

Neenah Blast

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Team Goals:

Continue developing players for competitive soccer at an appropriate level. We will focus on building and developing individual skills and tactical concepts to enable our players to successfully participate in high level competition within the state of Wisconsin, whether at the State League level or at the East Central League Level. The Neenah Blast will strive to play in the State League First Division in the 2010 -2011 fall/spring season (U13). However, the coaching staff will continue to evaluate the appropriate level of play for the team, and will look to place the team in the league that best challenges the players. Our roster will consist of a minimum of 14 players, and perhaps as many as 18 players, depending upon the pool of available players. We will train players to perform in positions that best suit their skills and the team's needs, but we will move players periodically for development purposes. Playing on the team will involve commitment to the team and a certain amount of travel (Fox Valley, Madison and Milwaukee area). However, the coaching staff understands that girls at this age have a variety of interests and that they will be actively engaged in other sports or activities. We will work with families to help in balancing conflicts, but we do ask that players and parents reciprocate and help work to balance and minimize conflicts as well.

Practice:

Players are expected to attend all practices, although we understand that conflicts will periodically arise. Missed practice(s) will have an impact on playing time. Practice will generally be twice per week; TBD with team input. Practices will last 90 minutes for the spring and fall outdoor season. Practice plans will focus on the fundamentals of play, emphasizing good foot skill and good tactical play, and will utilize small sided activities. This small sided format allows for maximum touches of the ball. Progressively advanced tactical concepts will be introduced and developed throughout the year. There will be a significant focus placed upon good teamwork. Practice will be once per week during the winter months.

Off Season:

The coaches believe that at the U13 age the players and their families need some break (both physically and mentally) from organized soccer. Accordingly, the fall season will conclude at the end of October, and there will be no practices or games in November and December. We will begin indoor practices and games in January and then transition immediately into outdoor play in the spring (late March or early April, weather depending). The spring summer/season will end in mid to late June and there will be no organized practices or games in July.

Playing Time:

Players who are physically, technically, and tactically stronger at their positions may see more playing time; however, equal playing time is the goal. We will try to ensure that participation on the team is fun and rewarding for the girls, but we do expect all players to attend and work hard at every

practice. All players will be given the opportunity to make meaningful contributions in games. Hard work, a good attitude, and personal improvement will translate into more playing time.

Schedule:

Summer/Fall: Twice a week practice, starting in early August.
Weekly league games starting in September and competition in 2 to 3 tournaments.

November/December: Off-season. No organized team activities.

Winter: Starting in January, weekly indoor games at Soccer Heaven, weekly indoor practices @ the Kappes gym.

Spring/Summer: Twice a week practice, weekly games and competition in 3 to 4 tournaments.

July: Off-season. No organized team activities.

Expenses:

Depending upon the number of tournaments we enter, the cost will likely be approximately \$400 per player. This does not include travel expenses.

Team Offers:

After the evaluation and alternate evaluation sessions are complete, the assessors' data will be used to rate the players. After the tryouts (June 23, 2010), calls will be made to offer spots on the Neenah Blast. Calls will be made starting June 28, 2010. Families are asked to respond ASAP but can utilize the 72hr. rule so that the team can be formed promptly.

Team Administrator:

A parent position that will be chosen by the coaching staff. Responsibilities will include communication via email/phone to the team regarding scheduling and any administrative issues, as well as assistance with team budgeting.