



Winter 2017- 3/15

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

- March 9 – Travel Coaches Meeting @ 6:00 @ Patten Cafeteria with windows
- March 9 – Instructional Coaches Meeting @ 6:00 @ Patten Cafeteria w/o windows
- March 9 - General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 @ Patton Cafeteria
- March 9 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's
- March 12 – Start of Travel Season, U-11 and above
- March 25, 26 – Start of Travel Season, U-10 and below
- April 1 – Start of Instructional Season
- April 1 – Start of Inter-county Youth League
- April 7, 22 – Travel Tryouts
- April 22, 23 – Start of Little Kickers
- April 20 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's.
- May 18 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
- June 8 - General Membership Meeting/Elections @ 7:00 @ Patton Cafeteria
- June 8 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's
- June 17 – PSC Picnic!!
- Sept. 9-10 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

Winter Membership Meeting

The Winter General Membership Meeting is being held on Thursday, **March 9 at 7:00 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.

June Elections

The Piscataway Soccer Club needs you!! As per the bylaws, anyone wishing to run for an office on the Board of Directors must register their intent with the Club Parliamentarian, which can also be done through the Election Committee, **by May 15.** As per the by-laws, you cannot be nominated from the floor at the June meeting unless there is no one running for the particular office. Every member is encouraged to consider running, as you may have new and fresh ideas to offer to the club. Each officer has assigned responsibilities and there is a Board of Directors'

meeting once a month. The following offices are filled by the elected membership: President; Executive Vice-president; Vice-presidents, traveling (two); Vice presidents, instructional (two); Vice-president (Inter-county youth League, Treasurer; Secretary; Registrar; and Public Information Officer.

The club needs dedicated people willing to work well with people of differing opinions and looking at the long range as well as immediate goals of the club. If you are interested but don't have a specific position in mind, contact the president who will let you know what positions may suit your talents and where the need is.

Please send your intent to run to Kyle Schwartz at KaGeeSprtzt@aol.com and Chuck Myers at cwm1@optonline.net or contact the president, Mike Majorczak, who will send you to the appropriate election committee member.

Elections will be held at the June General Membership Meeting on June 8, 2017. For any positions with more than one person running, we will ask candidates to write up a little bio to put in the newsletter.

Message from the President

Hello all PSC Parents and Players,
We are very excited for the Spring Season. We have 335 Players registered for Travel Soccer and over 300 registered for Instructional/Little Kickers.

Some Important Dates coming up:
Instructional Soccer Training will be starting the week of March 27th for U6 through U12, with their first games on Saturday April 1st.
Little Kickers Season will start with session on April 22nd or April 23rd.

Save the Date for Travel Tryouts for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Seasonal Year. They are 4/07/17 - Premier Teams, 7-9 pm @ PHS Turf Field and 4/22/17 - MNJYSA & ICYSL Teams, 1-8 pm Green Acres and PHS Turf Field. These will be the only OPEN Tryouts we hold for Travel Soccer this Year. Teams are formed to play together for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 Seasonal Year. We do not hold organized tryouts in the winter between the Fall and Spring Seasons.

On September 9th and 10th, we will host our 37th Annual Fall Classic Travel Soccer Tournament. Last year we had over 200 Teams and expect

the same this year. It is a fun filled weekend of Travel Soccer and a huge Fundraiser for the entire club; last year once again we raised over \$40,000.00. Planning has already begun. If you would like to help with the planning and join our tournament committee, please email me at mw.majorczak@gmail.com

Our General Membership Meeting is Thursday 3/9/17 at 700 pm in the Patton Café of the Piscataway High School; hope to see you there. This is your opportunity to meet your board of directors and have your questions answered about the programs of the Piscataway Soccer Club.

Recently the Board of Directors has added the following positions (which we ask the Membership to ratify at the March General Membership Meeting):

Vice President of the Inter County Youth Soccer League. This past Fall, we had our first teams enter this league and the Board of Directors felt they needed to be represented on the Board to alleviate some of the responsibilities from the Travel VP.

With our Travel Program growing, we the board have decided to add a 2nd Travel VP starting July 1. Our Instructional Program has 2 VPs and with the growth of the Travel Program, the Board Felt the additional position is overdue.

All Board Members are Volunteers; none of us are paid.

Some of us have children in the program and those that do pay the same registration fees as all members.

I want to thank all of the great volunteers, whether they be coaches or board members. I truly appreciate their devotion to the club for the love of the game. I look forward to continue working with you all.

As always, I am available by email at mw.majorczak@gmail.com and will return your email within 48 hours. If you need to speak with me drop me an email and we can arrange a time to meet or chat on the phone.

See you on the Pitch

Michael W Majorczak

President PSC

Tournament Director 37th Annual Fall Classic

Instructional News

The spring season is right around the corner. The instructional season is scheduled to start April 1. Team placement and practice/training schedules will be given out by the team coach sometime in Mid-March. Exact scheduling information for U6 through Seniors will not be available until teams are formed in Mid-March and will be given to you by your team coach!

Little Kickers families will get an email in Mid-March with all necessary information on the upcoming season! Little Kickers will start the weekend of April 22.

The typical weekly Instructional schedule for U6-Seniors is as follows: 2 practices during the week (Mon-Fri) between 6-8pm and a game on Saturday morning between 9AM and 12PM. Examples of schedules can be seen from our previous Fall 2014 Season!

IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOUR TEAM COACH/MANAGER BY Sunday 3/22, EMAIL JEFF SUNDELOF AT MAILMAN1975@VERIZON.NET.

In regards to our new Buddy Ball program, the club is looking for older kids who want to help a buddy and participate with them for the season. Parents, please let your kids know about the program and encourage them to participate. Interested parties should contact VP Jeff Sundelof at mailman1975@verizon.net.

Travel News

The travel season is scheduled to start March 12 for U-11 teams and above and March 25-26 for u-10 teams and below. USA will once again be providing training. Training will occur on the HS turf fields.

Message from the Director of Coaching

Happy March Piscataway Coaches, Parents and Players,

Now, I am never one to encourage kids to watch TV, but there are some great games of soccer coming up in the month of March.

First we have the 2nd leg of the round of 16 in the Champions League. There were some big score lines in the first leg and Barcelona (lost 4-0 to PSG) and Arsenal (lost 5-1 to Bayern Munich) will both have to overcome 4 goal deficits, something that has never been done before. These 2nd leg games take place on March 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th.

Also, the English Premier League has some exciting games coming up in March. On March 19th, Liverpool travels to The Etihad Stadium to play Man City. Liverpool is currently sitting 5th and pushing for a top 4 spot (to qualify for the Champions League) and will want to beat Man City, who currently sits 3rd. My beloved Tottenham Hotspur (COYS) are currently 2nd and 10 points behind Chelsea. Can they catch them? With Harry Kane firing on all cylinders and the support from Alli and Eriksen, I believe they can (*so our director of coaching is delusional*☺).

Good luck with the start of the travel season to those of you involved in travel and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at:

MarkL@USAsportGroup.com

Thanks,
Mark Lowdon
Director of Coaching
Piscataway Soccer Club

Message from the Travel Vice President

The 2017 Spring Season is underway. I know most of our teams participated in the Winter Futsal league and that was a HUGE success. Now it is time to get outdoors and start our seasons.

The 7 EDP teams are all competing in the New Jersey Youth Soccer State Cup Tournament this spring. First round games are starting on March 4 and March 11th & 12th. Good luck to all of those teams as they set on their journey to make a run in the state cup. Our last State Cup Champion dates back to the Strikers in 2012. So PSC is due for crowning another State Champion.

We have 26 teams competing this spring. That is simply awesome. Thank you to all of the coaches, team managers, parents and players for making this a successful club.

The **mission** of Piscataway Soccer Club is to provide a safe, positive and fun environment for *all* the children of Piscataway while promoting the sport of soccer and developing the skills of individual players.

Piscataway's **vision** is to create and encourage an environment consistent with good sportsmanship, physical fitness, respect, team play, and having fun. Our **objectives** of Piscataway SC are to educate players and coaches in the skills of soccer, stress positive attitudes, equal opportunity and fair play.

Have a great spring season and we look forward to seeing everyone on the field at some point during the season.

Scott Marshall

Parental and Coach Expectation – Let's Help our Kids!

Youth soccer clubs are always seeking ways to rein in parental enthusiasm without dampening it. The Stone Mountain George Youth Soccer Association recently distributed a clear, concise set of standards addressing that delicate balance. Please embrace the philosophy for the sake of our players:

Let the coaches' coach.

This includes goal setting and psyching up your child for practice and post-game critiques. Having more than one "coach" confuses children.

Do not bribe or offer incentives.

Leave motivation to the coach. Offering money for scoring goals, for example, distracts your child from concentrating properly in practices and games. Support your child unconditionally. Do not withdraw love when your child performs poorly.

Support all players on the team.

Your child's teammates are not the enemy. When they are playing better than your child, your child has a wonderful opportunity to learn.

Support the program.

Get involved by volunteering, helping with fundraisers, car-pooling, or however else you can.

Encourage your child to talk with the coaches.
"Taking responsibility" - whether about playing difficulties or missing an upcoming match - is a big part of soccer.

Understand and display appropriate game behavior.

When you cheer appropriately, you help your child focus on the parts of the game he can control (positioning, decision-making, skills, etc.). If he begins focusing on elements he can't control (field conditions, the referee, the weather, etc.), he will not play up to his ability.

Monitor your child at home.

Be sure she is eating and sleeping properly. Help your child keep priorities straight. A youngster needs help balancing schoolwork, friendships, and other commitments besides soccer. But having made a commitment to soccer, they also need help fulfilling their obligation to her team.

Pass the reality test.

If your child's team loses but they played their best, help them see this as a "win." Remind them to focus on the process, not the end result.

Fun and satisfaction should come from "striving to win." Conversely, do not let them be satisfied with "winning" if it comes from inadequate preparation and performance.

Keep soccer in its proper perspective.

The game should not be larger than your life. If your child's performance produces strong emotions in you, suppress them. Keep your own

goals and needs separate from your child's. Remember that your relationship with your child will continue long after their competitive soccer days end.

PSC Family Picnic

It's been a long time, but the PSC picnic is returning on June 17, 2017. Save that date. There will be fun things to do for kids of all ages and we will be cooking the hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. You just need to supply your sides and your family. Come as a team.

Field Usage News

Witherspoon is closed for the season. Space at Conackmack and Green Acres has been set aside for practices in addition to assigned time for the turf field. As always, please do not practice on game fields.

Travel Tryouts

For the seasonal year, Aug 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018, Tryouts will be held on April 7 and April 22.

April 7 - Premier Teams, 7-9 pm @ PHS Turf Field and
April 22 - MNJYSA & ICYSL Teams, 1-8 pm Green Acres and PHS Turf Field.

These will be the only OPEN Tryouts we hold for Travel Soccer this Year.

- Advance online tryout registration will available through the PSC website and is highly recommended. Visit www.piscatawaysoccer.org to register when publicized as open for registration. If a player does not register online prior to the tryout, they may register in person at the time of the tryout. There is no fee for tryout registration.
- Tryouts will be publicized through a posting on the PSC website. E-mail notifications will be sent to PSC membership.
- All tryouts will be held for one day for each age group. Should a child become ill, suffer an injury or have a family emergency and not be able to attend the tryouts, notification must be submitted in writing (e-mail is acceptable) prior to the scheduled tryout.

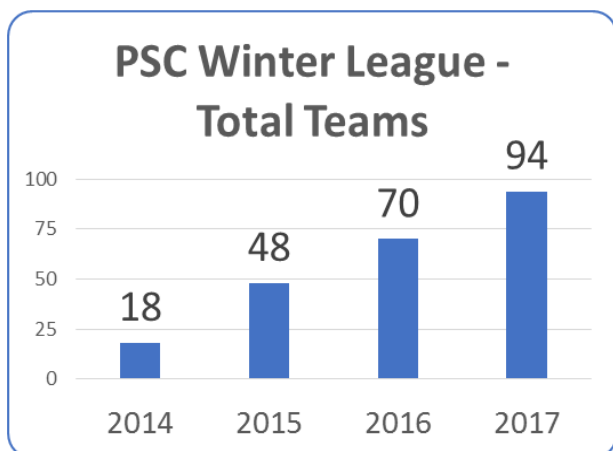
Piscataway Winter 5v5 League

The Piscataway indoor league is almost over with the last games on Sunday 3/5. "This was our best winter turnout ever" said Chuck Myers (Of course Chuck is being modest about its success). There were lots of games with lots of opportunity to work on skill improvement. 22 PSC teams joined, some splitting their squad into 2 rosters for a total of 35 recognized PSC teams. Here is the Winter League by the Numbers:

- 21 Clubs
- 94 Teams (35 PSC)
- 750+ Players
- 19 Refs
- 376 Games

- 4 Fields
- 3,000+ goals
- 250 hours of soccer
- 9 Sundays





Many thanks to the following teams for helping to setup, tear down, and monitor games (it couldn't have happened without your help!).

- PSC 08 Chelsea – Thank You
- PSC 07 Arsenal – Thank You
- PSC 05 Breakers – Thank You
- PSC 05 Everton – Thank You
- PSC 04 Celtic – Thank You

And thank you Chuck. Once again he did an amazing job in organizing the league and this has been his brain child.

PSC renews Club Partnership with NJ Sky Blue FC

Piscataway Soccer Club will again be Club Partners with our hometown women's professional soccer team, NJ Sky Blue FC. Last season, PSC held a club night during a Sky Blue home game with some of our players serving as player escorts and ball girls. We look forward to having another club night during a game this season so please keep an eye out for more information. Sky Blue's 2017 season begins April 15th and their home opener will be on April 30th at Yurcak Stadium here in Piscataway. Please show your support while watching some great soccer being played at any of Sky Blue's home games this season.



2017 Piscataway Soccer Club Spring Break Camp

Piscataway SC in association with USA Soccer are pleased to be offering a spring break soccer camp when children are off school from April 10-14. Please click

[here for more information.](#) They are running early bird specials so register now.

2017 Piscataway Soccer Club Summer Camps

Piscataway SC's 2017 summer soccer camp schedule is now available for registration. Whether you are a Little Kicker looking to continue with the enjoyment from the spring season or a high school senior preparing for college. USA has the right camp for you. Please click here to view the summer camp schedule, which is extensive. They are running early bird specials so register now.

College Corner

Piscataway's own Le'la Allen signs with Wagner College

Before Wagner: Four-year starter and two-year captain as a forward at Piscataway High School ... First team All-Area as a senior ... Earned multiple All-Area and All-Division honors throughout her career and was a 2016 All-American nominee ... Played club soccer for Piscataway Soccer Club Cheetas and most recently, NJ Wildcats Lady Strikers. Le'la is also ranked in the top 20 in New Jersey girls soccer.

Head Coach of Wagner College, Phil Casella

on Allen: "I'm very excited about having the opportunity of working with my first recruiting class here at Wagner," said Casella. "This 2017 class is the perfect fit in what we are going to do here at Wagner, in terms of creating the right culture, learning to compete and develop every day and to play the game the way it should be played. I can't wait for the first day these players walk onto campus and truly become part of our family. Le'la comes to us from the New Jersey Wildcats. She was a four year starter for Piscataway HS and played primarily as a forward, scoring a lot of goals. Le'La will be coming in with good experience at the HS and youth levels and will be competing for a position as a starting forward".

Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

Mahi Patel, a U-8 Girl with our club, qualified for the Elks Mid Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot, which was held in Frederick, MD this past weekend, March 3 through 5. The NJ State Elks sent 8 winners to represent NJ to Maryland to compete against 7 other States. Maji finished

6th overall and NJ came in first place with a total of 300 points. Congratulations to Mahi for a great job.

By-Law Committee

The By-Laws can only be changed by a majority vote of the members present at the June General Membership meeting. Notice of proposed changes must be given by April 15 of each year. Additions to the by-laws can be motioned, second, and voted by a majority vote of the members present at any General Membership meeting. If you are interested in helping the by-law committee or have a proposed revision, please contact Mike Majorczak mw.majorczak@gmail.com. Review of the By-Laws (which can be found on the website) will be required prior to the first meeting.

The following are proposed changes to the By-laws:
Adding the following elected positions:
One Additional Travel Vice-president
Vice-president for Inter-county League

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 background check. The form is used to complete and cross check with back ground 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 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 Spring 2017 season. The background checks are done yearly in the fall, unless you are a new coach for which you will need to do in the spring also.

Coaches Licenses

We require that parents have their F-License to coach (and to be an assistant coach) U6 - U10.

Head coaches in travel U11 and up must have at the minimum an E license. Links to coaching classes are on the mid-New Jersey website.

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 9 referee classes. This is the class for instructional referees and can be done by those less than 16. Level 8 referees, which allow a person to referee travel games, require the applicant to be a minimum age of 16 to take the Grade 8 reffing class. Please keep

checking the websites above 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.

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

Web Site

Please visit our website on a regular basis. There is a lot of great information and coaches can create their own team page. Also, you will notice the **coupons from Dick's Sporting Goods**. Put them to good use!

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org