

# WEST HAMILTON

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# YOUTH SOCCER

PO Box 89033 Westdale Postal Outlet,  
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7 pm in the Westdale Public Library

Vacant Positions:	SECRETARY	REGISTRAR	ADMINISTRATOR*
	EQUIPMENT MANAGER	REFEREE COORDINATOR	
	DIR. HOUSE LEAGUE	VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	
	DIVISION CONVENORS, U4-U12		

\* paid position

Dear Members,

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." Just kidding of course. With Super Saturday and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance behind us, as well as the very successful Competitive tryouts coming to an end, its time to reflect back on a VERY successful season, but also a very challenging one. The Club saw growth for the first time in several years. Registration Numbers were up by some 70 players. Financially, the Club is on solid ground. Registration fees were not increased for the 2011 season. For 2012, Registration fees will stay relatively the same, with some very modest increases and decreases. Very modest.

After overcoming many hurdles and challenges in the form of neighbours protests, Niagara escarpment issues, etc, the Club and the City of Hamilton will finally be able to proceed to build a new field(s) at Churchill Park. The Club will make a serious financial commitment to this endeavour. We are also in the process of becoming the anchor tenant of the former Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, as part of the Churchill Park Master Plan.

The Club is also moving, ever so slowly, in hiring a Head Coach for the Club. Both parties (Club & potential Coach) are optimistic about having this in place for the 2012 season. The speaks directly to the OSA's main objective of long term player development.

On the pitch, our teams were akin to Barcelona FC, definitely not the biggest or the wealthiest Club, but winners nonetheless. In Open House League, our boy's teams ruled the West End. In Competitive, our teams continue to make tremendous strides. The discrepancy between our Club and the bigger Clubs has all but dissipated. Our Competitive teams are becoming more and more attractive not only for our kids, but also for kids throughout the City of Hamilton and surrounding burbs. Our Competitive tryout format was a huge success. This area of the Club has seen tremendous growth from two (2) All-Star teams some four years ago to eight (8) Rep teams and 1 All-Star team this past season.

With growth and success this past campaign, the Club also faces some challenges moving forward. The lack of volunteers, particularly on the Executive, poses a serious problem for our Club. It becomes very difficult to ask already "extended" volunteers to do more and more for the Club and its members. We are again facing a volunteer shortage, as current volunteers call it a day for various reasons, or are simply moving on. I urge you to volunteer your time and extend an invite to all members to attend the AGM and join the Executive. We currently have several vacant positions that must be filled, moving forward. Without more volunteers, the Club cannot function to its full abilities and meet the demands of its ever growing membership. PLEASE join us.

Thank You and see you at the AGM. Yours in Soccer,

Luigi Iantomasi, President

West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club (FC as the kids call it now!!!).

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Each year the club holds an Annual General Meeting, which allows for reporting of the year's soccer season from both recreational and administrative perspectives. The AGM is also a forum for members (players and parents) to raise issues for discussion, but to also bring forth new ideas for future seasons, in an effort to enhance the club and the service it provides. All motions being raised by any member must be submitted in full and in writing or email to the executive no later than October 21st, 2011 for inclusion in the voting portion of the AGM agenda. Motions not received by October 21st will be noted for discussion purposes only at the AGM and will be carried forward to the following executive meeting for voting.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS: The final item of the AGM is to elect a new Executive. This is run by a board of

director member, after the President dissolves the outgoing executive committee. We will consider a staggered term of one and two years for various Board of Director members to ensure continuity through the coming years. At the meeting, nominations are submitted, and once accepted, the voting process is held.

**PLEASE NOTE: WITHOUT AN EXECUTIVE THERE IS NO CLUB.**

### REGISTRATION FOR 2012 IS NOW OPEN – SEASON START MAY 22, 2012

**SAVE \$10 PER PLAYER BY REGISTERING BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2012**

Division	Fee	Born	Location	Tentative Schedule
U4 Co-ed*	\$115	2008	Churchill Bowling Field	Tuesday or Thursday @ 6 pm
U5 Co-ed	\$130	2007	Dalewood	Monday @ 6 pm
U6 Co-ed	\$130	2006	Dalewood	Wednesday @ 6 pm
U8 Boys**	\$145	2004 & 2005	Dalewood	Monday and Wednesday @ 7:15
U8 Girls**	\$145	2004 & 2005	Dalewood	Tuesday and Thursday @ 6 pm
U10 Boys	\$145	2002 & 2003	Churchill Mini	Tuesday and Thursday @ 6 or 7:15 pm
U10 Girls	\$145	2002 & 2003	Churchill Mini	Monday and Wednesday @ 6 or 7:15 pm
U12 Boys***	\$170	2000 & 2001	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U12 Girls***	\$170	2000 & 2001	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U14 Boys***	\$170	1998 & 1999	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U14 Girls***	\$170	1998 & 1999	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U16 Boys***	\$170	1996 & 1997	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U16 Girls***	\$170	1996 & 1997	varies, Interplay with Dundas & Ancaster	
U18 Boys***	\$170	1994 & 1995	varies, WWISL	
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Registration fee includes full uniform (socks, shorts, shirt). Shin pads are mandatory for protection and safety and are not included with registration price.

\* U4 season is shorter, running from May 22 through August 2, 2012

\*\* U8 B/G times and locations may be revised if our new fields are ready for 2012. We hope to have both divisions play at 6 pm.

\*\*\* Players born in 2001 or earlier (U12-U18) are required to register by March 31, 2012. Those who register after that date will be placed on a waiting list.

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## WWISL OPEN MEN'S & OPEN WOMEN'S FOR 2012

The West Hamilton Soccer Club has confirmed it will offer both an Open Men's and Open Women's division under WWISL for the 2012 Season. For more information, email [interlock@westhamiltonsoccer.com](mailto:interlock@westhamiltonsoccer.com)

### SPONSOR A TEAM FOR 2012

Are you and your company looking for an opportunity to support local youth recreation while benefiting from having your company logo displayed to our over 800 local families? Become a House League sponsor for 2012, for teams playing in West Hamilton, at the level that best fits your company. Contact our club to secure a spot for the 2012's season:

[sponsorship@westhamiltonsoccer.com](mailto:sponsorship@westhamiltonsoccer.com)

### VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WEST HAMILTON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

The West Hamilton Soccer Club is only made possible through the efforts of our volunteer Executive, Conveners and Coaches. We are particularly looking to fill the roles of Registrar and Secretary. Without our volunteers there is no club. Please contact the club for more information:

[president@westhamiltonsoccer.com](mailto:president@westhamiltonsoccer.com)

### CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: (289) 237- 2866  
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President: Luigi Iantomasi  
Administrator: Andrew McArthur

### PLAY UP REQUESTS

Please note players wanting to play up to the next division MUST register for their age's division with a written request to play-up.

To have a play up request accepted, the candidate MUST attend the Spring evaluations for both the age group they are in as well as the age group they want to play-up to. They must rate a 'B' or better in the age group they wish to play in. If these criteria are met, and there is a spot available to honour the play-up request, without having a negative impact on either age group, the play up request will be honoured.

### PLAY TOGETHER REQUESTS

Although West Hamilton Youth Soccer does accept player requests (players wanting to play with other specified players) and will attempt to honour them, please understand that division convenors are not obligated or mandated to accommodate such requests. Our goal is to create balanced teams for everyone's enjoyment. Teams in U8 and higher divisions are primarily created based on Evaluation results.

### LATE REGISTRATIONS

We would like to remind parents that once the season starts (May 22, 2012), children registering late will not be permitted on the field until their registration is processed by the club (this takes two days) and will only be registered if a position is available.

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## COACHING FOR WEST HAMILTON YOUTH SOCCER

Become a Coach for the 2012 Outdoor Season!  
WHYSC will reimburse any of our coaches taking  
Ontario Soccer Association coaching clinics. See the  
club website for full details and clinic schedules.

## TOBACCO-FREE SPORT AND RECREATION



We have had a number of requests in past seasons  
to stop all smoking at the fields. While there is no  
smoking (as per the Hamilton By-Law) on any school  
property (Dalewood and Westdale High), we  
request spectators at Churchill and Kay Drage  
support youth recreation by NOT smoking near the  
fields. West Hamilton soccer is strongly committed  
to healthy living through Tobacco-Free sport.

## VISIT US ONLINE

### [www.westhamiltonsoccer.com](http://www.westhamiltonsoccer.com)

Mark this site in your favourites and check back for  
information, policies, schedules etc. Please feel free  
to submit content, including pictures.

### [www.twitter.com/westhamsoccer](http://www.twitter.com/westhamsoccer)

Get the latest updates from the club on your smart  
phone.

### [www.westhamiltonsoccer.com/facebook.html](http://www.westhamiltonsoccer.com/facebook.html)

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## CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT

Participation in West Hamilton Youth Soccer is an  
activity eligible for the Children's Fitness Tax  
Credit. Receipts for 2011 season registration fees  
have mailed out. Missing your receipt? Contact  
admin@westhamiltonsoccer.com.

## EQUAL, FUN, AND FAIR

WHYS House League play is recreational and non-  
competitive. Children join for their enjoyment: to  
play, to learn the game, to have fun and to make  
friends. EQUAL PLAYING TIME is mandatory in all  
House League play.

## PLAYER, PARENT and COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

We encourage parents to get involved as  
volunteers within the club, actually we rely on it.  
Supportive cheers from the sidelines by  
parents/guardians are always encouraged.  
However, respect for all game officials (referees,  
convenors, coaches) and players is mandatory. If  
you are interested in coaching or assisting, please  
complete the necessary application and submit it  
to the club. If you are not interested, please allow  
those that are to complete the task. If you have  
an issue, speak to the Division Convenor instead  
of confronting the coach at the field. Most of our  
referees are players in our Club, so keep in mind  
that one day that may be your daughter or son  
out there! Issues with referees should be  
addressed to the Referee Coordinator at:

[refcoord@westhamiltonsoccer.com](mailto:refcoord@westhamiltonsoccer.com)

## DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Discipline Policy has been posted on our web  
site.