

Welcome to WarCats Soccer Club

Wayland and Weston Soccer Families,

Many of our young players enjoy playing club soccer; few of our families enjoy managing the demanding logistics of long drives to faraway practices or the conflicts with town soccer and other sports. They might not love the expense or the playing time either. Now there is an alternative to please players and families alike.

Wayland Youth Soccer (WAYS) and the Weston Soccer Club (WSC) are excited to introduce WarCats Soccer Club, a club co-managed by WAYS and the WSC that will begin play in the New England Club Soccer League (NECSL) in the Fall 2025 season. Key features of the WarCats Experience for our young players will include:

- Two practices/week and all home games on Wayland/Weston fields.
- Rosters drawn solely from WAYS and WSC players for more playing with friends.
- Minimum playing time requirements to ensure that every player receives fair playing time every game.
- Scheduling coordinated with WAYS and WSC BAYS programs to minimize conflicts.
- Attendance policies to enable participation in other youth sports.
- All WarCats players are expected to fully participate on their WAYS team (at least one practice per week and a game on Saturday)

We'll be hosting an online open-house discussion on Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm so that you can hear more about this opportunity for your young players to play club soccer close to home with their friends.

Wednesday, March 26 - 7 PM

WEBINAR LINK: <https://rwawealth.zoom.us/j/86039278964>

Tryout Schedule by birth year, *all times are PM*

GIRLS

2013 & 2014 - Sunday, 3/30 7:30-9:00 - Weston High School

2015 - Thursday, 4/3 7:30-9:00 - Weston High School

2016 & 2017 - Friday, 4/4 5:00-6:30 - Alphabet Road, Weston

BOYS

2013 & 2014 - Wednesday, 4/2 7:30-9:00 - Weston High School

2015 - Thursday, 4/3 7:30-9:00 - Weston High School

2016 - Tuesday 4/1 5:00-6:30 - Alphabet Road, Weston

2017 - Monday, 3/31 5:00-6:30 - Alphabet Road, Weston

Q. Why are you forming WarCats SC?

A. WarCats Soccer Club exists to provide young players from WAYS and WSC the opportunity to enhance their development through supportive professional coaching and competitive club play in an environment that challenges our players in age-appropriate ways.

Q. What's a WarCat?

A. A WarCat is what happens when a Wayland **Warrior** meets a Weston Wild**cat**. Sounds fierce, no??

Q. What are these "age-appropriate ways" you speak of?

A. We believe it is age-appropriate to coach our young players with care and to prioritize development over competitive success; to enable our children to play soccer fewer than 6 days/week if their minds or bodies need rest; to go the extra mile to try to avoid conflicts with other sports so that our children can fall in love with many sports and develop their physical abilities more completely.

Q. What league will WarCats play in?

A. WarCats SC teams will play in the New England Club Soccer League (NECSL - <https://www.thenecsl.com>). Additionally, games will be played on Sundays so as not to conflict with Wayland Youth Soccer games on Saturdays.

Q. Who will coach WarCats teams?

A. We have 6 professional coaches from ProPath, the same organization that currently provides pro coaching for all 18 BAYS teams in grades 3-6 in WSC with outstanding family satisfaction and has provided valuable coach and player training in WAYS for the past 3 seasons.

All WarCats coaches will have earned their US Soccer Grassroots 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 licenses.

Q. How much will WarCats SC cost and what does WarCats SC provide?

A. We expect the annual fee for WarCats SC teams to be approximately \$2,100 for a full year. That fee covers:

- 2 weekday practices/week and 1 game/week (on Sundays) for 8 weeks in the fall and spring seasons
- 1 indoor practice/week for 8 weeks in the winter
- WarCats uniform package, including:
 - 1 pair of shorts & socks
 - 1 game jersey & 1 training jersey that will also serve as our away jersey
 - 1 sweat top
 - 1 bag
- Participation in holiday tournaments (e.g. Columbus Day, Memorial Day) will be available as an optional separate registration and cost.
- Participation in a winter futsal league that plays on weekends will be offered as an optional separate registration and cost. (if ya gotta ski, ya gotta ski!!).

Q. How many teams will WarCats SC field?

A. We currently have 6 professional coaches committed to coach WarCats teams for Fall 2025. We plan to hold tryouts for both boys and girls in the 2013-2017 birth years. Unlike WAYS, teams are formed based on birth year, and not current grade. From those 10 cohorts we will choose up to 6 that we feel can be the most competitive in

our first season. It's important that the teams we field be competitive in the first season; the more competitive WarCats teams are, the more opportunities NECSL will give our young players in other age groups in future seasons.

Q. How will WarCats SC create rosters?

A. Each team will have at least 1/3 of its roster drawn from both WAYS and WSC. 7v7 teams will carry 12 players (minimum of 4 from each town), 9v9 teams will carry 15 players (minimum of 5 from each town) and 11v11 teams will carry 18 players (minimum of 6 from each town). Rosters will ensure that every WarCat has a core group of friends from home while our teams maintain a high standard of play.

Q. What is WarCats SC's policy on playing time?

A. Every WarCat in good standing will play at least 50% of each game.

Q. When will tryouts be and when will roster spots be offered?

A. Tryouts will be held March 31- April 4. Use this link ([WarCats Registration](#)) to sign up for tryouts and we will contact you as soon as we have dates & times finalized. WarCat tryouts and offers will be timed to fit with other club contract schedules.

- Please note that registration will occur through the Weston Soccer Club website, and you will need to create an account through their registration system.

Q. When is the close of registration?

A. March 30th

Q. How will WarCats SC help its young players combine club, WAYS/WSC travel teams and other youth sports?

A. WAYS and WSC will establish a combination of scheduling practices and attendance policies designed to allow our young players to play more of the sports they love with the teams they love.

- WAYS and WSC will reserve specific days of the week for WarCats club practices. Town travel teams with WarCat players will not practice on the same days as WarCat teams.
 - The days of the week reserved for WarCats practices may vary from fall to spring seasons
- WAYS and WSC commit to working closely with the youth lacrosse, softball and baseball organizations in both towns in selecting practice days with the goal of minimizing scheduling conflicts and enabling participation in multiple sports.
- WAYS and WSC attendance policies will require players to attend 3 of the 4 WarCat & travel team practices each week; the flexibility is designed to facilitate rest and/or participation in other sports.

Got more questions? We'd love to answer them!! You can email us at the addresses below:

[WarCats Registration](#)

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