

Western United F.C. Boys U-16 Travel Expectations

Western United F.C. recognizes the value and special significance in participating in Tournaments and Matches outside of our immediate area. There are many benefits to this type of travel including:

- Gaining experience in playing higher level of competition
- Playing in a high pressure atmosphere
- Building team camaraderie
- Seeing and playing against different styles of play
- Participating in a professional soccer environment
- Showcase our Teams and Players to the outside soccer community

In order to present ourselves in the best possible light as players, a team, and as the Western United F.C. soccer club, we have adopted some guidelines that all players and our team should follow.

Pre-Trip Activities

- It is highly suggested that all Players travel and lodge together in the same hotel. Special accommodations may be made to take advantage things such as Frequent Flier Miles
- The coach should outline the minimum requirement needed for transportation and lodging keeping in mind that cost is an integral factor in the decision making process.

Team Behavior Rules

- Coach, players, and parents should review and agree on general travel behavior requirements and consequences if violations are committed.
- At the coach's discretion, players may be sent home at parent's additional expense if they violate serious behavior rules related to drugs, drinking, illegal activities, tobacco products or having members of the opposite sex in rooms at any time. Act Responsibly.

Player Responsibilities

- Because of the importance of tournament play to the development of a team, all Western United F.C. players are expected to participate in every event if selected, unless injured.
- Players are to act like young gentlemen at all times in any public places.
- Each Player is required to be where the Coach wants you to be at the time the Coach sets.
- Hotel rooms must be kept neat and organized. Also, players should tip housekeeping at the end of their stay. A player should be designated just prior to check-out to inspect the room for any items (clothes, uniforms, money etc.) left behind.
- We are guests of the hotel. Footwear and proper attire should be worn in the public areas of the hotel. Our reputation for future stays by Club teams are on the line, please act responsibly!
- Players are to be punctual and strictly follow all curfews.
- Any problems must be communicated to the Coach immediately.
- **REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE WESTERN UNITED F.C.!!**

Team Activities

- The Coach will determine all soccer related activities during the trip.
- Parents and players should remember that team activities take priority over any personal agendas you may have.
- Soccer trips are not vacations. Obviously having fun is a part of all trips but we must remember that soccer must remain the top priority at all time.

Travel Dress

- Players should wear a standard outfit such as team polo shirt, warm up top or some other appropriate team attire at any team activity such as flights, team meals, and opening ceremonies.
- As we are a premier soccer club, baseball hats and caps should be left at home !!!

Guest Players

- Guest players are invited to play at the discretion of the Team Coach.
- They will be expected to pay their share of team expenses unless other arrangements have been directed by the Team Coach.

Hotels

- If more than one Western United F.C. team is going to a particular event, it is desirable that teams try to arrange to stay at the same hotel to promote camaraderie amongst teams.
- Hotels that include continental or full breakfasts are preferred.
- If players are sharing rooms, and someone leaves early, they are still responsible for their share of the total cost of the room.
- Team meetings should be in the common area of the hotel and will be held at the discretion of the coach.

Transportation

- Players are not to drive any rented vans.
- Unless transportation is provided by the team, all players are responsible for transportation to, and from events.

Meals

- Teams should strive to eat together at team meals if possible.
- All players should be following their own prescribed nutrition and hydration policies.

The Western United F.C. Uniform

- Whenever a Western United F.C. U-16 player is in uniform, he is representing the Club and should wear his uniform properly and with pride. Each Western United F.C. team must have a Red jersey and a White jersey as dictated by Club colors. Many teams also carry a third uniform which may be any color based upon team discretion

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TAKE PRIDE & ACT THE PART!!!