



**International Foosball Promotions (IFP)** in partnership with **Foosball Clubs USA** are focusing on new player development through youth-based foosball programs at the middle and high school level. School programs such as Foosball Club USA enrich students through skilled competition and team commitment.

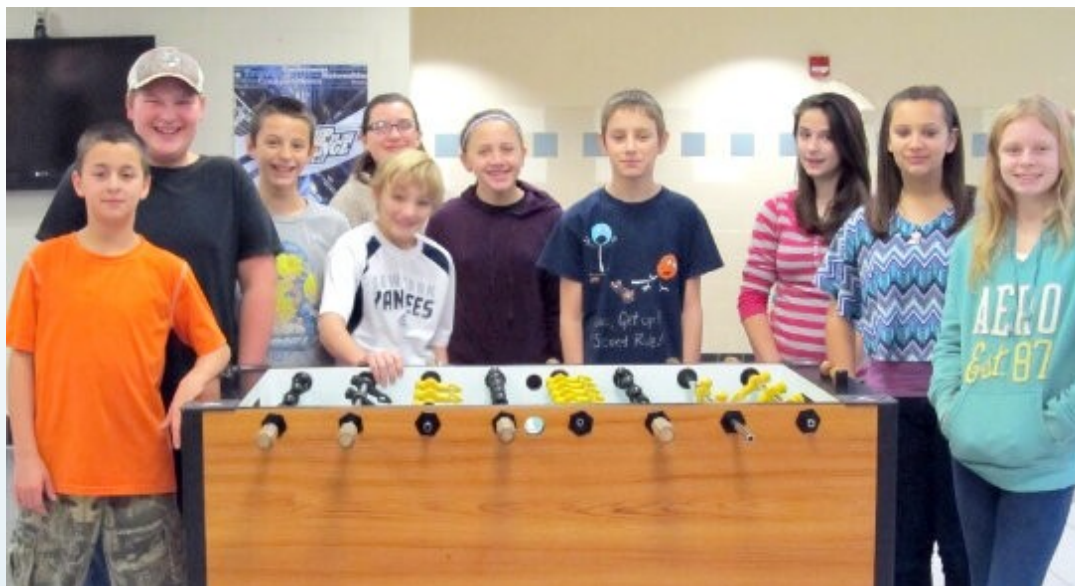
As a professional foosball tournament promoter, IFP brings 40-years of experience in grass roots player development and tour promotion to aid Foosball Club USA in developing community and professional-level player relationships. A partnership with IFP combines training and the vendor support needed for the success of school youth programs.

Everguide tournament software, created by IFP, allows for a player database for competitive interscholastic tournament foosball promotions at the local, state, and national level.

Foosball Club USA and IFP look forward to creating and growing successful foosball school programs in your area.



# North Rose-Wolcott Foosball Program



The North Rose-Wolcott Foosball Program kicked off its *Warm-up Series* of winter foosball tournaments with a middle school-only event December 6th, 2014.

Taking first place in the Singles division, 8th grader Kelsey Roberts. Second place was picked up by 8th grader Kevin Paul, and 7th grader Kalen Roberts placed third. Roberts and Paul completed their day with a first place finish in the Doubles division. In the Doubles event, second place by Kalen Roberts and Madeline Tompkins, both 7th graders, while Justin Bachman and Joseph Custer, also 7th graders, took third. Other participants in this first-of-four tournaments were: Aubrey Lisen, Lorryn Moore, Kyaira Meyle, and Jesse Norton.

The NRW Foosball Program is holding four *Warm-up Series* events in preparation for the larger New York State Foosball Tournament, held in Syracuse in May, 2015. Dates for the remaining three *Warm-up Series* tournaments are Jan. 17, 2015, Feb. 21, 2015, and Mar. 28, 2015. Each tournament is held at North Rose-Wolcott High School. The remaining three tournaments are open to any high school or middle school student in the Wayne County area.

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The North Rose-Wolcott Foosball club is seeking schools interested in organizing a foosball league for interscholastic team matches.

To start a foosball program in your school, contact NRW Foosball Club adviser John O'Brien at (315) 430-2179, or by email [jobrien@nrwcs.org](mailto:jobrien@nrwcs.org).

Foosball tournaments are played in accordance with rules established by the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) [www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org).



## Foosball Clubs USA

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**Mission statement:** Foster school and community-based foosball clubs for school-aged youth.

### Goals:

- **Create** a network of education professionals to work toward the development of school-based foosball programs.
- **Communicate** the goals of Foosball Clubs USA to and through all available foosball outlets; player associations, tour organizers and promoters, and table manufacturers.
- **Assist** school staff members; teachers, administrators, coaches, etc., to introduce foosball into their school district as a recreational and competitive activity.
- **Secure** quality foosball tables that withstand the rigor of daily use by players.
- **Develop** interscholastic leagues through which students are able to compete with players from other schools at the local, regional, state, and national level.
- **Facilitate** networks of foosball players, both professional and amateur, to provide training in the sport.
- **Introduce** school based Foosball Club programs in schools across the USA.
- **Sponsor** local school-based foosball tournaments for local players.

### The Future:



The success of our efforts at NRW encourages us that with a thoughtful plan, vendor cooperation, and the support of the foosball community, we can bring school-based Foosball Clubs to other school districts nationwide.

A Kickstarter fundraising campaign is initiated in early 2015, to launch the national **Foosball Club USA** effort.

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## The Journey of North Rose-Wolcott School District Foosball Program:

**2011 - present:** Four one-hour foosball classes after school on a weekly basis, as part of the official *After School Program*, of the North Rose-Wolcott School District (NRW) in New York.

**2013:** Official district-wide Foosball Club.

**2014:** Four foosball tables played daily in middle and high schools through a variety of programs.

- School sponsored foosball tournaments played throughout the school year.
- School district providing busing for Foosball Club members to compete in a statewide foosball tournament.
- To date, an estimated 250 students have learned to play competitive foosball in the structured setting of a middle school *After School Enrichment Program*, high school Foosball Club, or by a supervised lunch time foosball activity.
- Relationships established with major foosball promoters, player associations, vendors, and table manufacturers.

### Narrative:

What started as only a hopeful idea in the Spring of 2011, has become a tangible reality and established foosball institution in the North Rose-Wolcott school district in upstate New York.

The huge success of Foosball Club USA is evidence that the sport of foosball can serve the needs and interests of both students and educational staff, in achieving many of the social and relational goals of the school system.

The evolution of events that have brought us to where we are today, and where we are headed in 2015...

**Summer 2011:** Initial contact made with table manufacturers to secure support for a school-based foosball program. Dave Courington assisted the North Rose-Wolcott (NRW) district in purchasing two Tornado tables for the middle school *After School Program*.

**Spring 2011:** An *After School Program* is created at the middle school, meeting twice a week. This program has introduced hundreds of middle school students to competitive foosball.

**Spring 2012:** Two foosball tournaments are held at the middle school through the *After School Program*.

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**Narrative Continued:**

**Fall 2013:**

- Brendan Flaherty and Evan Stachelek assist NRW high school in the purchase of a Warrior table.
- North Rose-Wolcott school district establishes an officially sanctioned Foosball Club at the high school, with sixteen members.
- NRW High School Principal creates a foosball program and a foosball table available to students prior to school, during lunch, and after school.

**Nov. 2013:** Eight Foosball Club members compete in the Northeast (NE) Foosball Tournament in Syracuse, NY. NRW students placed 2nd in the Doubles event and 3rd in Singles.

- During the NE Tournament, the NRW student players were witness to an extremely top level talent of foosball competition, meeting some of the highest ranked and long standing players of the sport, including veteran player Charles Mackintosh.
- The result of their participation in the NE Tournament, a Tornado Cyclone II table was donated to the NRW Foosball Club, by Joseph and Liam Fisher. The table was delivered to the NRW high school lobby by Kevin Westcott, a USTSF State and Regional Director, for use by all students and the Foosball Club.

**Feb. 2014:** With the help of Kevin Westcott, the NRW Foosball Club sponsored its first local foosball tournament, open to any area middle school and high school player.

**Aug. 2014:** Communicated Foosball Club USA goals to table manufacturers such as Valley-Dynamo, Warrior, and Shelti along with major promoter Mary Moore of International Foosball Promotions (IFP), and vendor Charlie Macintosh of tornadofoosball.com, Inc. Special table pricing was secured from vendors and table manufacturers.

**Sept. 2014:** A 4-month series of foosball tournaments organized for December - March, as a *warm up* to New York States tournament scheduled for May 2015.

**Oct. 2014:** Lunch time Foosball Program is launched at the NRW Middle School.

**Dec. 2014:** NRW Middle School Principal expresses recognition that school foosball activities have a positive impact on students, who otherwise are not involved in school sports and clubs. A commitment is made to share the benefits of a school-based foosball programs to administrators in other districts, in efforts to establish interscholastic competition.

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