



The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

March 9 – Start of Travel and ICYSL Training
March 19- General Membership, Travel and Instructional Coaches Meeting @ 6:30 @ Patton Cafeteria
March 19 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's
March 21/22 – Start of Travel Season
March 23 – Start of Instructional Training
March 28 – Start of Instructional Season
March 28/29– Start of Little Kickers
April 4 – Start of Inter-county Youth League
April 9 – CPR Class
April 16 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
April 25 - Travel Day @ 12pm @ Green Acres
May 1 – Girls night out @ Quibbletown Park.
May 8 – Premier Tryouts
May 9 – Mid New Jersey and ICYSL Tryouts
May 21 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
June TBD - General Membership Meeting/Elections @ 7:00 @ Patton Cafeteria
June 18 - Board of Director's Meeting @ Kerwin's
Sept. 12-13 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

Winter Membership Meeting

The Winter General Membership Meeting and Instructional/Travel Coaches Meeting is being held on Thursday, **March 19 at 6:30 pm** at **Patton Cafeteria**, **so mark it on your calendar now**. Please come and provide input to your Board Members. **Each Instructional, Inter-county Youth Soccer League, and Travel team is responsible** for supplying at least one person. Immediately following the meeting will be the Board of Directors' meeting to be held at Kerwin's in Middlesex at 8:30. Interested members are welcome to attend.

Message from the President

Dear Members

I am looking forward to fun Spring Season for all. For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member since 1994 when my oldest daughter joined Instructional Soccer as a Kindergartener.

In my tenure with the club, I served as an assistant instructional coach for 3 years and a travel coach for 8 years. I served on the Board as Recording Secretary for

12 years before becoming President in 2013. I volunteered on the Tournament Committee for 9 years before becoming Tournament Director 10 years ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the club watching my 2 daughters' progress from Instructional Soccer to Varsity Soccer Players at Piscataway High School. Now my granddaughter will be joining the club this Fall as a Little Kicker!

We are always looking for help with the tournament committee. It is the one and only Club Wide Fundraiser each and every year. Last year we had 212 travel teams attend and raised \$41,582.80 in net profit for the club.

We use these funds to save up for future capital improvements as well as yearly seed and fertilizer donations to the BOE Grounds Department for our playing and practice fields.

In the past these funds have been used for:

- \$90,000 for the Green Acres Leveling Project to provide more space for playing fields.
- Light Tower Purchases – We own and maintain 10 light towers
- Purchasing of goals and nets annually
- Paint supplies and machines

I am looking for someone to head up Sponsorship Recruitment for the tournament.

If you are interested, please reach out to me, as we really need help with this as our current volunteers are overcommitted. If you want to help out in field building or other areas, also please reach out to me. We are always open to new ideas. Planning for our 40th Annual Fall Classic will begin next month.

We have 2 vacant positions on the board of directors:

- Travel Head Coach
- Club Historian/Statistician

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these two positions, please reach out to me.

The PSC is a 100% Volunteer Run Organization. Without the help of dedicated parents and grandparents, the club would not exist!!

Thanks

Mike Majorczak, President PSC & Tournament Director Piscataway SC Fall Classic

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Instructional News

The instructional season will start on Saturday, March 28. We have heard from membership that they are upset that we have gone to birth year for placing players on teams. The parents concerns were discussed at our Board meeting and for **the spring season we will place players by grade.**

USA is again providing training for the instructional program. **ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE GREEN ACRES SOCCER COMPLEX.**

If you have not heard from your coach, please contact Joe Wojtowicz or Mark Batulis immediately.

Travel News

The Travel Season will start the weekend of March 21/22. Training is held at Conackamack. Refer to the Field Usage column for more details.

ICYSL News

The ICYSL season for PSC teams is scheduled to start April 4. USA will once again be providing training, which will be held at Conackamack.

CPR Class

The Board of Directors voted to require coaches to be CPR certified, as many other organizations are requiring. The Club is hosting its first club sponsored class, which is free to coaches, on April 9. **There are still 4 spots open,** so please contact Mike Majorczak

(mw.majorczak@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

Ashton Davis Makes ODP

Travel President Jeff Sundelof would like to notify the club that Ashton Davis of the U16 Boys PSC Premier Celtic was recently selected to the 2004 Boys ODP (Olympic Development Program) squad! Ashton has played with PSC since U6 when he starred on the U6 Instructional Panthers. He then joined the PSC Travel program at U8, being selected for the PSC Cosmos. He continued his career at PSC after the US Soccer birth year changes with the PSC Celtic, where he is one of the key members of the team! Additionally, Ashton has trained with and played for PDA in Somerset. His work ethic, skill set and love for the game are second to none and we at PSC wish him the best with the ODP program! To get an idea of what that program entails, click here: <http://www.njyouthsoccer.com/odp-program-information>



Ashton Davis Makes ODP

Fee Increases and New Credit Card “Service Fee”

Registration fees for the fall season will increase approximately 7% due to increases in our training costs.

Also, the club was recently informed that our new website provider (Our provider sold the service to another firm) is now charging a new service fee for every credit card transaction. It is a \$2.80 fee that they are adding to every transaction that you make. For example: if you pay your child’s full year registration in one payment, you will see an additional \$2.80 service fee added. But if you pay the \$100 dollar deposit, and then split the remaining amount into say three other payments, you will be paying a total of \$11.20 in additional fees, as \$2.80 is charged for each transaction. Please understand this is NOT a fee that goes to the club, but rather to our website provider, so please minimize your payments if possible.

PSC Hosts Girls Night Out

PSC will once again host a Girl’s Night Out. This year’s festivities will be Friday, May 1, starting at 6:30. As the turf field is being worked on, it will be held at Quibbletown Park (behind Quibbletown Middle School) under the lights. Bathrooms will be open. Tell your daughters to bring a friend, or let a neighbor know. It is a fun night to get the girls together and hopefully keep them involved and get their friends involved.

PSC Winter 5v5 League

Well we didn’t get any snow (yet), but the Winter 5v5 League just finished and it was a great success. We had 44 teams who played 154 games over 7 weeks. Kudos to Chuck, Jeff, Denzel and Yasmeen for running the show. The PSC was well represented, but all of the participating teams benefited from the experience. According to coach Chuck, “Our league gets players used to making quick decisions in small spaces, which will help them play better as they transition to larger outdoor fields in the spring.”

PSC Hosts NJ State Conference

The PSC hosted the NJ Youth Soccer Club Summit for mid NJ. Presidents and representatives from surrounding clubs met to discuss important issues facing today’s youth soccer clubs. (For example, some clubs hold tryouts in March-April, trying to lock-in players for the following September.) PSC President Mike Majorczak and VP’s Jeff Sundelof and Chuck Myers attended the meeting, which was held at the Piscataway HS on February 4th. According to President Mike, “It

was a great opportunity to meet the NJ Youth Soccer President, Exec Director, the NJ state Director of Coaching, and their staff. The NJYS office has never reached out to individual clubs like this. It was very encouraging. We hope they will continue this annual meeting format and we look forward to hosting it again in the future.”

Field Usage News

The turf field is closed for the spring. The bleachers and light towers are being replaced and storage spaces enlarged. Here is the overall club training:

- USA Training sessions will be conducted at Conackamack. (Coaches, Please see training Schedule for Field Map)
 - Training Begins the Week of March 9th
- Coach lead session (with lights) will also be at Conackamack.
- Coach led session that do not require the use of light towers can be conducted anywhere **except** all of New Market and only the area designated on the training map for Witherspoon. Also, no training at Quibbletown Park and Schor school where the goals are set up, as this equipment and space is owned and used by a separate club and is off limits to us. **All games fields are off limits to coach led sessions.**
- **EDP and MNJ Season Kicks off on March 21st.**
 - Game fields are as follows:
 - U8 / U9 / U10 game fields will be at Green Acres
 - U11 /U12 game field will be at New Market
 - U13 and up game fields will be at Witherspoon and Conackamack.
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Training and games for ravel and ICYSL will be at Witherspoon and Conackmack, and when needed Green acres. Instructional training and games will be at Green Acres. Witherspoon will be used for travel and ICYSL training. Please stay off Game fields for training.

CoVid-19

The NJ State Referee coordinator sent out a note that he saw from the Utah State Referee Association regarding the Coronavirus that we thought we would share. It is likely good advice

for coaches to discuss with their players when appropriate: “As everyone is aware there is great concern regarding CoVid-19. Being involved in sports, we come in contact with a large number of athletes and bodily fluids from sweat to spit. What is known about the virus is that the incubation period can be up to 14 days. Depending upon the surface and environmental conditions, the virus can live outside of the body for a few hours to several days. In order to protect ourselves and others, I would like all of us to follow these protocols:

- After the game (or before), either bump fists or elbows with the players and coaches. Avoid shaking hands with anyone.
 - Avoid spitting on the ground. In the course of a match, a player may slide through it.
 - Cough into your elbow.
 - Do not share whistles.
 - Wipe down the handles of flags with an alcohol based rub or wash with soap and water.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol based rub for at least 20 seconds. That is the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.
 - If you are feverish, contact your assignor and do not officiate. Stay home.
 - Stay at least 3 feet from anyone who is coughing.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding CoVid-19, contact your medical provider or your county health department.”

In addition, the School District has created a [Coronavirus Parent Resource](#) page on the district website that details steps the Board of Ed is taking to prepare our families and schools for any necessary response, district policies in place to direct health safety and security, and links to other helpful information. A link to this page is also available on the home page of all school websites.

Background Checks

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches, whether instructional or traveling, are required to have a background check as part of the coaching approval process. Team managers, all coaches and Board Members will need to fill out an on-line background check.

The information will be kept confidential with one board member only assigned to review the findings before the records are deleted. You will be forwarded a link by your respective Vice Presidents once all names are confirmed for the Fall 2020 season.

Reffing Info – Revamped Process

New Jersey youth soccer has revamped the referee requirements for referees. Any new prospective ref need to sign up for a new referee class for one day and then attend an on the field class on another day. Grade 9,8, and 7 refs will all be known as Grassroots refs. New refs can now start this process at 13 now.

Check out the website, as there will be no more club hosted classes for young refs.

<http://www.njrefs.com/becoming-a-referee>

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.

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

PSC 2012 Hotspurs

Our club’s U8 boy’s squad was at it again, this time splitting into FOUR different winter teams that competed in the club’s Winter League. Everyone had a great time and the coaching staff was very happy with how everyone was progressing.

PSC U13 Arsenal

The boys U13 Arsenal won their Division in the Clubs Winter 5v5 League, going 6-0-1!



Web Site

Please visit our website on a regular basis. There is a lot of great information **See us on Facebook!** Lots of Tournament photos.

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org

Coach Chuck's Word Search

Can you find all 26 Major League Soccer (MLS) team names?

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| 2. Chicago Fire FC | 11. Orlando-City-SC | 20. Nashville-SC |
| 3. FC-Cincinnati | 12. Philadelphia Union | 21. Portland-Timbers |
| 4. Columbus-Crew-SC | 13. Toronto-FC | 22. Real-Salt-Lake |
| 5. DC-United | 14. Colorado-Rapids | 23. San-Jose-Earthquakes |
| 6. Inter-Miami-CF | 15. FC-Dallas | 24. Seattle-Sounders-FC |
| 7. Montreal-Impact | 16. Houston-Dynamo | 25. Sporting-Kansas-City |
| 8. New-England-Revolution | 17. LA-Galaxy | 26. Vancouver-Whitecaps-FC |
| 9. New-York-City-FC | 18. Los-Angeles-FC | |

Last Newsletter's Word Search Answer Key (PSC ICYSL and Travel Team names)

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