

## FC WHEELING UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Dear Parents and Players,

Each spring, FC Wheeling United conducts player evaluations for the Travel Division for the upcoming year (Fall 2009 and Spring 2010). In advance of these evaluations, the Board of Directors of the Wheeling Area Soccer Association, Inc. ("WASA")/ FC Wheeling United would like to explain the process to be used in evaluating players, as well as the criteria for placing players on teams. (WASA and Eagles Soccer Club, Inc. legally merged effective January 5, 2007. The former Eagles Soccer Club, Inc. is now known as FC Wheeling United).

We strongly believe that the primary purpose of the Travel Program is to develop the skills and confidence of each and every player to assure their current and future enjoyment of the game. We recommend that you attend the tryouts. Note: Any player wishing to guarantee consideration to participate in the FC Wheeling United Travel Program must attend at least one tryout. Please arrive 30 minutes before the evaluation to sign in.

Please also wear appropriate soccer gear (cleats, shin guards, bring a soccer ball and water). Players should NOT wear any Cup or Travel uniforms to the tryouts and parents are NOT ALLOWED on the playing field during tryouts.

The player evaluations will be conducted under the supervision and direction of experienced independent evaluators. For this reason, and others, there will be a participation fee for our travel division this year in the amount of \$10.00 made payable to FC Wheeling United.

Travel evaluations will be conducted on the dates noted below at the fields located near Sonneborn shelter. You will also find additional information regarding the tryout schedule on the website [www.wheelingsoccer.org](http://www.wheelingsoccer.org). If for any reason you cannot make either of the evaluations, you should contact either Ned George at (304) 231-1605 or Aubrey Taylor at 280-5385 prior to the travel tryouts. The travel evaluations will focus on observing a player's skill development in a limited number of activities. The emphasis will be on observing what each player does well that can serve as the foundation for further skill development over the coming year. We also try to assess the player's general "understanding" of the game and how the player "reacts" in different game situations.

After the evaluations for each age group have been completed, the Travel Committee of the Board will meet to review and evaluate assessments of each player and will develop a consensus on the proper placement of each player. Notification of tryout results will be made via mail after the last tryout date. If you have any questions concerning the evaluation process, please feel free to contact either Ned George or Aubrey Taylor.

In closing, we would like to thank all of you who help keep this program running. Parents, we would especially like to thank you for encouraging your children on the sidelines and being supportive to them at all times. Thank you!!

Sincerely,

WASA/FC Wheeling United Board of Directors