



2020/2021 Team/Player Transition Plan

The spirit of this unique team formation is club and player commitment in a time of unprecedented events. Our goal is to support our community of players and provide a healthy and positive experience for the new season.

Overview:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Walnut Creek Surf Soccer Club realizes that the traditional and historical manner by which we would normally form teams may not be available to our competitive program. We've already postponed May tryouts and are awaiting NorCal Premier's decision if there will be a finalized tryout window for clubs in Region 3, including us. Currently, Contra Costa County is under mandated Shelter In Place orders. Though the state and county are starting to prepare for "opening the state up", club's like ours and throughout the NorCal Premier region 3 are developing other solutions for players and formation of teams for the 2020/21 season. Historically, NorCal Premier sets a "tryout window" in the spring, which is tentatively scheduled for June 6th--26th and has yet to be formally confirmed by their Board of Directors.

Due to both the impact of Covid-19, and the yet-to-be approved tryout window by NorCal Premier, we are uncertain if and when we'll be able to execute traditional tryouts. **Thus, after careful and thoughtful consideration, WC Surf has decided to offer ALL current WC Surf SC competitive players a roster spot for the next season (2020/21) without a traditional tryout.** We have provided an outline of our plan below, and hope you will take a moment to familiarize yourself with the details. Thank you for being WC Surf!

Priorities:

- 1) To ensure ALL current 2019/20 WC Surf SC players have a team and club to represent in the 2020/21 season.
- 2) Transitioning players from their current team to their new team will provide a sense of consistency, emotional support, and clarity in a time of unprecedented disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **Our intent is to provide players with a seamless transition into a new season; remaining on the same team as they move into a new season.**

Specifics:

- Players that are currently registered, in good Club standing, and rostered on a 2019/20 Walnut Creek Surf Soccer Club competitive 2011 thru 2002 girls or boys team, as of 5/13/20, will transition to their new teams in their same current age group.
- Players will be sent an email with a SportsEngine registration link that will require them to complete and fulfill the \$200 registration fee for Registration Part 1.
- If a player does not commit to Part 1 of the 2020/21 registration within the time frame allowed, they will forgo their team and age group opportunity and lose their guaranteed roster spot. See registration details for key dates.

- Academy 2013/14(U8) and 2012(U9) age groups will be supported by a Club tryout within the approved NorCal Premier tryout window. Dates are tbd at time of writing.
- Age groups and/or specific rosters that are determined to be in need of additional players will be supported by “age group trainings” during the NorCal tryout window. The tentative scheduled date range is June 6th to June 14th. The Club will promote “age group trainings” and set up all outside player registrations to “train” with a WCSSC team. This will only be done for players that have not committed to other clubs.
- On or around June 14th, team formation will be solidified and roster offers will be sent individually, via email. Upon receiving this email, a non-refundable \$250 payment for Registration Part 2 will be due via a SportsEngine online registration link.

To note:

- Our club will comply with all federal, state, county and city of Walnut Creek guidelines pertaining to player safety, including Covid19 Coordinator to oversee and return to play policies and guidelines expected.
- To suggest dates of certainty would be naive of us, however, we’ve been provided dates to consider if conditions open up and we can return to normal training. We recognize the impact of Covid19 is fluid and we will adjust dates as needed to ensure player safety. We appreciate full cooperation and patience, and are committed to regularly communicating updates.
- We have tried to think about numerous situations and outcomes with this transition plan and FAQ’s; however, if there are situations or issues that come up that we haven’t planned for, we will do everything to make it right by and for the player.
- There will be tryouts for age groups that require new players. Examples include our U8 Academy and U9. All other age groups will invite registration by WC Surf SC players FIRST. If any roster is in need of additional players after all WCSSC players have had the opportunity to accept a roster spot, our club will then review all options, including holding open “age group training sessions” to add to rosters
- Definition of season includes, but not limited to: Training and competitions that include NorCal Premier Fall and Spring seasons, State Cup, tournament & showcases, Surf Nation resources, Futsal (younger age groups) and club services. Virtual learning will be implemented as needed to best support players and teams - either voluntarily, or due to SIP requirements.

If you have any questions about our transition plan, player placement or anything about our competitive program, please contact our Director of Coaching, Adam Cooper at adam@wcsc.org.

