

Dear RYS Families:

Please take a moment to learn a little more about the revamped World Cup program so that you can have a discussion with your son or daughter about registering for the league. The Girls' World Cup program will run from 1:30pm-2:45pm each Saturday and the Boys' World Cup program will run from 2:45pm-4:00pm each Saturday. The program will begin April 27 and will end with a two-Saturday tournament on June 8 and June 15.

Who Can Register?

Any boy or girl in 3rd or 4th grade

Any boy or girl in 5th grade who plays on a U-10 travel team

Any boy or girl in 5th grade who does not play on a travel team

Why Revamp the World Cup Program?

Our goal was to keep the best elements of the World Cup intact (6 v 6 competition; an opportunity to play with peers who may be on different travel teams or not on travel teams; the excitement of the tournament format; an opportunity to provide a meaningful soccer experience for non-travel players) while returning to a model in which U-9 and U-10 travel teams would practice together on Saturdays.

What is the Format?

Parent coaches will lead teams of 10 players in two 6 v 6 matches per Saturday. Each Saturday consists of a brief, 10-minute warm-up period followed by two 25-minute matches. Standings will be kept throughout the regular season (first six weeks) and a two-Saturday tournament will take place during the last two weekends.

Is This Program Mandatory for Travel Players?

No, but we highly recommend it. The small-sided games will allow for technical development, an appropriate level of competition, and fun. For some travel players, the Saturday team practice is enough to satisfy their soccer appetites. For others, the World Cup will provide an environment in which they can become better, more technical soccer players while having a great time doing so in the presence of their peers.

Will World Cup Conflict with Travel Team Practices?

No. There will be no U-9, U-10, or U-11 practices held during the World Cup program. There may be travel practices immediately before or immediately after.

Are Parent Coaches Still Needed?

Yes. Parent coaches are the backbone of all RYS programs and we need parents—regardless of soccer experience—to volunteer to coach in the World Cup program. We welcome all parents who can contribute 75 minutes per week and provide positive leadership to a team of 10 players.

How Are Teams Composed?

The World Cup Committee will do its best to create balanced teams that contain a mixture of 3rd graders, 4th graders and 5th graders as well as travel and non-travel players.

How do I register for World Cup?

Please access your account at ryeyouthsoccer.org and register for intramurals 3-5 grade session. Please note that your travel registration no longer includes World Cup participation as it did when we initially piloted the World Cup program. If your travel player would like to participate, please register for World Cup 3-5 grade in intramural program.