



Dear Washington Capital United Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to offer your player a roster spot for the 2023/2024 season. Congratulations and welcome to Washington Capital United!

Washington Capital United (WCU) is committed to excellence, integrity, character, perseverance, and the highest caliber of team play and sportsmanship. When WCU teams take the field and parents take the sidelines, our club's pledge is on display. To achieve our goals, WCU's training programs are designed to be strenuous, support the development and spirit of each athlete and team, and challenge our players in an age-appropriate manner while adhering to stringent U.S. Youth Soccer guidelines.

By accepting this offer, your player commits to always put forth their best effort and participate in all scheduled team events. This commitment enhances the opportunity for each player to reach their full potential and flourish in a competitive environment.

Before a player can participate in the regular training sessions and games, the offer must be accepted and the LeagueApps registration must be completed. This includes payment of the \$300 registration fee, paperwork, and other club requirements.

Please read the below WCU rules and guidelines for players and parents, and an outline of the financial commitment for the coming year. If you foresee that you will not be able to make the financial commitment, please refer to the section on Player Scholarships and Financial Aid. Accepting a roster spot with a WCU team means you agree with all items contained in this commitment letter and the code of conduct. When you register online, you will be asked to agree to the Financial Policy, Parent Code of Conduct, COVID-19 Waiver, and Concussion Policy.

Acceptance of Offer and Commitment and Team Registration

Acceptance of this offer and commitment for the 2023/2024 Season must be made within 5-days or WCU reserves the right to offer the position on this team to another player. To accept the offer and commit to WCU, please register using the link provided in the email.

Thank you again for your commitment and welcome to WCU!

Sincerely,
Washington Capital United



WCU Rules, Guidelines and 2022/23 Financial Commitment

Player and Parent Commitment Expectations

WCU is a **year-round soccer program** (August through June) with league play during the Fall and Spring seasons, and training throughout the winter months. As a member of WCU, you understand and acknowledge that participation on a WCU team requires commitment and dedication to training two-three times per week (frequency varies by team) during the Fall/Spring seasons, games and/or tournaments on weekends, and participation in the winter training programs.

Return to play procedures following a COVID-19 infection will be based on current DC Health guidelines.

- Fall Season: Team training (2-3 times per week) begins approximately August 1st and runs through mid-November. League play begins shortly after Labor Day.
- Winter Season: Team training (1-2 times per week) is held for all ages, from mid-November to mid-February.
- Spring Season: Team training (2-3 times per week) resumes in mid-February and runs through mid-June. League play begins in late March and continues through mid-June.

Player Obligation

- Make soccer the priority sport for the fall and spring seasons. Lack of participation (without prior approval from the coach) could result in ineligibility to play.
- Arrive on time and fully participate in all training sessions
- Arrive on time and attend all league games, tournament games, and team events
- Stay up to date on club activities by reading emails, checking TeamSnap, and club websites
- Maintain player attendance to practice and games on TeamSnap
- Notify the coach if you will be late or unable to attend practice, game, or any organized team event in a timely manner.
- Communicate frequently with coaches and listen to their instructions
- Accept any additional assignments (including but not limited to at-home training and conditioning) from your team's coach
- Accept the coach's tactical/technical decisions (player positioning, play time, etc.)
- Respect all teammates and other WCU players.
- Abide by all club, league, tournament and other event codes of conduct.

Parent/Guardian Obligation

- Abide by the [WCU Parent Code of Conduct](#) and all [league and state codes](#) of conduct.
- Be encouraging, supportive, and affirmative in regard to how your child and their teammates play on the field.
- Ensure your child and their teammates behave in a manner that honors WCU, all families
- Refrain from bullying, racism and the use of foul language.
- Accept the team placement of your child (roster spots may be moved to different teams within WCU at any time).
- Accept the coach's tactical and technical decisions (playing time, player position, tactics, etc.), and not interfere with the coach's duties.
- Comply with the rules, policies, directions, and procedures of the team, administrators, and board members of the club as they apply to you.



- Set your child up for success by bringing them to all training sessions, league play, tournament games and organized team events on time. Lack of participation (without prior approval from the coach) could result in ineligibility to play.
- Pay all Club Fees and Team dues by the payment deadlines, and renew saved payment methods before they expire. WCU is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and relies on timely payments.
- Turn in all required forms by the time requested.
- Purchase club uniform kit.
- Read all team communications, check TeamSnap and the club website.
- Attend and participate in all team meetings.
- Notify your child's coach if your player will be tardy or unable to attend scheduled team events.
- Volunteer your services and talents for the team and/or club.
- Familiarize yourself with the Laws of the Games and respect officials and accept their decisions.

Code of Conduct

As a member of WCU, you must agree to abide by the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA), Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), league, and Club codes of conduct. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of my player from Washington Capital United.

- [WCU Parent Code of Conduct](#)
- [MSYSA Code of Conduct](#)
- [EDP Code of Conduct](#)

2023-2024 Financial Obligation

Washington Capital United (WCU) is proud to be one of the most affordable competitive travel soccer clubs in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. **By accepting a roster position with WCU, you understand and agree to the financial terms outlined below for the full soccer year (August 2023, through June 2024).**

Each player is responsible for the following financial obligations:

- Initial \$300 Registration Payment: Due upon acceptance of the offer to join the team.
- Annual Dues: The 2023/2024 dues, which may be paid in monthly or quarterly installments, are based on your player's age and team placement.
- Purchasing uniforms kits for games and training.
- Other fees that may be added to a player's account may include, and are not limited to, player transfer fees, state fees, team fees, etc.
- Additional Tournament and Travel Expenses: primarily incurred by our older and/or competitive teams. Families are responsible for other costs associated with travel soccer, such as: additional tournament fees (beyond the number of tournaments allotted by WCU), travel expenses (including, but not limited to, travel, lodging, and meals), and the cost of the coach's travel (travel & lodging). Fundraising by each team to offset additional costs is strongly encouraged.



Estimated Expenses by Age Group and Team Placement:

Age Group	Annual Dues	Uniforms	Tournaments	Estimated Total
Development Academy (4-8 y/o practice players)	\$1,300	\$75	\$0	\$1,375
U8 - U10 (2016 – 2014)	\$2,100	\$179 Youth	\$100*	\$2,379
U11 - U12 (2013 – 2012)	\$2,200	\$179 Youth	\$150*	\$2,529
U13 - U14 (2011 - 2010)	\$2,300	\$195 Adult	\$300*	\$2,795
U15 - U16 (2009 – 2008)	\$2,400	\$195 Adult	\$400*	\$2,995
U17 - U18 (2007 – 2006)	\$2,500	\$195 Adult	\$500*	\$3,195

**Tournament fees are expenses that a family could encounter for travel, lodging, and/or additional tournaments not covered by WCU. WCU covers three team tournaments per soccer year. Other fees that may be added to a player's account may include, and are not limited to, player transfer fees, state fees, team fees, etc.*

Installment Options:

Five Installments	August 1st, October 1st, December 1st, February 1st, and April 1st
Ten Installments	The 1st of every month, August through May

Game and Practice Kits:

WCU partners with Capelli to provide quality and affordable gear. **Each player is required to purchase a game kit and a training kit.** All U8 to U12 players must bring a ball to every training session. Uniform ordering information will be provided for each player upon registration. You are required to place orders directly through our uniform provider.

Payment Methods:

It is the responsibility of each family to ensure that payment methods are viable and up to date. All families utilizing the WCU installment payment plan **MUST** enroll in automatic payments. Payments are collected electronically via our registration platform, LeagueApps. Check payments will only be accepted if approved in advance by the Club.

What do the 2023/2024 fees cover?

As a non-profit organization, WCU fees are not constructed to generate any sort of profit. All our fees go directly to operating the organization. As such, it is important that payments be paid on time to the club.

The 2023/2024 fees cover the following expenses:

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| -Coach Salaries | -Field Usage | -Insurance |
| -Staff Salaries | -Three soccer events outside of league play (some age levels) | -Referees |
| -Administrative Fees | -State Association Fees | -Scholarship Fund |
| -League Fees | | |



Failure to Fulfill Financial Obligations

Failure to fulfill your financial obligation will result in the suspension of your player's eligibility to participate with WCU. Players with over 30-days past due balances may be subject to suspension. Players will not be allowed to train or play with the club until the account is current.

Returning WCU players must have a zero balance on past accounts, in order to register for the 2023/2024 soccer year. If you are unable to register due to an unpaid balance, please contact the Club Administrator to discuss your account.

We understand that extenuating circumstances and life happen. In the event that you need to delay or adjust an upcoming payment, please contact WCU as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements and submit a scholarship application (awards are contingent upon availability).

It is the responsibility of the player's family to remain current with the payments and maintain membership in good standing.

- **Where payment is 31 days late:** Director of Soccer Operations and Coach will be notified of the balance due and that member is not in good standing. The Player will receive a warning that if payment is not made within 30 days, the Coach will be notified and appropriate action will be taken by DSO including suspension from practices and games.
- **Where payment is 61 days late:** Director of Soccer Operations will discuss past due balances with the Treasurer and pursue all remedies available to recover past due amounts owed including removal from the Club.

Refunds and Payment Plan Cancellation

The initial \$300 registration payment is non-refundable. Should your child decide to leave for any reason during the soccer year, a request to cancel future payments must be submitted in writing to the Club Administrator and Treasurer and is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. All past payments submitted during the seasonal year (July to June) are non-refundable, unless otherwise deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Participation on a WCU team is an annual commitment. All players wishing to transfer to another team/club, or to leave the Club, during the seasonal year are subject to the terms and conditions of the MSYSA Player Rights and Obligations Policy and Non-Payment of Financial Obligations Policy.

Exceptions:

WCU will consider refunds of the 2023/2024 fees in the event of the following: long term injury to a player, or when a family moves beyond a reasonable distance to maintain participation in the club.

COVID-19 Cancellations and Refunds:

WCU understands that the on-going pandemic could impact the delivery of training and competition. We have taken this into consideration as we set up our payment system and deadlines.

Finally, please note that the registration fee has been significantly reduced this year to aid families who may have been impacted financially. However, the \$300 initial payment is non-refundable.



2023/2024 Scholarship Application

The scholarship application is available to all registered families. Scholarship awards are 100% need based. To be considered, you must submit an online application, upload the applicable documents, and pay the initial \$300 registration fee by August 1st, 2023. To ensure consideration for the scholarship program, WCU advises all families to submit an application as soon as possible, before the funds have been awarded. **Applications with missing documentation will not be reviewed.**

Families who experience a mid-season change in financial circumstances (medical emergency, loss of job, etc.), or those who join the club mid-year, may still apply for financial aid. Families should complete the application and notify the Club Administrator immediately.

NOTE: WCU does not provide FULL scholarships to players. Each family is expected to pay a portion of the annual fees. The initial registration fee will not be waived.

The scholarship application is on the club website

<http://wcunited.leagueapps.com/events/3935483-20232024-wcu-scholarship-application>.

Washington Capital United requires additional supporting documentation for the most recent tax year from all scholarship applicants such as:

- Current Proof of Eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch Program (copy of current lunch letter). If player is at private school then provide 1040 forms (see next entry)
- Copy of 2022 Federal Tax 1040 form with ALL W-2s and 1099s filed by all members of the household. If you are self-employed you must also provide Schedule-C.
- Current Proof of Eligibility LETTER for Woman Infant and Children Program (WIC) • Current Proof of Eligibility LETTER for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- Current Proof of Eligibility LETTER for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly food stamps)
- Proof of eligibility for housing assistance
- Unemployment or furlough documentation due to the pandemic

You will be notified of your award by the Club Administrator. Remaining dues will be discounted, as applicable.

Team Fundraising

WCU encourages teams to engage in fundraising activities to help cover costs not paid by WCU. All funds raised on behalf of a club team will be used for that team. Unused funds will be retained by the club for future expenses.