



WEBSTER SOCCER ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 30 YEARS ...of Soccer Excellence

Established in 1976 as a non-profit organization, Webster Soccer Association (WSA) provides excellent soccer opportunities to the community's children. WSA has grown to over 1,100 annual registrations for children age 5-19. It is open to all with priority given to residents of the Webster Central School District and the Town of Webster. With its year-round facility and certified coaches, WSA provides players with opportunities to learn and enhance soccer skills plus develop physically and socially. WSA is dedicated to providing positive role models to help build character, leadership, and teamwork in players that will enhance their lives beyond the sport. Diverse WSA soccer programs include Micro Soccer, Player Development Program, and Travel.

WSA was incorporated in 1976 as a not-for-profit entity. From inception, the purpose of the association has been to provide a positive soccer experience through training and competition for the youth in our community. A volunteer Board of Directors governs the association. Teams are assigned a coach, assistant coach, and manager. All WSA coaches attend coaching clinics and are required to be licensed by USSF (D license or better).

In 2001 WSA opened its indoor facility, **Nozzolio Indoor Soccer Complex**, located at 865 Publishers Parkway. This top notch training center has a 40 x 70 yard AstroPlay artificial surface, viewing deck, classroom, office, club store, and storage space for the association. Webster Soccer Association is the only youth soccer organization in New York State West with its own indoor soccer facility. Also located the complex are multiple outside soccer fields including the **Boulter Championship Field** which is a full-size, lighted soccer field featuring bleachers, irrigation/drainage system, press box, concession stand, and restroom facilities. A full-time Executive Director oversees the daily operations of the association. Duties include indoor complex management and fields/building maintenance.

In the spring of 2003 the **Basket Road outdoor soccer facility** was put into use with multiple beautifully pitched and maintained fields, public restrooms, and storage facilities. These are some of the best soccer fields in the county utilized by WSA and the Webster Central school teams.

In 2004 a Director of Coaching (DOC) was hired. The DOC is primarily responsible for managing player placement and overseeing the training and licensing of WSA coaches. This is achieved through a series of Coaching Sessions that cover tactics, techniques, field play, and conditioning. Also, all coaches are provided with age-specific training models to augment the weekly training sessions. WSA believes that the key to continuous improvement in coaching is the ongoing interaction and evaluation of the coaching staff plus modification and enhancement to the training models.

In 2004 WSA also hired a Goalkeeper Coach who continues to offer specialized Goalkeeper training programs for WSA goalies. This specialized training is also offered to the coaches so they can support their goalies in team practices and games.

In 2005 the Webster Eagles and the Webster Micro Soccer Program joined WSA. This move enabled WSA to offer various programs from ages 5 to 19. A second Director of Coaching was hired to oversee the U5 – U10 Webster Micro Soccer program while the existing Director of Coaching continues to work with the U11 – U19 program.



For the past 15 years, each Father's Day weekend the WSA hosts approximately 150-200 teams (U8-U17 girls and boys in various divisions) in the Lakefront Classic Tournament. The weekend tournament brings an estimated 20,000 visitors to the community which is definitely beneficial to local businesses. To support a tournament of this size, WSA uses their facilities plus different sites in the Webster community with the generous cooperation of our Town of Webster and the Webster Central School District. The 2006 WSA Lakefront Classic Tournament, held June 17-18, was a huge success thanks to all club members volunteering, the support from the Town of Webster, the Webster school system, Union Hill Ambulance, and Webster Special Police. Despite the unseasonably hot 90-degree weather, there were fantastic matches all weekend long. The 2006 Lakefront Classic had the most teams to date with 197 teams from all over New York plus teams from Pennsylvania and Canada.

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Micro Soccer Program (ages 5-8) is an introduction to the sport of soccer with the emphasis on fun and building individual skills. Micro Soccer training sessions are typically offered in the fall, winter, and spring. The WSA Micro Soccer Program is designed to help children experience the fun of playing soccer using small-sided soccer games and developmental appropriate soccer activities (instead of games where the players all group on the ball or get bored not having "action" on the field). While they are having fun with the planned activities, they unknowingly develop the skills needed to play soccer when they are older. Each session is run by volunteered trained facilitators (parents) which follow a specific activity plan each week so the kids are not only having fun but learning the skills needed in soccer at an older age.

Player Development Program (ages 9-10) is the next step in the growth of the youth soccer player. An advanced level of skills is taught with the introduction of the team concept. The Player Development Program (PDP) is for the competitive player, who has the desire and commitment to practice at a higher level than recreational soccer. This two-year comprehensive progressive training program for 3rd and 4th graders is designed to help the individual player develop their technical skills and prepare them for travel soccer. The PDP runs from September to July and with multiple weekly practices. Each month players will compete in a *jamboree* at the WSA facility with teams invited from neighboring towns.

In the first year, the player will have training both outdoors and indoors with the month of April off. The second year the player will progress to either a travel or tournament team. Team placement will be decided by the coaching staff with input from players and parents. All players are required to participate in PDP training as well as team training.

PDP coaching is provided by hired certified coaches, NYSWYSA ODP staff, and ex-pro players with assistance from USSF certified WSA coaches.

WSA Travel Program (ages 11-19) is for those desiring a higher level of competition. Tryouts are in September. Training runs November to May. Games and additional training runs May to early August. Currently, WSA has 15 girls teams and 18 boys teams.

Team players are grouped according to skill level evaluated in September Tryouts. Indoor soccer training starts in November and continues until May. In May, teams move outside to practice and compete in the Rochester District Youth Soccer League (RDYSL) with weekly games May-July. Teams will also participate in local weekend tournaments and possibly travel to tournaments outside of the Rochester area. All games and tournaments typically end in early August. Players have most of the month of August off.

WSA also supports Webster high school soccer programs by offering after-school programs and summer camps. These programs are offered in affiliation with the Webster high school varsity coaches which give athletes an opportunity to continue to develop their skill level. Throughout the year WSA offers additional camps and clinics for youth players.

WSA members go on to do great things in the world of soccer...

Ralph Wager, the WSA founder and Webster High School coach for sixteen years, went on to serve as the head coach of the Catawba College soccer team in Salisbury, NC. Under Wager's leadership, Catawba College won nine conference or district championships. Over twenty high school or college players coached by Wager earned All-American honors and fourteen of Wager's players went on to play professionally. Coach Wager holds a USSF "A" and NSCAA Advanced National Coaching Certificates and is currently a Creative Player technical trainer and facilitator for soccer programs in Charlotte, NC.

Brian Bliss, WSA player and Webster native (HW Schroeder class of 1983), went on to play three years in MLS as a defender and make 44 appearances with the U.S. national team (1984-1995) which included the 1988 Olympics and 1990 World Cup. Bliss is currently the interim general manager for the Kansas City Wizards where he has also served as their assistant coach.

The next 30 years...

According to WSA President, Pat Cusato, "The next 30 years WSA will continue to focus on offering outstanding soccer programs and excellent coaching to our soccer players. It's amazing to see what these players can develop in to with their hard work, great coaching, strong programs, and wonderful facilities." Cusato added, "Webster kids are lucky to live in a community where soccer has a strong presence."

Many Thanks to all the head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, players, parents, volunteers, sponsors, fans, and Board Members through the last 30 years! All of you have made WSA an awesome soccer club! WSA plans on continuing the tradition of soccer excellence for at least another 30 years!

For more information, visit www.webstersoccer.com or contact WSA at 585-671-7730 or wsa1@webstersoccer.com.



WSA REGISTRATION / TRY OUT DETAILS

WSA Micro Soccer Program (ages 5-8)

WSA will hold Micro Soccer Program training sessions in the fall, winter, and spring. The 2006 Fall session will start on September 9th and run for six (6) weeks every Saturday morning. Micro Soccer details and online registration is available on www.webstersoccer.com / Micro Soccer Program. The 2006-2007 Micro Soccer Program fee is \$60 per session. While registering for Fall, if a player also registers for the Spring session, a \$10 discount will be applied.

WSA Player Development Program (ages 9-10)

PDP runs from September through July. PDP details and online registration is available on www.webstersoccer.com / Player Development Program. The 2006-2007 PDP fee is \$350 (\$30 non-refundable Registration plus \$320 Annual Fee; new players will also need to purchase a uniform kit for \$65).

WSA Travel Program (ages 11-19)

Travel runs from November through early August. Travel details and online registration is available on www.webstersoccer.com / Travel Program. The 2006-2007 Travel fee is \$330 (\$30 non-refundable Registration plus \$300 Annual Fee; new players will also need to purchase a uniform kit for \$65).

Tryouts will be held on September 9-10 and 16-17 at Basket Road Fields:

U11-13 Tryouts will be held from 1:00-2:30 pm all four dates (9/9, 9/10, 9/16 and 9/17)

U14-16 Tryouts will be held from 3:30-5:00 pm only 9/10 and 9/17

Additional details are listed on www.webstersoccer.com.

For all three programs listed above, players must register by August 25, 2006 via online WSA registration (www.webstersoccer.com). Once registered, a confirmation will be e-mailed to the player.

2006 SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

WSA will hold various summer soccer camps. For each of the following camps, please note age requirement and dates and refer to www.webstersoccer.com for additional information and registration information (including description, fee, location, and times):

Boys Soccer Camp – grades 9-12:	July 31-Aug 4
Boys Soccer Camp – grades 5-8:	August 7-11
Girls Modified Soccer Camp – grades 6-8:	August 8-11

Photos provided under separate coverage:

20001008_WSA_groundbreaking → WSA Groundbreaking October 8, 2000
Micro_lineup_photo.jpg → Micro Soccer participants
Micro_Kara-hair.jpg → A Micro Soccer player enjoying the game
Micro_100_3991 → Several Micro Soccer players having fun running
U-10d.jpg → WSA players celebrating a great play
U-10e.jpg → WSA player scores
WSA_LakefrontClassic_003a → WSA Coach Tim Mason with some of his U11 Green players
Picture 435.jpg → WSA player (boy) kicking ball
U-14b.jpg → WSA player heads the ball
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Tournament (Finalists) → WSA Boys U13 team enjoy success at the Irondequoit

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