

Seattle United Older SYSA Select Team Migration Application Process

I. Background

Last year's formation of the Seattle United Soccer Club by SYSA did not mandate that existing older age teams (teams that were U14 or older in 2009 program year) be moved to operate under this new club. Existing teams are able to continue on as is under their existing host SYSA club.

However, the formation of Seattle United incorporated provisions that permit the creation of older teams and the voluntary migration of existing teams from their host clubs to Seattle United.

II. Instructions & Application Process

The purpose of this application is to permit interested, existing SYSA U14-U17 select soccer teams that want to move from their existing host club to Seattle United for 2010 year to state their desire to join Seattle United.

SYSA and Seattle United have established an online application process at sysa.org for teams to state their desire to join. This Seattle United Older SYSA Select Team Migration Application is an online process performed through the SYSA web site. If your team decides to migrate to Seattle United, a designated team representative goes to sysa.org – "Member Login"- "Register Now" – "Seattle United Team Application 2010". Complete the application. The site is now open.

The process is much like how past select applications have been completed by SYSA select teams. The application request is free. Upon application approval, the application shall also serve as the basis for the SYSA select team registration (the SYSA select team fee will be invoiced to Seattle United at a future date after tryouts). Upon completion, applications will be confirmed by SYSA as having been received. Applications will remain strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by members of the Seattle United Team Migration Committee.

Below are definitions of data that will be requested as part of the online application process hosted on the SYSA web site.

WSYSA Team ID: Provide the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) team identification number issued to your team by SYSA on behalf of WYS.

Current Host Club: State the current SYSA club hosting your team.

Team Name: State the team name.

2009 Age/Gender: State the age and gender of the team.

Players on Team: State the number of players that are rostered and active members of the team.

Players Committed to Transition: State the number of existing players on the team that intend to tryout for the team under Seattle United.

Requested Tier in Seattle United (Citywide/Premier and Regional/Select): Seattle United will host two (2) Citywide/Premier teams per age/gender and all other teams will be classified as Regional/Select teams.

Desired League. Select the league that the team desires to play in during the 2010 season. WYS State League refers to the Washington Youth Soccer state league. PDL (or its replacement) refers to the Inter-District Player Development League which includes teams from throughout the state. Inter-District (NPSL) refers to the North Puget Sound League which includes team from Districts 1 and 2.

Is Retaining Current Team Status Important. State whether the team must retain its current position in its existing league and team placement as a condition to migrate to Seattle United.

Other Notes/Comments. Advise of any special circumstances or requests that should be known.

III. Statement of Direction

By its designated representative completing the online Seattle United Older SYSA Select Team Migration Application, the team is affirming its voluntary desire by the majority of the existing team members to apply for team migration to Seattle United. All parents and players understand that select team formation is a competitive process and players will need to earn their position on the squad much as in years past.

If you have questions regarding the completion of this form please contact the Seattle United Team Migration Committee at seattleunitedfc@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Select Team Migration Committee
SEATTLE UNITED Soccer Club

APPENDIX 1: Older Team Migration Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do we state our intent to migrate to Seattle United?

A: If your team decides to go this direction, a designated representative from your team goes to sysa.org - member login - register now – Seattle United Team Application. The registration is now open.

Q: When do we need to state our intent to migrate to Seattle United?

A: To ensure sufficient advance preparation can be completed, the following deadlines exist for Older SYSA Select Team Migration Application:

Age/Gender	Application Deadline	No Tryout Before This Date
Boys U16 & Up	February 24 th	March 12 th
BU15	February 26 th	May 7 th
Girls U16 & Up	February 26 th	April 30 th
Girls U15	February 26 th	May 7 th

Q: Can we keep our team name?

A: Older age teams that come across will be permitted to keep their names provided there is no reference to the former host club. For instance, if a team called the Magnolia Red Raiders comes across, they would be renamed to the Seattle United Red Raiders (dropping the reference to the prior host club).

Q: Can we continue to use our current team uniforms?

A: Yes if the team will be a U18 team in the 2010 program year. If the team will be a U17 team in the 2010 program year, the club will listen to the team’s request. If the team is a U15 or U16 team, no, new team uniforms will need to be provisioned by Seattle United.

Q: Can we keep the team together or do we have to hold tryouts?

A: In the sense that you can move an entire team across to Seattle United, no. Select teams require tryouts to be performed for the team to be accepted by SYSA for placement in leagues. The nature and structure of the tryouts required depends upon the type of team it is (Seattle United Citywide/Premier or Regional/Select). Some of the current age/gender groups already planning to participate in Seattle United (i.e. BU15) are collaborating to have citywide tryouts for their ages. So it depends and requires more communications.

Q: Can we keep the same coach?

A: In short, it depends. While there is the possibility of retaining the current coach for both a Citywide/Premier or a Regional/Select team, the final decision resides with either the Director of Coaching or the Regional Operating Committee (ROC). For Citywide/Premier, all teams that plan to have their players compete for and fill a citywide/premier slot have coaches assigned by the Director of Coaching. Any decision on coach placement will support existing league rules that govern where such a team will play. For Regional/Select, all teams that plan to fill a regional/select slot have coaches assigned by that region’s ROC in coordination with the Director of Coaching. The general position of the ROC(s) in Seattle United’s first year with these older teams will be to support coach movements across to the club with a team.

Q: How much is it going to cost to play in Seattle United versus where we are today?

A: The pricing model for each tier of play (select, citywide/premier) are currently being finalized. You can contact Seattle United directly at the email address above and someone can call you to give you ranges to consider. For regional/select teams that want to have their migration to Seattle United be “revenue neutral” and “minimally affected” by this migration to Seattle United, the club’s Finance Committee is establishing ‘minimal cost/minimal change’ pricing model to support older age U15-U18 regional/select teams. Restrictions will exist on services offered to these teams by the club but will ensure the “minimally affected” is established in year 1. Details on this migration option can be supplied by Finance to interested teams.

Q: Can we choose between whether we are a regional or citywide team?

A: An existing regional/select team can choose to continue being a regional/select team and requires the support of that region’s ROC. An existing citywide/premier team can choose to become a regional/select team if that is the desire of the team (again, with the support of that region’s ROC). An existing citywide/premier team can complete this application, thereby requesting to become the basis for an older ages (U15-U18) citywide/premier team within Seattle United.