

SPORTSPLEX OVERVIEW (continued)

Other Sporting, Recreational and Entertainment Activities

- **Children's Birthday Parties**—Sportsplex hosts children's birthday parties, ranging from skating, soccer or inflatable castle parties.
- **WSA Rapids**—Bellingham's semi-pro indoor soccer team drawing 350-400 spectators per match .
- **Pole Vaulting**—the Bellingham Parks and Recreation Dept. conducts pole vaulting training and instruction to local track and field athletes.
- **Concerts, trade shows & fundraising events**—the Sportsplex turf side has been the venue for a wide variety of community events concerts by bands such as Jefferson Starship, Lydia Place Rummage sale, Bocce Ball Tournament, and community sponsored guest speakers.



Bellingham Chamber Of Commerce Spring Business Expo



Sportsplex Birthday Party In the Little Caesars' Party Room



Mixed Martial Arts Fight Event



WSA Rapids Semi Pro Indoor team in action



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*WSC strives to provide the highest quality recreational facilities and programs for the Whatcom County community.*

*How can you support the Whatcom Sports Commission's MISSION?*

*The Whatcom Sports Commission provides high quality recreational athletic facilities and programs to serve the Whatcom County community. We are always working to improve our facilities and programs to provide the best possible venues and experiences for the community at an affordable price.*

*You can be a part of our great programs and facilities that reach so many people in Whatcom County and beyond. There are many advertising sponsorship opportunities available at both of our facilities.*

*Please review the Sponsorship inserts in this brochure and if you are interested in supporting WSC's efforts please contact:*

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NORTHWEST SOCCER PARK



**SPORTSPLEX**  
*Soccer Skating Hockey*



## WHAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY

**Whatcom Sports Commission** (WSC) is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1986 as the Whatcom Soccer Commission. WSC was developed to build, operate and maintain athletic facilities for youth and adult recreational activities in Whatcom County. WSC developed one of the finest soccer facilities in the state of Washington; *Northwest Soccer Park*. In 2004, WSC expanded its focus to include the management and operation of the Sportsplex Indoor Soccer & Ice Arena. At that time it changed its name to the Whatcom Sports Commission to better reflect the programs of the organization.



WSC staff and board develop and manage high quality programs, tournaments and camps to reach as many children and adults in Whatcom County as possible. WSC has a community Board of Directors that provide oversight and direction for the WSC Executive Director and staff.



### WHATCOM SPORTS COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

*The Whatcom Sports Commission, a non-profit organization, provides enjoyable recreational facilities and programs for Whatcom County and surrounding area residents. It is our goal to provide affordable, safe, fun, and healthy environment where the community can enjoy a wide range of unique recreational programs and activities.*

*WSC facilities and programs are operated & maintained without any burden to the taxpayers of Bellingham & Whatcom County*



### NORTHWEST SOCCER PARK

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WSC partnered with Whatcom County Parks Department to obtain the land to develop for the soccer fields. Northwest Soccer Park (NWSP) fields are located on 31 beautiful acres on the corner of Northwest Drive and Smith Roads in Bellingham.

There is space for 12 full size high quality grass soccer fields to be used for various soccer activities for youth & adults. NWSP is host to the following purposes:



### YOUTH SOCCER



- Playing site of the *Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association* which averages 470 Teams ages 5-18 with over 6,000 Whatcom County youth participants in spring and fall.
- Playing site for local High School boys and girls soccer teams

- Practice site & game site for Whatcom FC Rangers Select Soccer Club
- Host to various youth soccer coaching clinics

### YOUTH TOURNAMENTS

- **Baker Blast**—180 teams for boys and girls in June (3,300 players and coaches)
- **Rimland Pacific Cup**—110 team all girls tournament in August (2,000 players and coaches)
- **Pacific Coast Challenge**—120 teams all boys tournament in August (2,200 players and coaches)

### YOUTH SOCCER CAMPS

- *Whatcom Soccer Academy* hosts week long summer youth soccer camps for the children of Whatcom County. (550 participants)

### ADULT SOCCER

- Site for the *Whatcom County Adult Soccer Association* (WCASA)—over 1800 men and women participants spring and summer leagues.
- **Ballapalooza**—65 team WCASA sponsored coed tournament in July (1,300 players)



*Over 10,000 people attend the games at Northwest Soccer Park each weekend of WCYSA's 16 weeks of recreational soccer!*



## SPORTSPLEX ICE & INDOOR SOCCER ARENA

The Sportsplex is located at 1225 Civic Field Way in Bellingham next to Civic Field. Each year over **500,000 people** pass through the doors of the Sportsplex to participate in its programs and use its facilities. Sportsplex has a NHL size ice arena and two indoor soccer arenas with field turf synthetic surface—one is a full size indoor arena, one smaller size. The Sportsplex has a very wide and varied user groups as you can see from the following:

### ICE SIDE



- **Public Skating**—Weekend, Adult and community Skate times are available during the week. (4,500 skaters per month)
- **Sportsplex Hockey & Skating Academy**—offers programs that provide basic to advanced programs for youth & adults to learn how enjoy skating and hockey.
- **Adult Hockey**—*Sportsplex Hockey League* is home to adult hockey leagues that have 20-25 teams that play up to three season per year.
- **Minor Youth Hockey**—*Whatcom County Amateur Hockey Association* uses the Sportsplex as home base over 125 kids participate in their leagues.
- **Western Washington University Hockey**—Playing site for all of WWU Hockey Squad's home games, averages 300-400 fans per game
- **Figure Skating**—*Bellingham Figure Skating Club* is a year round user of the Sportsplex ice.
- **Speed Skating**—*Whatcom Speed Skating Club* is a regular user at the Sportsplex.

### TURF SIDE



- **Indoor Soccer** — *Sportsplex Indoor Soccer League* (SISL) is comprised of 70-80 adult teams and 85-95 youth teams per session.
- **Learn to Play Programs**—The Whatcom Soccer Academy (WSA) operated by the WSC provides basic instruction on the fundamentals of soccer as well as teaching various aspects of the indoor game for both youth and adult players. The WSA also provides advanced training for the higher-level players.