## **Tournaments**

Wilmette Wings Soccer Club teams participate in local and away tournaments during the outdoor season. Depending on the team's age and level, a team is expected to play in one to two tournaments during the year as described below. The club covers the cost of these tournaments including entry fees and coaches' expenses as follows:

- U8-U9 teams will play in the Wings Classic or 1 tournament each year.
- U10-U15 Red, Blue, White teams will play 1 tournament each year.
  (Typically 1 fall)
- U11-U14 Premier teams will play 2 tournaments each year. (See below)

The club handles the pre-registration and payment for these tournaments. The manager for each team will coordinate communication for the tournament between the coach and families. In addition, the manager will ensure all the necessary paperwork is provided to the tournament officials as required prior to their first game.

## Premier Team 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament

In addition to a local fall tournament, Premier teams are expected to participate in a 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament. Depending on the competitiveness and interests of a team, they may choose to enter a local tournament, out-of-town tournament, or the Illinois State Cup Tournament. The coach, team manager, and the Director of Soccer will make the selection of the 2nd tournament. If an overnight stay is required for this tournament, the team will pay for overnight accommodations and related out-of-pocket expenses for the coach. These expenses will be divided equally among team members.

## Additional Tournaments

Any additional tournaments are at the discretion of the coach and team. A list of sanctioned tournaments can be found on the Illinois Youth Soccer website, www.iysa.org. These additional tournaments require the families to contribute payment towards the registration and coaches' fees. Based on a two-day tournament, the coach should be paid \$350.00. If an overnight stay is required for any additional tournaments, the team will pay for overnight accommodations and related out-of-pocket expenses for the coach. The total tournament cost and expenses will be divided equally among team members.

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