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NYSWYSA entered its second year in coordinating and providing a state qualifying spring travel league for the I-86 southern tier corridor and western New York region as well as a U10 & U12 fall recreational league for its various member districts. Both were again a solid success.

2014 EXPRESSWAY SPRING TRAVEL SEASON

The 2014 season of the Expressway League Spring Season saw a total 38 teams in 7 different divisions play out an 8-game season. Divisions were comprised of U10G, U10B, U12G, U12B, U14B, U14G, & U19G. This was a net increase of 10 teams and 1 additional division from the inaugural 2013 season.

Registered teams were again from all over the Western NY region including Rochester, Buffalo, Olean, Corning and Binghamton in addition to the core teams from the I-86/390 corridor.

This season saw an increase in the number of club teams looking to enhance their level of competition from that of standard travel leagues as well as add extra games to existing premier league schedules. This is a trend we expect to continue with more clubs indicating a willingness to register teams that fall between standard travel league competition and the Thruway League.

Division Champion T-Shirts were awarded upon conclusion of the season and winners receiving a look at the 2015 Thruway League season as well as qualifying for State Cup competition.

We expect an increase in team registration as the league matures and finds a common competitive theme as a qualifying league in Region 1.

2014 EXPRESSWAY FALL RECREATIONAL SEASON

The second season of the Expressway Fall Recreation League Fall saw a total 29 teams in 6 different divisions playing out a new format 6-game Home & Away season with each region hosting a developmental festival for participating teams as well as other NYSWYSA member clubs. Divisions were comprised of U10G, U10B, U12G, & U12B.

Registered teams from the Buffalo Region remained consistent with last year, while the Wayne/Fingerlakes Region almost doubled in registered teams. 15 teams from the Elmira/Binghamton Region opted to play only in the newly formed Broome County SA fall league this year. If this were not the case, we would have realized a net increase of 9 teams from the 2013 season



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We expect the Wayne/Fingerlakes Region to grow in size into the 2015 season as word of mouth spreads. Both the regular season schedule and the developmental festivals were a popular success. The Wayland-Cohocton Soccer Club and Pembroke Soccer Club were this year's developmental festival hosts.

Division Champion Team trophies and player participation medals will be going out shortly to winners and all participants respectively.

2015 SPRING TRAVEL & FALL RECREATIONAL SEASON PLANNING

Doctor John Skillings, the Expressway Commission president steps down this year as he retires from active involvement in youth soccer for over 35 years. SFC William Ernest will be taking the helm from Doctor Skillings as the Expressway League president for 2015. Bill is a New York State Army National Guard Recruiter for the Hornell, NY region and is an active coach and staff member of the ALS Premier SC and the Alfred Almond SC. He is the Head Coach of the ALS Premier U18B State Cup team. Bill brings a wealth of coaching knowledge with him as well as a great deal of enthusiasm in helping the Expressway League grow in numbers and popularity.

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