more accelerated /competitive environment for those players to play in. The purpose of Youth Soccer Academies is to:

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- Provide soccer players, who have aspirations of becoming a more accomplished player, an avenue to test and enhance their skills.
- Provide soccer players an opportunity to train with experienced coaches.
- Provide soccer players an opportunity to investigate the level of play with which they are comfortable, how they fit in with other teams, and for which coaches they would like to play.

Academy players must register with their home club. Clubs that develop academy /accelerated teams must comply with the rules of the league(s) in which they participate. Other affiliate members may develop academy programs but would be subject to policy and guidelines developed by the WYSA. The Southeast Classic Leagues (Boys and Girls) will be offering Academy play for the U8/U9/U10 age groups. Initially this accelerated program offering will be offered in a league format. If a club is interested in entering this league please note that Academies are to be certified by the WYSA Director of Coaching or designee. Coaches, trainers, administrators, etc., of soccer academies are subject to the WYSA risk management policy and must satisfactorily pass the e-Kidsafe program. Information on academies can be found on the WYSA website.

[http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/Left\\_Navigation/Programs/Academies.htm](http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/Left_Navigation/Programs/Academies.htm)

It is recommended that only teams who are pursuing more competitive aspirations and skills should consider this accelerated developmental program.

Finally, the development of a league like this will be a fluid process. One requirement is making contact with WYSA Director of Coaching Jim Launder to insure that you get started on the accreditation process. We anticipate a two-year phase in of the program and we welcome input as to how to improve this type of play format as we move forward with it.

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