

Western Valley Summer Co-ed Soccer League Policy

Summary of dates

- √ Jamborees will be chosen at the **July** meeting.
- √ Deadline for registering a team in the league will be the second Friday in June.
- √ Registration fees for all leagues must be paid prior to the first jamboree game.
- √ Any cancellations must be made by 4:00pm the day of the game. You must talk to a real person. Do not leave messages.

The Western Valley Soccer League is organized and operated under the authority of the Western Valley Recreation Association, Inc.

The association is a voluntary organization committed to the development of recreation services in the Western Valley Region, encompassing communities from **Nackawic-Millville to the District of Tobique Valley**. Any community within the geographic areas of the Western Valley, having a full membership or associate membership as outlined in the WVRA Constitution enrolled with the Western Valley Recreation Association Inc. may enter a contingent in the league. **Communities that can participate based on the new entities that were established in 2023 are: Nackawic-Millville Rural Community; Municipality of Lakeland Ridges; Town of Woodstock; Town of Hartland; District of Carleton North (this community could possibly have three communities participating under Centreville, Bath and Florenceville-Bristol); Regional Community of Southern Victoria and District of Tobique Valley.** Participation is open to all residents within a service area who meet the age requirements specified (subject to discretion of the association). Associate members may have their own contingent or may join in with the closest member to ensure participation.

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The policy and guidelines contained in this document have been adopted by the Western Valley Recreation Association, Inc. as the official policy manual for the operation and administration of the Western Valley Summer Co-ed Soccer League.

Authority

The sponsor and governing authority of the Western Valley Soccer League, herein after noted as the “Soccer League” is the Western Valley Recreation Association Inc, herein after noted as the “Association”.

The Association initiates and/or ratifies all decisions, policies, recommendations, etc. relevant to the operation of the Co-ed Soccer League.

LTAD Stages - A clear path to better sport, greater health, and higher achievement.

Where applicable, **each municipality** will try and make sure that the sport of soccer is following **Canadian Soccer LTPD program is known as Wellness to World Cup Long-Term Player Development (LTPD)** and have a LTAD component to that specific age classification. Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) describes the things athletes need to be doing at specific ages and stages. Science, research and decades of experience all point to the same thing: kids and adults will get active, stay active, and even reach the greatest heights of sport achievement if they do the right things at the right times. This is the logic behind the Long-Term Athlete Development model (LTAD).

LTPD is a program for soccer player development, training, competition, and recovery based on biological age (i.e.physical maturity) rather than chronological age. It is player centred, coach driven, and administration, sport science, and sponsor supported.¹

LTPD:

- Eliminates gaps in the player development system.
- Guides planning for optimal athlete performance at all stages.
- Provides a framework for program alignment and integration, from volunteer club coaches to national and professional teams.
- Follows scientific principles and practical coaching experiences.

Benefits for players & parents:

- Better understanding of what makes a good soccer program.
- More players learning at their level and having fun.
- Appropriate game and league structures (e.g. size of balls, goals, field etc.).
- More opportunity for players to realize their athletic potential.
- More coaches who are knowledgeable in leading safe, effective practices.

Benefits for coaches & clubs:

- Information and education on effective coaching and practice methods.
- Guidelines for appropriate game structures.

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- Guidelines on appropriate competition levels.
- Established pathways for player development for all levels of ability and ambition.
- Affirmation of best practices for coaches and club administrators.

Benefits for all:

- Competitive behaviour is fostered in players, while over-competitive behaviour is discouraged in adults (e.g. coaches and parents).
- Players, parents, coaches, and administrators understand that players are unique and therefore different in interest and aptitude.
- Players stay involved in the sport throughout their lives (as players, coaches, referees or club administrators).
- Soccer grows, and lifelong wellness is promoted for players of all ages, genders, and levels of ability and disability.

Age Categories

Under 6 (4 & 5)	6 players (including goaltender)	modified field	ball size 3
Under 8 (6 & 7)	8 players (including goaltender)	¼ field	ball size 4
Under 10 (8 & 9)	8 players (including goaltender)	½ field	ball size 4
Under 12 (10 & 11)	8 players (including goaltender)	½ field	ball size 4
Under 14 (12 & 13)	8 players (including goaltender)	½ field	ball size 5
Under 16 (14 & 15)	8 players (including goaltender)	½ field	ball size 5

- As of January 1st of current year.

Player equipment

Each player's uniform may consist of shorts, shirts, socks, shin guards, and shoes. The goalkeeper must wear colors, which distinguishes him/her from other players.

Season length

- The season for soccer will be 8 weeks during the summer.
- Deadline for registering a team in the league will be the second Friday in June.
- Registration fees for all leagues must be paid prior to the first jamboree/tournament game.
- Jamborees will be chosen at the May meeting.

Duration of games

Under 6

- Play in house with one scheduled jamboree.
- There will be no league schedule for this age.
- Jamboree- guaranteed 2 games with no championship play. Each child will receive a participation incentive.
- Games are two (2) fifteen minute (15) periods.
- **WV Jamboree fee is \$75/team.**

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Under 8

- Play in house with one game every other week and one scheduled jamboree. **Thursday nights.**
- Jamboree – guaranteed 2 games with no championship play. Each child will receive a participation incentive.
- Games are two (2) twenty minute (20) periods.
 - **WV Jamboree fee is \$75/team.**

Under 10

- There will be two leagues set up – (Northern will include Plaster Rock, Perth-Andover, Bath and Centreville. Southern will include Florenceville-Bristol, Hartland, Woodstock and Nackawic).
- Games will be 2 – 25 minute periods.
- One game per week with a jamboree - guaranteed 2 games at the end of the season, which would include all teams with no championship play. Each child will receive a participant incentive.
- All games will be held on **Monday nights**, with no games allowed to start before 6:30pm
- **WV Jamboree fee is \$75/team.**

Under 12

- The game will be 2 – 30 minute periods.
- One game per week
- Tournament at the end of the season, which will include championship play.
- All games are to be held on **Tuesday nights**, with no game allowed to start before 6:30pm.
- **WV Tournament fee is \$75/team.**

Under 14

- The game will be 2 – 35 minute periods
- One game per week
- Tournament at the end of the season to include championship play.
- All games will be held on **Wednesday nights**, with no games allowed to start before 6:30pm
- **WV Tournament fee is \$75/team.**

Under 16

- The game will be 2 – 40 minute periods
- One game per week
- Tournament at the end of the season to include championship play
- All games will be held on **Thursday nights**, with no games allowed to start before 6:30pm

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- WV Tournament fee is \$75/team.

Rules of Play

- Fair Play concept will be promoted and adhered to.
- Soccer NB Rules and Western Valley League Rules will apply during scheduled league games and jamborees and tournaments.
- Skills shall be taught age appropriate.
- On game day, if a team has 10 players you cannot bring another child up to play.
- Provide an opportunity for all participants to be equally involved in the sport.
- No Premiership (AAA) or Division 1(AA) soccer players are eligible to play in the summer league
- All players are eligible to participate at a competitive level through the Western Valley Soccer Club.
- Any cancellations must be made by 4:00pm the day of the game.
- All teams must have at least 2 female or 2 males on the field at all times, if you have enough numbers to do so. If a team does not apply by this rule and a goal is scored the goal does not count.

League Names:

U6 & U8- Tim Bits Western Valley Soccer Program
 U10 & U12- Western Valley Soccer League
 U14- Western Valley Soccer League
 U16- Western Valley Soccer League

Western Valley Soccer League Registration Forms

Division	Community	Coach	Phone #	Times	Home Field	Game Day
EX: U10	Hartland	Kent Kuhn	375-4222	6:30pm	Arena Field	Mondays