



2008 SPRING SEASON INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Far West Regional League's 2008 Spring Season. Here is a summary of some key points regarding the FWRL for the upcoming season.

ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT INTO DIVISIONS

The Team Application deadline is November 9, 2007. You may apply for admittance to the FWRL on line at <http://www.regioniv.com>. Click on FWR League and follow directions to apply.

If your state is using the Affinity Development Group (ADG) registration system, log on using your account user name and password. If not, create an account and apply. Your state association will review your application and solely determine if your team will receive state association recommendation (approval) to participate in the FWRL.

Only after state association recommendation, will the FWRL review the application and determine if your team will be accepted into the FWRL for the 2008 Spring Season. In completing the application form, teams are required to submit accurate information on team accomplishments. Misrepresentation of team accomplishments may result in the team being disqualified from FWRL participation. State associations may apply whatever criteria they deem necessary in determining the team representatives from their state.

Following approval by the individual state associations, the FWRL Technical Committee will determine the final selection and placement of all teams. Teams will be notified via e-mail regarding their acceptance and placement into specific divisions within the FWRL.

All FWRL team fees (\$350 to the FWRL) are paid on-line via credit card or by check directly to FWRL Commissioner, 4152 Dietz Farm Circle NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107. Some state associations will charge an additional fee.

SCHEDULING—BOYS and GIRLS U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-18 AGE GROUPS

Team availability to play on March 8, 9, 15, 16, 29, 30 and April 12, 13 will be determined during the application process so that this information may be used for scheduling purposes. Games will be scheduled from February 16, 2008 but will primarily focus on the weekends comprised of the eight dates above. The FWRL Committee will schedule all games on those weekends in a fair and balanced manner. It is entirely possible that all games will be completed in those eight days. If playoffs are needed they will be played April 12 and 13, 2008. State Cup games take precedence over any FWRL games. In the case of scheduling conflicts State Cups games are the only acceptable reason for non-participation in FWRL contests. The forfeit policy will be rewritten at the Regional Council meeting in Hawaii in October, will apply to the Spring 2008 season, and will provide harsh penalties for forfeiture of FWRL games.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The FWRL has adopted a promotion/relegation system. The specific number of teams promoted and relegated within each age group will be determined when team placement is announced.

LEAGUE RULES AND POLICIES

In order to view a copy of the latest League Rules and Policies, please go to the Region IV website at <http://www.regioniv.com> and click on the FWR League tab for the FWRL Charter, Rules and Policies. Any questions can be directed to Jim Tilley at fwrljt@aol.com.

TEAM ROSTERS

The 22-player roster and 3-player guest roster will be utilized for the U18 and U17 age groups. For all other age groups, an 18-player roster and 7-player guest roster are permitted. All FWRL team rosters are considered approved upon state association approval of your application. Guest player rosters must be approved by your state association according to local rules and then filed with the FWRL.

HOSTING

Teams may submit a request to host FWRL games by filing an “Application to Host Multiple FWRL Games” form that is found at <http://www.regioniv.com> (see Hosting Guidelines). For self-schedule games, teams do not need to file an application to host. In situations where more than one out-of-town team is visiting your site for FWRL games, an application is necessary.

WEBSITE

The FWRL website – www.Regioniv.com – is our communications anchor. We attempt to provide timely information to FWRL teams via our website including the latest schedules, scores, standings, playing sites, contact names, rules and regulations.