

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

December 2, 4 – F-license class at Piscataway High
December 5 - Instructional On Line Soccer Registration Opens
Dec 8 -General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ **Kennedy Library**
Dec 8 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:00 @ Kerwin's
Dec 18 - **Spring Travel Registration Cut-off - \$50 Late Fee after**
Dec 12, 14 coaching F-license at Piscataway HS Kerwin's
Jan 19 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
Jan 31 – Background checks due
Feb 14 - Spring **Instructional Registration Cut-off - \$50 Late Fee after**
Feb 16 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
Feb 10, 12, 17, 19 – E-license class at Piscataway High
March 1 – Instructional registration closes.
March 8 – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ **Westergard**

Winter Membership Meeting

The Winter General Membership Meeting is being held on Thursday, **December 8, at 7:00** at **Kennedy Library** on Hoes Lane, **so mark it on your calendar now!**

Please come and provide input to your Board Members.

Each team is responsible for supplying at least one person. Immediately following the meeting at 8:00 will be the Board of Directors meeting, which will be at Kerwin's. All interested members are welcome to attend.

BOE/PSC Joint Venture

The BOE has begun flattening some of our fields. You may have noted the one section of Conackmack roped off, in which the BOE used the box spreader donated by the PSC to level and fill with top soil prior to seeding.

Instructional News

The instructional VP's first of all would like to thank all of our Instructional coaches who volunteered for the fall season!! This season went very well thanks to all your hard work and dedication. We hope that you liked and took advantage of our new training provider, USA! Our hope is that through their knowledge and expertise we can continue to develop our player's skills and love for the game of soccer. Additionally, USA will be offering indoor training opportunities exclusively to PSC

Instructional players this winter for anyone looking to advance their skills. Dates, times and cost TBD. Any coaches who are not returning for the spring season, please let Ed Farmer know ASAP and return the coaching kit and any keys to Jeff Sundelof. Registration for the spring season will open in December and run through February. The spring season is tentatively set to begin the week of March 19th. Our only anticipated change for the spring will be for U7. They will be introduced to the keeper position and transitioned to playing on larger fields with more field players later in the season. This is to ease the transition to Travel soccer. Try outs for Travel soccer will be held after this spring season. Additionally, PSC will be hosting F and E license courses this winter. Any coaches who have not been licensed are encouraged to attend this winter.

Travel News

Travel soccer has completed another season with great results. PSC had 6 teams in the thick of the top spots in there flights and all the others showed very well, not just in win loss column but in overall knowledge and skill development. The new u-8 and u-9 teams are practicing and becoming quite good with there skills on the soccer field. Our other teams have been practicing hard and have shown great improvement. We are looking forward to the spring season and having repeats of the successes our teams had this fall. We are also looking to add players to a few teams and are also looking to bring in another u-8 team from instructional soccer. Travel and instructional soccer are closer than ever before and the cooperation seems to be a huge bonus for the entire club. We are also in the mist of hiring a new training company to take over were 2G has left off. We will miss the 2g touch but are looking forward to the new training company to help bring our club to the next level. While we have been extremely busy looking for the new training company, we have heard many great things about this club. The comments are that we as a club are extremely organized and our players are tough competition with very clean players who are hard working and respectful. These are very nice thing to hear from opposing clubs and training companies. I

would like to thank the parents, players and coaches for all the hard work put in and look forward to a spring season with the same cooperation and volunteering that was done this past season.

Coaches Licenses

The Piscataway Soccer Club requires all coaches to obtain at least an "F" License to coach an instructional team and in travel, age U-10 and below. **Head coaches in travel U11 and up must have at the minimum an E license before the start of the Spring 2012 season if you are new and don't have it already.** This United States Soccer Federation sanctioned "F" classes are recommended for coaching youth soccer from ages 6-11. The PSC is hosting an F-License class on Friday December 2 and Sunday December 4. **All slots have been filled for this session.** The F license class is a nine-hour class (three hours lecture on Friday night and six hours of field play on Sunday in this case). It is important that all people coaching for the soccer club take the class. The cost of the course typically is around \$35 and will be reimbursed to members of the Piscataway Soccer Club upon completion of the class. *Registration must be done through the NJ Youth Soccer web site listed below.*

If you have obtained the F-license and are looking for more training or are coaching older children, it is recommended you to take the E-license course. Since February 2007, the PSC also requires all those coaching traveling teams U-11 and up to obtain the E-license. The E-license is an 18-hour course held over 2 weekends in a similar format to the F-license. **The PSC will be hosting an E-License class on Friday February 10, Sunday February 12, Friday February 17, and Sunday, February 19.** The E-license is \$75, but upon completion you will be reimbursed by the club. We will send out notifications to the club when registration opens. If you would like to take either the F or E-license course, you may find a class location by visiting either

www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/fsched.htm or

www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/esched.htm

Registration must be done through the NJ Youth Soccer web site listed above, even for those classes hosted at Piscataway High.

Spring 2012 Registration

Registration for Traveling is available on-line now!

Registration must be submitted by December 18, after which there will be a \$50.00 late fee.. Registration for instructional will begin on-line starting December 5. Please keep checking the website and look for e-mails from the club.

Soccer Tournament News

The following is a note from our Tournament Director, Mike Majorczak:

I want to thank everyone for all your help in running a very successful tournament this past September. We raised approximately \$24,000.00 with 120 teams attending. We turned away over a dozen teams due to not enough parking. This was a marked improvement after 3 years of declining revenue, as we doubled our profit from 2010. We had many compliments from Coaches on our Volunteers, and I take my hat off to you all it was a true team effort. I can't say enough about my tournament committee; they worked most of the weekend with me at Green Acres, and put in many hours prior in preparation. Thank you for all you have done for the Club.

Even with the heavy rain the week before, we were able to hold our Tournament thanks to the assistance of the BOE Grounds Crew and our volunteers! Bridgewater unfortunately had to cancel theirs, and they lost that opportunity to raise funds for their club. Many coaches were very impressed that we were able to pull it off, it was a huge feather in our cap for our reputation and future business at our tournaments to come.

Planning for next years tournament is already underway, which will be September 2012- 9/8-9/9. **Fall Classic Tournament – Club Wide Fundraiser.** Since this a club wide Fundraiser and the entire club uses the Portable Lights that were purchased this year at a cost of \$60,000 with past tournament funds, we will be requiring returning Instructional Teams to participate. We need additional people to assist with Concessions, Cooking, Parking, and Field Marshalls. We are one club, and we need to all work together to maintain and improve our facilities and equipment.

Unfortunately School Tax Dollars are tight, and the PSC helps out by using our Tournament Funds to purchase seed, fertilizer, Goals, Nets, and Soil when needed by the BOE Grounds crew. The BOE School Teams and the PSC Teams share the same fields.

We have some of the best Grass Fields in the area, and we want to continue to Partner with the Board of Education to maintain and improve our practice and game fields.

Looking forward to another Great Year of Soccer and a Successful Tournament in 2012.

Travel Advisory Committee (TAC)

Chair

After many years without a TAC Chairman, the club welcomes Diane Pein to the helm. Diane is an assistant coach with the Galaxy and brings a great deal of enthusiasm. Diane will need help in the process so please keep this in mind as the time draws near and volunteer for the committee. The primary responsibility of the committee to propose a tryout process for the next fall season and to organize and oversee the conduct of team tryouts. Contact Diane Pein or Mike DeSordi if you are interested in helping.

Team News

Want to have some fun information about your team's season put in the newsletter? Just send them to the public information officer at groussey@erols.com.

U11 Boys Vipers

The Vipers were placed in Flight 4 this season, which was a two flight jump from the previous season. Many teams we faced had played in flights 1, 2, or 3 the previous season. The boys sure rose to the task and finished the season 2-3-5, with the last two losses coming on the last weekend to the number 1 and 2 teams in the flight, which we had previously tied. The Flight Winner had 26 goals on the season but our boys held them to only one goal the last game. The boys worked on their defense and the improvement of the players was noticeable through the season. Their teamwork also improved and it is a credit to them their hard work in practices to strive to get better. Great Work boys!

U14 Boys Tomahawks

The Tomahawks wrapped up an amazing season over the Thanksgiving weekend with a 4-0 win over Montgomery. In just one short year since this team was formed, the team has moved from the bottom of their flight to fighting for 1st Place. All players were challenged at practice and they all worked very hard to get to where they are. In the fall of 2010, the team was giving up five goals a game and only scoring 1.2 goals per game. With an extreme amount of focus on defense, team work and clearing up the sides, the Tomahawks reduced the goals against per game to 1.5 and increase their scoring to almost 2.9 goals per game. This led the team to their season ending 6-2-1 record and finished second in their flight. Coaches, trainers and the parents are all proud of what these amazing boys have done in just one year of the team coming together. Congrats Tomahawks and continue to push yourselves to the next level.

Snack Shack

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to sell at the shack on Sundays. Please help to make this a success by giving it your support, both as a consumer and as a worker

Background Checks

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches, whether instructional or traveling, are required to fill out the Kid Safe form, as well as filling out an on-line E7 background check. The form is used to complete and cross check with background checks. All information requested on Kid Safe forms must be filled in. If it is not completed, you will not be able to coach. The BOD had decided that every two years all coaches, trainers, managers, and Board members would have to go through the E-7 background checks. Unless you have gone through a background check this fall season, you must do it again. **The information will be kept confidential with one board member only assigned to review the findings before the records are deleted. Please go to. It may say 2009-2010, but disregard if it does. You will be forwarded a link by your respective Vice Presidents once all names are confirmed for the Spring 2012 season.**

Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to www.mnjysa.org or www.njrefs.com and look for referee course information for entry level grade 8 referee classes. You must be at least 14 years to take the reffing class. Please keep checking the website to see if any classes are added to the current list and **look for information on the club website.** However, if you have done traveling soccer and know the rules, you can ref instructional games. Please contact Brian Hinds if you are interested. If you get your reffing license and ref instructional, there is a bonus pay.

Site

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org

Please visit our website on a regular basis. There is a lot of great information and coaches can create their own team page.

The training schedule for all teams has been posted.