



## OWSC JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### What's Happening?

Happy New Year! As we reflect on the past year, we are deeply grateful for our OWSC family and your continued support of our community-based club. 2025 marked our first full year in our new home in Long Lake, and it has been incredibly rewarding to see our players fully embrace and enjoy the space.



We are so proud of all of our 850+ players for their dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship throughout the year, and we look forward to continuing to grow together—both as a team and as a community—in the year ahead.

Here's a glimpse of what you can look forward to as we enter the new year:

#### **2026 Spring Season**

Our Spring season for U9-U18 players kicks off with indoor practice in early March, and we are eager to hit the ground running! Each competitive team will have one weeknight evening and one weekend training session. Spring rosters & March / April training schedules will be released to families by February 1st. The outdoor Spring Youth Development (U3-U8) Program (YDP) will start in early May. More details will be shared soon!

#### **Upcoming Club Events and Activities**

We have a number of exciting events planned, including our popular Spring 3v3 Tournament, a World Cup Watch Party supporting team USA, Summer camps and our Annual General Meeting. These will be fantastic opportunities for players to bond, grow, and have fun off the field too. **[Save the dates below on your calendars](#)** and look for registration links coming soon!

#### **Age Group Formation Changes for 2026-2027 Competitive Season**

Orono Westonka Soccer Club would like to share an important update regarding how competitive teams will be formed beginning with the 2026–27 season.

U.S. Youth Soccer (USYS), AYSO, and U.S. Club Soccer have jointly announced a transition to a school-year–based age grouping, using an August 1 – July 31 cutoff. This change will take effect starting with 2026–27 season registration, and OWSC will implement it in alignment with U.S. Club Soccer and Twin Cities Soccer League guidelines.

We recognize that changes like this can feel confusing or challenging for families, and we want to assure you that our goal is always to place players in the best possible environment for their development—both on and off the field. At the same time, we're

excited about what this update means for our players and club: improved alignment with school-grade peers, stronger social and emotional connections, and a more inclusive, positive playing experience that supports long-term growth.

Beginning with 2026–27 team formation, OWSC teams will be grouped using the August 1 – July 31 age cutoff. For additional details, a preliminary tryout schedule, and answers to common questions, [please visit our website](#).

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with team events, concessions, fundraising, and more. Visit the [DIBS section](#) of our website to claim volunteer hours - more opportunities added regularly!

### **Stay Connected**

Please make sure to follow us on our social media pages and check our website regularly for the latest updates, photos, and news. Also, feel free to [reach out](#) with any questions you may have. We are here to support you and your players throughout the season.

Thank you for being part of the Orono Westonka family. We are looking forward to an amazing year of growth, learning, and soccer fun with each of you.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and exciting New Year!

OWSC Staff & Board Members

# OWSC SPRING/SUMMER 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL

**APRIL 18-19: 3V3 TOURNAMENT**

### JUNE

**JUNE 8-11: OWSC DAY CAMP WEEK 1**

**JUNE 12: USA VIEWING PARTY**

**JUNE 15-18: WORLD CUP VIEWING CAMP**

**JUNE 22-25: OWSC DAY CAMP WEEK 2**

**JUNE 29-JULY 1: POSITION SPECIFIC CAMP**

### JULY

**JULY 6-9: PRE-TRYOUT CAMP (U8-U10)**

**JULY 13: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**JULY 13-16: PRE-TRYOUT CAMP (U11-U12)**

**JULY 20-23: PRE-TRYOUT CAMP (U13+)**

**JULY TBD: ORONO COMMUNITY ED CAMP**

**JULY TBD: SPEED AND AGILITY CAMP**

### JULY TRYOUT SCHEDULE

**JULY 15: U9 BOYS/GIRLS**

**JULY 16: U10 BOYS/GIRLS**

**JULY 18: SUPER 8'S, U11 BOYS/GIRLS**

**JULY 19: U12 BOYS/GIRLS**

**JULY 25: U13 BOYS/GIRLS, U14 BOYS**

**JULY 26: U14 GIRLS, U15+ BOYS/GIRLS**

\*2019 Birth Year players only need to attend tryouts for the [Super 8's program](#) if they are interested in participating. All 2019 players are still eligible for the Development Academy program for the 26/27 season.

### Last Call: Winter Session 2 Registrations

OWSC offers a variety of indoor programming options to keep you sharp during the winter months. Session 2 begins soon! [Learn more](#) & register today!

All indoor training will take place at the dome in Long Lake - 2465 W. Wayzata Blvd.

Full details can be found [on our website](#).

### Last Call: YDP Winter Block 2

## Session 2 Dates: January 3 - February 14

The Orono Westonka Soccer Youth Development Program (YDP) is for players 2 - 8 years old looking for a soccer experience that emphasizes participation, learning and fun. Our program offers youth players the opportunity to learn the skills, techniques and rules of soccer in a fun and healthy environment. All players will receive a team jersey.

- Minis (2 & 3 Year Olds) \*Full
- Rising Stars (Pre-K) \*Full
- Junior Academy (Kindergarten) \*Full
- Development Academy (1st & 2nd Grade) \*Space available

### SESSION 2 REGISTRATION



### Friday Night 5v5 League

Session 2 Starts Friday, January 9

Schedules will be live by January 3rd. Registration is closed. To add players, please contact [admin@oronowestonkasoccer.org](mailto:admin@oronowestonkasoccer.org).

## ALL CUB NEWS



### Adult Pick Up Soccer

We know the love of the game does not end when your youth career does. Join us for adult 5v5 soccer. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for a fun way to stay active, come join the game! Tuesday nights, 9-11PM at the Long Lake Dome.

[Adult 5v5 Registration](#)



### Referee Certification

Calling all former and current players, coaches, parents, and any soccer enthusiast that wishes to be a part of the beautiful game! Winter is a great time to get certified - click below to learn more about the process. OWSC offers reimbursement for the cost of getting certified.

[Learn More](#)



### Follow Along

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