



Men's U23 League Rules



Registration and Fees

All teams and players interested in participating in the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE must be registered with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. The team registration form must be submitted annually by May 1st. The current team registration fee is \$150.

Teams will also be required to pay a \$200 returnable bond fee and player registration fees of \$35 per player by June 1, annually. The player registration fee includes: secondary medical insurance, administrative services from WYSA and a white league t-shirt. Additional fees payable to WYSA include the \$150 MEN'S U23 LEAGUE Cup entry fee. Teams are also responsible for providing dark uniforms, referee payments of \$60 per team per game and field reservation fees for three home games. Referee payments: \$60 Center/\$30 AR/\$30 AR.

Roster Size, Club Passes & Guest Players

All teams must register a minimum of 12 players by June 1st and may dress a maximum of 24 players for the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE games and the Cup tournament. Our goal is to get as many men as possible to play against quality competition. The team roster is full after you reach 24 players. Teams may drop players from their roster mid-season due to nonparticipation or injury. If you add players during the season, you must submit a new roster listing each of the permanent players added. The deadline for player registrations is two weeks prior to the end of league play or approximately July 1st.

The game day roster may not exceed 24 players for a league game. No guest players are allowed for any league games or playoff matches. Guest players are allowed at the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE CUP.

Men's U23 Eligibility

(updated Jan 2009)

Each player must be at least 16 as of June 1st. Players under eighteen must complete the appropriate WYSA Parent/Guardian Release of Liability form. This form must be presented with registration materials by June 1st. If a player turns 23 prior to June 1st for U23, they will be counted as an overage player on the roster. Three over-age waivers are allowed per team in the Men's U23 league.

Dual Player Registration

All players remain registered with their youth clubs if they play with a U16 to U19 team. Players can then dual register for the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE, a separate league. Players can be registered for a youth team and the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE in the same season because they are two different leagues or two different levels of play. There is no need for a player to transfer from one youth club to another to play in the summer MEN'S U23 LEAGUE.

Coach Licensing Requirements

All coaches for MEN'S U23 LEAGUE teams must meet current Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association requirement guidelines. The WYSA requirements are: all coaches working with U15 and older classic, competitive and premier level teams are required to have, at minimum, a "D" level coaching license. All coaches must have a valid WYSA coach pass with them for games and practices.

Forfeits & Fines

Games may not be started with less than 7 players. A forfeit will be issued if seven players are not ready to play within ten minutes of the designated start time of the game. Men's U23 games may only be canceled by a team manager or referee for **severe weather or unplayable field conditions**. Any other cancelation of a scheduled league game will result in a forfeit for the canceling team and a fine. Any

team(s) forfeiting a match will be assessed a \$100- \$200 fine which will be debited from your team bond fee. This fine pays for the referee fees, and if an away game is forfeited, the additional cost to cover the field rental of your opponent on that date.

Game Times & Location

All home teams must submit a home field location by May 1st in order to get the schedule out to everyone in time for the start of the summer season in June. When scheduling the games, most teams receive three home games and three away games. Sometimes the travel distance requires the league to assign a neutral field at a midpoint location. When that occurs the league pays the field reservation fee.

League games, with less than 60 minutes of travel time, will be played on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Teams traveling more than 60 minutes for a match may request for the match to be played on a Sunday afternoon between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. To further accommodate teams with longer travel times an additional weekend game may be scheduled on Saturday or two games may be played on a Sunday. All teams will play a 6 game league schedule between June 1 and July 20. Please indicate any block out dates on your team registration form (due May 1).

Match Regulations

1. The officials must be present with the following items prior to the start of the match:
 - a) Player passes
 - b) An official WYSA player roster
 - c) A game report by the hosting team
2. All teams must have a registered coach or trainer present as required by the WYSA. The coaches must also meet the requirement of D level coach license, as set forth by the WYSA. Only the registered coach and manager may sit with the team during games.
3. The hosting team is responsible for corner flags, securing the goals, and making sure the field is appropriately lined.
4. The Home team is recommended to wear their home white top provided by the league. The home team should have an alternate color jersey available in the case of uniform conflicts.
5. The home team is also required to provide the officials with 3 match balls.

Laws of the Game

The MEN'S U23 LEAGUE will follow all FIFA rules.

Substitution(s)

Substitution is unlimited. All substitutes must enter from the half field line when acknowledged by the line person and the official. Both teams may substitute on injury, on their own corner kick or on a throw-in as long as the team in possession of the throw-in is substituting a player.

League Championship (mid-July)

A team's performance during the six-game Men's U23 season determines its league standing. A trophy will be awarded to the league champion. League champions are determined on a win-loss record with tie breakers of: head to head competition, goal differential, goals scored and goals allowed.

Men's U23 Tournament - late June

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All Men's U23 teams are affiliated with Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and eligible to participate in the Men's U23 Tournament. WYSA U18/19 select teams are also encouraged to participate. Participating teams MUST be fully registered with their state association and may carry a full roster of 24 players for the tournament. All players must be registered with their respected association and have a valid player pass. Guest players are permitted for the tournament.

A \$150 cup entry fee and a \$200 cup bond, is due June 1 annually for all Men's U23 teams or invited teams. The fee is set at \$350 total to deter teams from forfeiting on the day of the cup. If you participate as scheduled, your \$200 Cup bond fee is returned. If a Men's U23 team forfeits its cup games, then that team forfeits \$350. The Men's U23 league has to pay the referees for all forfeited cup games and will use bond fees to meet those expenses.

All teams will participate in a round robin, balanced format with a three-match guarantee. There will be a trophy awarded to the first and second place teams.

Yellow card accumulation rule: Players who receive two yellow cards in the first two of three group play matches will be suspended from the last game.

MEN'S U23 LEAGUE Structure

The league will seek to establish three regions with four teams per region: North Region (Fox Valley), West Region (Madison) and South (Metro Milwaukee). Once the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE exceeds four teams per region, a Premier League (2012) will be created by promoting the previous season's top seeded teams.

All newly registered teams should play their first season in the First Division of the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE. Any team finishing league play in first or second place in the First Division may be offered promotion to the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE for the following summer. Also note that any MEN'S U23 LEAGUE team finishing in last place for league play may be relegated to the First Division for the next season. (See promotion/Relegation below). The First Division will allow new teams to acclimate themselves to the higher level of competition played in the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE, while allowing summer competition for more teams. When a First Division is established in 2012, First Division players may play up in the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE. Premier level players cannot play down in the First Division. Any club having more than one team in the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE may use up to four Club Passes per game for its players.

Promotion / Relegation (2012 season)

The First Division Champion and the First Division Runner-Up as determined in July at the playoffs/ Division Championships may be eligible for promotion to the Premier League for the following season. Any First Division team may decline the promotion if a Premier Level team from their same club already exists. For example MYSC has one team in the Premier League and a second team in the First Division. If MYSC's First Division team wins the Division Championships, they should decline the promotion to the Premier Division.

Any Premier League team that fails to compete successfully in the Premier League, accumulates multiple forfeits during the six league games or fails to participate in the playoffs may be relegated to the First Division for the following season. All promotions and relegations will be reviewed by the MEN'S U23 LEAGUE Commissioner.