



2008-2009 SELECT SOCCER PROGRAM



Select Program Tryouts: What to Expect

At tryouts, players are tested and evaluated by the WDMSC professional coaching staff through a series of exercises and small-sided games. Each player is seen by three to four coaches, including the coaches responsible for the player's age group. Select tryout criteria include:

- ✓ **Speed** — with and without the ball.
- ✓ **Technical skills and tactics** — such as dribbling, passing/receiving and finishing.
- ✓ **Team play** — such as using teammates correctly and knowing how to switch with a player who has left his/her position.
- ✓ **Aggressiveness** — does the player go to the ball or back off? Does he/she put forth the necessary effort?
- ✓ **Game Sense** — how is the player's positioning on the field? Does he/she know how to support play or does he/she crowd space?
- ✓ **Creativity and personality** — can the player get himself/herself out of a jam? Is this player a hard worker or will he/she cause disruption?

Why WDMSC Select Soccer?

PROFESSIONAL COACHES

- Highly skilled staff of 20 professionals licensed by the USSF or other national soccer education organizations
- Director of Coaching, Frank Gurnick, has more than 15 years of experience in coaching youth soccer
- Most consecutive years of service of any club in the state
- No parents are used to coach Select teams

QUALITY INSTRUCTION

- Curriculum designed to advance the player from U11 through his or her playing career
- Advanced curriculum matched to each age and skill level
- Dedicated goalkeeping instructor

RECORD OF SUCCESS

- Ranked as the #1 club in Iowa by GotSoccer.com based on tournament performance
- Ranked #17 in Region 2 (gotsoccer.com)
- Ranked #77 Nationally (gotsoccer.com)
- Most state championship wins of any club in Iowa (2003-04 season)
- Most WDMSC Select team players are starters for their high school teams
- More than 30 former WDMSC players currently play collegiate soccer

QUALITY FACILITIES

- Hidden Valley Soccer Complex is one of the best facilities in the Midwest and additional improvements are underway
- Irrigated fields and well-maintained facilities
- Better fields help players develop their skills and focus on the game

Select Soccer Program Fees

WDMSC's Select Soccer Program fees are similar to those of other competitive programs in the Des Moines metro area. We make every effort to keep the cost of participation down — especially for younger players. And the long-term benefits of playing Select soccer are well worth the investment.

Player registration and Select fees for the 2007-2008 year were \$910 per year for ages U11 to U14 and \$830 per year for U15 and up. Uniforms, travel expenses and tournament costs can range from \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Most tournaments are local for younger teams; the number of out-of-town tournaments increases with the age of the player.

Scholarships and Payment Plans

Club policy is that no child will be denied the opportunity to play soccer at WDMSC due to financial need. Scholarships and payment plans are available. Contact Tavé Porto, Club Administrator, at 222-0079 or clubadmin@wdmsoccerclub.org.

Contact Us With Your Questions!

If you have any questions or need more information about the Select program, call Frank Gurnick, Director of Coaching, at 988-6059, or e-mail Jim Armitage, Director of Competitive Soccer at leo162@mchsi.com.

West Des Moines Soccer Club 2008-2009 Co-ed and Girls Select Team Tryouts

- Tryouts will be held June 2-14, 2008 at the Hidden Valley Soccer Complex located east of Walnut Woods State Park. In case of bad weather the day of tryouts, please call 225-8219 for tryout status.
- One-time tryout fee is \$20 before May 23, 2008, or \$30 after May 23, 2008. Walk-up registration the day of tryouts is allowed.
Register online at www.wdmsoccerclub.org.
- All participants must bring their own ball and water. Shin guards and cleats are also required equipment for tryouts.
- Players are encouraged to attend as many of the sessions as possible. If you have a scheduling conflict, call Frank Gurnick at 988-6059.
- All current players must register for the Fall 2008 league within 48 hours of accepting a bid. Register online at www.wdmsoccerclub.org. Fall league registration fees are \$95 and additional select team fees will be collected after acceptance of bids to play on a Select team.



Tryout Schedule

All tryouts will be at Hidden Valley Soccer Complex. Same date/time applies to Girls and Co-ed. Arrive 20 minutes early for check-in on first date.

The Select tryouts are as follows:

Age Level	1 st Date	2 nd Date	3 rd Date
U11 (8/1/97 - 7/31/98)	June 2 5-6:30 pm	June 4 5-6:30 pm	June 7 8-9:30 am
U12 (8/1/96 - 7/31/97)	June 3 5-6:30 pm	June 5 5-6:30 pm	June 7 9:30-11 am
U13 (8/1/95 - 7/31/96)	June 2 6:30-8 pm	June 4 6:30-8 pm	June 7 11 am -12:30 pm
U14 (8/1/94 - 7/31/95)	June 3 6:30-8 pm	June 5 6:30-8 pm	June 7 8-9:30 am
U15 (8/1/93 - 7/31/94)	June 9 5-6:30 pm	June 12 5-6:30 pm	
U16 (8/1/92 - 7/31/93)	June 9 5-6:30 pm	June 12 5-6:30 pm	
U17 (8/1/91 - 7/31/92)	June 9 6:30-8 pm	June 12 6:30-8 pm	
U18 (8/1/90 - 7/31/91)	June 9 6:30-8 pm	June 12 6:30-8 pm	

Player bids will be posted on Club website — www.wdmsoccerclub.org. **Reply required within 24 hours.** U11-U13 on June 16, 2008 and U14-U19 on June 26, 2008.



Select Team Preregistration Form

To preregister, detach and mail this form with a check for \$20 before May 23, 2008, or \$30 after May 23, 2008, to WDM Soccer Club, P.O. Box 25010, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

Date _____
 Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____
 Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ Sex: M F Current Club _____
 E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Fall 2008 Selection (circle): CO-ED or GIRLS U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U18

Parental Release/Permission: I hereby release the West Des Moines Soccer Club from any and all liabilities of any kind for personal injury that may arise from participating in these Select Team tryouts (parent signature required).

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____ (Signed) _____
 Phone number you can be reached at on June 16 or June 26, 2008 _____