



TRAVEL

SOCCER ACADEMY



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WHAT IS TRAVEL SOCCER?

Travel soccer is a competitive program. All players are welcome to attend tryouts, but not all will be asked to join a team. Once asked to join, players will continue to have to tryout every year to keep their roster spot. Coaches are highly licensed and bring a wealth of personal playing and training experience to the teams they lead. Travel soccer is a highly competitive world, and players' development is of the utmost importance. Please realize that travel soccer is not for everyone. To be successful in travel soccer, children should show higher than average level of ability, and their families should recognize that a greater commitment, both in terms of attendance at practices and games as well as financially, is required.

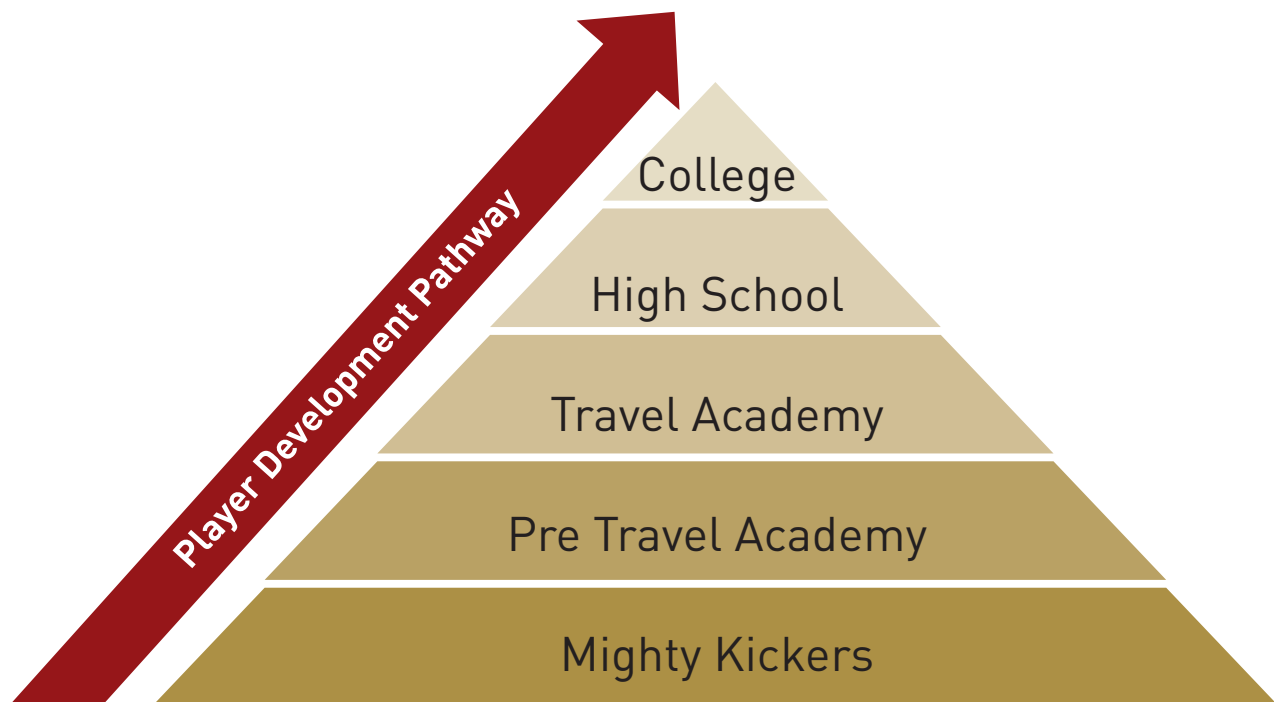




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West Loop Soccer Club was founded by professional youth soccer coaches with a single mission: to provide a superior and consistent youth soccer program for an affordable price. We welcome youth of all ages and backgrounds to join our organization and master soccer skills in a competitive yet fun and family oriented environment.

Our development philosophy is based on creating intelligent soccer players who express themselves without fear of making mistakes. The heart and soul of our organization is our coaching staff. We have handpicked the best of the best. All of our coaches are former professional and All-American collegiate players who hold some of the most prestigious licenses and awards both nationally and internationally.





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MIGHTY KICKERS / AGES: 2-3

Mighty Kickers is a development program tailored to our youngest participants 2-3 years of age. This program assumes no prior soccer experience or skill level. The primary goal of this program is to lay a solid foundation for all children wishing to continue playing soccer on a more competitive level (e.g. Pre-Travel Academy). Training sessions are conducted by our professional and licensed coaching staff with emphasis on ball control, coordination and character building.

PRE-TRAVEL ACADEMY / AGES: 4-6

The goal of the Pre-Travel Academy is to provide a structured coaching environment for the many young players ages 4-6 and prepare them to compete on travel teams. The PTA will allow its participants to learn advanced skills thereby helping them to easily transition from a community level to highly competitive travel programs. We understand that these formative years are an extremely pivotal point in early childhood development. Because of this, we are excited to provide them with access to the best professional coaching staff to begin crafting each child into a well rounded soccer player.

TRAVEL ACADEMY / AGES: 7-14

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COLLEGE PREP / AGES: 15-18

The objective of this program is to help High School aged players successfully prepare to compete on a collegiate level. Our coaches serve as mentors and great emphasis is put on both athletic and academic success. We use personal and professional connections to help each player find a placement that best suits their academic as well as athletic aspirations.



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TRAVEL TEAM FEES / SEASON 2022/2023

CLUB	WEST LOOP SOCCER CLUB
U6-U7 Teams	\$2,100
U8-U9 Teams	\$2,250
U10-U14 Teams	\$2,650
Professional Coaches	✓
League Registration	✓
Field Rental Fees	✓
Referee Fees	✓
Installment Plan	✓
Preseason Training	✓
Goalkeeping Training	✓
Trainings / Week	2-3
All-Girls Teams	✓
Fall Tournament	✓
Spring Tournament	✓
Winter Training	2/week
Uniforms Included	✗
Summer Camps	Discounted

EXTRA COST:

- Uniforms
- Individual Training
- Summer & Preseason Camps

The mandatory uniform package consists of two jerseys, two pairs of shorts and two pairs of socks. The package cost will be approximately \$150. Available optional items include backpack, track pants, soccer ball and goalkeeper uniform. All uniform items will be available through our online store. Once purchased, uniforms can be worn for two consecutive season.



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TRYOUT DATES SEASON 2021-2022

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
MAY 16	MONDAY	5PM-8PM	SKINNER PARK
MAY 18	WEDNESDAY	5PM-8PM	SKINNER PARK

LOCATION

Skinner Park
1331 W Adams St, Chicago, IL 60607
FREE Street Parking available

TRYOUT FORMAT

Speed & Agility Test
Technical & Tactical Drills
Game Scrimmages

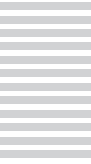
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** Non refundable deposit in the amount of \$200 must be paid to hold roster spot on the team within 48hrs of the invitation. Remaining club fees must be paid according to club's payment plan schedule. If more time is needed, you must request an extension with Program Director.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What sets WLSC apart from other soccer clubs?

A. Our coaches! We believe that young soccer players learn best visually thus all our coaches must be great demonstrators with extensive playing and coaching experience. You will never see parent volunteer coaches at WLSC regardless of the program level.

Q. What is your coaching philosophy?

A. We strive to create intelligent soccer players who express themselves without fear of making mistakes.

Q. My child attended the tryout. What next?

A. WLSC coaching staff will evaluate each player and select them to play on teams according to their age and abilities. You will receive an email notification of the final decision no later than 48 hours after the tryouts. If your child made a team, you will be asked to make a deposit to save a roster spot on a team.

Q. What if my child didn't make a team?

A. The WLSC encourages your child to continue playing soccer in our Pre-Travel Academy program where they can continue to develop their skills and understanding of the game. Every child grows and develops at a different pace. It is not in anyone's best interest to promote a player past their capabilities and then have them suffer a crisis in confidence which may cause them to lose enjoyment and interest in the sport.

Q. How far do we need to travel?

A. Most games are played in the city. The furthest we traveled last season was Evanston. Generally speaking, away games are within one hour drive time at most.

Q. What if my child plays another sport?

A. Travel soccer is not for everyone. A substantial time commitment is required. That being said, many of our players are able to juggle a schedule that includes baseball, basketball, hockey, swimming, dance, etc. We are very flexible in accommodating busy family schedules, however we do expect a high level of commitment. Showing up for games only but not practices is not acceptable and playing time will not be guaranteed! Commitment is important to teach to children and we expect parents to be involved and help us enforce this important character trait.

Q. Is playing time guaranteed?

A. No. It must be earned!

Q. Is a game schedule available?

A. League schedule is available after the league's scheduling meeting (late August for the Fall season, late December for Winter season and late March for Spring season). Normally boys games are played on Saturdays and girls games on Sundays.

Q. What is your refund policy?

A. Playing on Travel Teams require year-round commitment. Playing only Spring, Fall or Winter seasons is NOT an option! In addition to making a non-refundable deposit, all players who make teams will be asked to sign a Player Commitment Form indicating that they are not registered for any other club and that they are committed to play only for the West Loop Soccer Club during the soccer calendar year Fall 2022-Spring 2023. There will be no refunds for players who decide to drop out from the club at any point after the season has already started!





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WLSC STAFF

Milos Bajic

Program Director & Head Coach



After a successful professional career in Europe, Milos was fortunate enough to earn a full athletic scholarship at Judson University (Elgin, IL). While there, he played under the most successful coach in NAIA history, Mr. Steve Burke. He won numerous division titles and made it to the National Championship Tournament twice. Needless to say, this was the most rewarding time of his life and all these great experiences were possible thanks to the game that he loves so much. When Milos graduated from college, he transitioned from playing soccer to coaching youth soccer. Milos has been the youth soccer coach since 2006 and holds both USSF & UEFA youth coaching licenses.



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West Loop Soccer Club Uniform Kit



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