

WFT Season VII News

*"The simplicity of giving the beautiful game back to our youth,
is the essence of a more natural process of developing futbol players."*

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- The **WFT's best Winter Season ever**, is fast approaching with its first 2 of **14 events** taking place on **Saturday (Nov 28)** of Thanksgiving weekend with the **Atlanta and Queen City 3v3 Turkey Shoot** tournaments. These tournaments will be followed by 12 more events including **(3) Holiday Cups** (Atlanta, Charlotte, & Knoxville), **(2) indoor Futsalito** tournaments (Charlotte, Atlanta areas) and **(7) traditional WFT 3v3** events throughout Dec – Jan.
- **Deadline** for teams to take advantage of the **Winter Tournament Package Plan** is **NOVEMBER 6**. Team fees are lowered to \$135 from \$170 when bundling 3 tournaments.
- The **Disney 3v3 Championships** are less than 3 months away. Teams can still register as the **deadline has been extended to December 5**.
- The WFT is actively getting its **Season 7 Summer Schedule** in place leading up to the WFT 3v3/6v6 World Cup VII in Rock Hill, SC on July 30-31 at Manchester Meadows. Building on the success of last summer, the WFT will be adding tournaments in the VA-MD markets, Alabama and also in Tennessee. Other developments include moving the Mid-South Cup to Chattanooga to better accommodate teams in the tri-state area of GA-TN-AL. We hope to release the schedule by December 1. More news as they develop....

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- WFT announces its **3v3 Academy/Club Program** to help the soccer families of 3v3 specific academies/clubs that will offer team discounts at WFT events. The basic requirement is that the 3v3 club/academy must have a minimum of 6 teams to be eligible for tournament discounts. More details can be found on each event website.
- WFT announces its **new game standards** that will challenge its players to play in smaller spaces and in some ages, with a smaller size ball. WFT players will continue to develop a higher Soccer IQ, improve their technical skills and increase their futbol fitness.
Field sizes: 15x22 yds (U6-U10), 20x30 yds (U11-U15), **Ball sizes:** #3 (U6-U10), #4 (U11-U15)
- In order to maximize minutes played, more touches and more decisions for each player, the WFT highly recommends that teams only **play with 4 players in each event**. Teams will be able to carry up to 6 players, but that will be the limit. More teams will be created, which is another reason the WFT has introduced its **Tournament Package Program** to keep costs down.
- Speaking of the **TPP**, the deadline to bundle and save on 3-5 winter events is Friday, November 6.

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- The WFT is excited to announce the site for the **WFT 3v3/6v6 World Cup VII** to be held on July 30-31, 2016. **Manchester Meadows Park**, home of the 2012 USYSA Nationals, in **Rock Hill, SC** will be the host facility.
- **WFT Futsalito** will be introduced in both the Charlotte and Atlanta markets this winter on Saturday, December 26. This hybrid WFT 3v3 game will be played with a futsal ball on a hard court surface.
- The WFT is also pleased to announce the debut of its first **winter event in Knoxville, TN** on **Dec 28** at the Johnny Long Training Academy. This venue features turf fields.
- WFT will be coming out with **new game standards** to better prepare club players for the new US Soccer Small Sided Games formats. The WFT will always strive to provide fun and more challenging small sided games for players outside of their normal club soccer training and match activities.

9/16/15

- The Season VII Winter Schedule has been released: 15 events in 4 states

- The WFT is pleased to announce a new benefit for its "regular customers" that play in multiple WFT events each winter and/or summer season. It is called the WFT Tournament Package Program (TPP). This winter, teams will have the opportunity to bundle the registration of 3 or 5 tournaments to provide big savings for their soccer families. The winter TPP will run thru November 6. Teams can save up to \$300 if they register before October 1!!! Download TPP PDF from any event site or [CLICK HERE](#).
- This fall/winter the WFT will hold a variety of *Special Edition events in Atlanta, Knoxville, Charlotte and Gambrill, MD. These events are about the spirit of a holiday or the WFT 3v3 game in a different playing environment. And they are always about having FUN!!!
- *Special Edition Events: Halloween, Holiday, and Futsalito

8/28/15

- The WFT is proud to announce the hiring of Tim Cochran as its Tour Director. "Tim's specific experience in our industry will help elevate the mission of the WFT to new heights, bringing WFT 3v3 & 6v6 small sided futbol to more youth players throughout the country.", says Kenyon Cook, President-WFT. Based out of Atlanta, he will also continue to run events in the Mid-South Region.
- The WFT Winter Season will offer 10+ 3v3 events, including the introduction of "WFT Futsalito". This style of WFT 3v3 will be played indoors on a hard surface with a futsal ball.
- The WFT is also adding another year to its 3v3 age divisions: U15. This was made possible with the HS 6v6 division age adjustment to U16-U18 for boys and girls.