

FVASC Women

If you want to play soccer this spring, read below!!!

FVASC women are "merging" with West Hartford Soccer. Enough of our players have signed with the WH league that FVASC cannot reasonably field a women's league in the spring. The exception may be the women's REC team. We hope to have enough REC players and a possible deal with WH to send competition on Sunday nights that REC will go on. What this means is that REC can sign up with FVASC, but everybody else needs to sign up with WH.

Here's the hard part: **you need to postmark your application by Saturday, MARCH 1.** You can find the application form and their newsletter at the website: http://westhartfordsoccer.net/whwsc_home.htm. They have a hard deadline for applications (3/1) and if you don't get it in by then you are not guaranteed to be placed on a team. You can put it in after that date and hope for placement.

Some details on the WH league:

- They play Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the spring. In the fall, they are often forced to take morning times (worry about that later).
- They currently have 7 "A" level teams, and 10 "B" level teams. Our teams are probably reasonably competitive with their A teams, but you can try to get placed on one of their B teams if you prefer.
- They have a formal draft system for new players, and existing teams are required to "fill up" to at least 21 players from the available pool.

At this point, it looks like 3 different groups of FVASC players are proposing A-level teams in their league (versus signing up one person at a time). If you would like to be considered for one of these Farmington teams, write "FVASC" and your team name at the top of the application. If you would rather just join the lottery for one of their existing teams, just fill out the form.

Please understand that FVASC didn't make a decision to cancel women's soccer and WH didn't offer to find a home for all our players. A critical mass of people, acting more or less independently, decided to try something new. This means two things: 1) that some FVASC players may get left out in the cold, and 2) that WH may be overwhelmed trying to absorb our players. Expect snafus, delays, and second best scenarios. Hopefully, everyone will settle in somewhere that makes them happy, but it may not be immediately.

For now, the best insurance against disappointment is to get your app in by Saturday. Thanks for understanding.

Sincerely, the *FVASC League Administrators*