

# STAFFORD SOCCER TRAVEL PROGRAM INFORMATION



We, as a club, are always looking to improve the experience for the Players, Coaches, and the Parents.

Our Primary Focus is:

- Teach the players the fundamentals, and provide a fun yet competitive learning environment
- Educate the coaches – continued education, and higher licensure opportunities provided to our Coaches
- U11 to U14 - we are focused on player development
- **U15 to U19 - we are looking to develop well-adjusted Players. They must start to have the correct attitude during practice and games to achieve success.**

Our program functions in **a Club environment**, not as individual teams.

1. Our Club curriculum is geared to maximize development of a **complete** player!
2. It is important from the tryouts that players are placed on teams that will help **their development**.
3. Tournaments will be selected to maximize the balance between challenging the players and achieving success.
4. It is important that we as a Club set the correct example of sportsmanship, and high character, on and off the field.

Items to note:

- Practice Sessions will be held primarily on Artificial Turf surface fields, with Bermuda as back-up.
- All Coaches are contracted to the Club and paid by the Club
- All players will have a fee that is payable to Stafford Soccer that covers the items detailed below
- Travel is a YEARLONG commitment, beginning in the Fall and extending to the end of the Spring season.

## Annual Schedule of Events (**U15-U19**) 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in U15 age group may have Spring league play options.

- Dates subject to change based on tournament date announcements by host clubs, and league changes
- Training will continue through the winter in preparation for any Tournaments, and 1/week sessions otherwise

### Blue Teams

- ★ Play in the NPL/VPL (**club to club format**)
  - League Play August – December / January
  - Tournaments will be selected for each team from the time frames below:
    - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day weekend
    - Columbus Day Tournament
    - Showcase tournament focus will be selected for teams based appropriate level and Player College preferences
      - October - April dates for these Showcases will be released as soon as they are available – Memorial Day is other option
    - Stafford St. Paddy's tournament in March (**all teams\***)
      - **All teams participate, and parents volunteer**
  - Winter weekly training sessions leading up to Showcases

### White & Black Teams

- ★ Play in NCSL or ODSL
  - Fall League Play September – November
  - Tournaments will be selected for each team from the time frames below (offseason tournaments will include training):
    - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day weekend
    - Columbus Day Tournament
    - Showcase tournaments will be selected for teams based appropriate level and Player College preferences
      - November - April dates for these Showcases will be released as soon as they are available – Memorial Day is other option
    - Stafford St. Paddy's tournament in March (**all teams\***)
      - **All teams participate, and parents volunteer**
  - Spring League Play March - June

### Items included in the Club fee:

1. League Fee (NPL, NCSL, ODSL)
2. Coach Salary
3. Coaches Travel Expenses for tournaments
4. Coaching Education
5. College Guidance Program
6. Goalkeeper Academy (GKA)
7. 2 Paid Tournaments per season\*
8. Technical Support Staff
9. Referee Fees
10. County Field Fees
11. Insurance Fees

### Items not included in the Club Fee:

1. Uniforms
  - a. **New Kit effective Fall 2019 2-year cycle Good through Spring 2021**
2. Winter/summer league play
  - a. **Winter 5v5 Indoor League play included for the U15 age group**
3. Seasonal camps

\*in the event of tournament cancellation, no full refunds will be afforded to the club, or its players, by the host. In very rare occurrences, the host will provide a small refund or credit for the following year. Any refund provided will be placed into the travel account for future travel program related expenses.

### For your convenience, the Club fee for each player can be paid in installments:

- \$100 deposit due upon registration, then 6 Installments\*, July through December, meeting the yearlong (Fall and Spring seasons) obligation.

\*on-line payment plan is subject to processing fees.

**We thank you for your continued support to help us in the development of your child's soccer ability.**