

## **Regent Soccer Club Overview of Competitive Soccer: 2011-2012**

Regent Soccer Club fields competitive soccer teams at age groups U11 & up (5th grade and higher) based on player interest. Our core competitive player pool is kids attending school in the Madison West high school attendance area (including youth players from Shorewood Soccer Club) but the club is open to anyone. Regent competitive teams generally play in Madison-area competitive leagues. Highly motivated players interested in playing at the highest level should consider trying out for our alliance partner, the Madison 56ers.

The primary difference between competitive and recreational soccer at Regent is the interest/commitment of the player and family. Competitive teams practice and play more than recreational teams and competitive soccer is more expensive. Your child should not play competitive soccer unless they (and you) are committed to meeting these expectations. (Financial aid is available for players with need.)

While we continue to use the competitive tryout process, our goal is to provide a competitive soccer opportunity to all players interested in and committed to playing competitive soccer. However, if the numbers do not work out, we do use player evaluations to determine which players get referred back to Rec soccer. No player can be guaranteed placement prior to tryouts on a particular competitive team.

Our second objective is to provide each kid with the soccer experience most appropriate for them. Regent follows the “neighborhood classic” model in which we try to form competitive teams around neighborhoods/schools. Beginning at U12, we also re-form teams as needed based on player commitment and, as a tiebreaker, talent.

Regent competitive teams hire their own coaches. While we make every effort to connect teams with coaches, the team makes the ultimate decision on who to hire and what to pay them. Most Regent classic teams have paid coaches (hired and paid by the team) but some use trained parent coaches (paid or unpaid). All competitive coaches U11 and above are required to hold an “E” license and be registered with WYSA. All U15 and above coaches are recommended to hold a “D” license. Many Regent classic team coaches stay with the same team for two or more years.

In recent years, Regent has typically fielded 2-4 mixed (boys) and 1-2 girls classic teams per age group for U11-U14. Regent also fields single-season classic teams (girls in fall, boys in spring) for high-school age players (U15 and up) as interest dictates.

Regent participates in joint tryouts with the Madison 56ers, Magic Soccer Club, Shorewood Soccer Club, Verona Soccer Club and beginning the year, Middleton United Soccer Club (the Madison soccer “Alliance”). Each club maintains control over the formation of its own teams. (Shorewood Soccer Club has decided in recent years not to form competitive teams and to work with Regent to provide appropriate opportunities for Shorewood players.) The Alliance offers the additional advantage of being able to make teams composed of kids from the various clubs when numbers are not sufficient within a single alliance club to form a team.

**Regent Soccer Club**  
**Statement of Player and Parent Expectations and Annual Costs**  
**For Competitive Soccer: 2011-2012**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE GUIDELINES ONLY. WHEN ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PLAY ON A REGENT SOCCER CLUB CLASSIC TEAM, PARENTS SHOULD VERIFY THE PLAYER EXPECTATIONS AND ANTICIPATED COSTS FOR THAT TEAM.**

**Player Expectations:** Competitive soccer players should be interested in and committed to playing soccer several times a week in season. Organized activities for Regent classic teams ordinarily include two practices per week, an 8-game league season, and 1-2 local tournaments during both fall and spring seasons. Regular attendance is expected along with a desire to learn. Many Regent classic teams also play indoor soccer or participate in winter training as a team.

Beyond organized activities, the most effective way for your soccer player to improve their skills is to **play as much as they can informally** outside of organized practices and games.

**Parent Expectations:** Regent tries to hold down the cost of competitive soccer by using parent volunteers to carry out the tasks of team management. Typical team management roles are:

- Treasurer – collects team fees from parents and pays team bills.
- Manager – obtains player cards, manages uniform ordering, etc.
- Communication coordinator – manages phone tree or team website.
- Tournament coordinator – registers team for tournaments.
- Indoor coordinator – registers team for indoor sessions.

**Typical Expected Annual Costs for Regent Classic Soccer, 2009-10:**

Club Registration Fee		\$140
Uniform	about	\$65
3 Tournaments	about	\$75
Coach	about	\$100-\$300
0-2 indoor sessions	about	\$0-\$150
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>\$380-\$730</b>

**Scholarships:** Regent Soccer Club is committed to ensuring that cost does not prevent anyone from playing soccer at the level most appropriate for them. Scholarships are available for any child that participates in the free/reduced hot lunch program or meets the same income guidelines. Scholarships for qualifying Regent classic soccer players cover club registration, uniform, and normal fall/spring season costs (coaching fee, 1-2 local tournaments). They do not cover out-of-town tournament expenses or indoor soccer.

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