



Summer 2020 – 8/27

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

August 31 – Start of Travel and ICYSL Training
September 10 – Coaches meeting, Green Acres @ 7:00
September 12/13 – Start of Travel season
September 12/13 – Start of Inter-county Youth League
September 14 – Start of Instructional Training
September 17- Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 (@ Kerwin's, Weather Permitting Outdoors)
September 19 – Start of Instructional Season
September 19 – Start of Little Kickers
September 25 –Elk's Shoot Out
October 15 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 (@ Kerwin's Weather Permitting Outdoors)
November 19 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30

PSC Covid 19News Fall season a go!

It has been a new world since the spring season was cancelled. The PSC Board of Directors has been taking our lead from the Governor and New Jersey Youth Soccer with relation to resuming in the Fall and we are a go. The following link on our website is from NJ Youth Soccer

https://www.piscatawaysoccer.org/portals/50469/docs/member%20resources/njys_rtp_poster_061620.pdf

The Board of Directors has been meeting monthly with "Zoom" meetings and deciding on how to proceed with the season, and met in person last week. As such, practice has begun for some travel teams that were established and we just held tryouts.

Please keep in mind your child playing is completely up to you, the parent. If you do not have a comfort level with your child playing, we understand and welcome them back when you do have that comfort level. Anecdotally, we can relay that little league did proceed under the guideline this summer, and the EDP soccer league had several tournaments this summer that went successfully and were fully attended. Spectators were limited and social distanced. The U-19 Vipers played in one at the end of July. It does provide some normalcy and as Piscataway Board of Education has determined to not have fall sports, we will help look for a team or create a team of high school players if there is interest. **We need all travel and ICYSL parents to accept their invites so we know your child is playing!** The season can only succeed with the help of parents and coaches to keep everyone safe by following CDC guidelines. Travel and ICYSL players must answer a health questionnaire on Team snap before all practices

and games and coaches will be following all protocols. If your child is sick, please keep them home. The PSC has put together the Return to Playing Protocols for both Instructional and Little Kickers. All parents have been sent the article through email. As an example of our safety measures, instructional and little kickers will be provided with their own shirts and/or pinnies that they will be responsible for so that the items are not shared.

Registration Money from Spring 2020

For those that registered in the spring, you received an email that your money would be used towards the fall 2020 season. We will be setting up the website so that you may still register officially. We are required to use a website to register players so there is a record with New Jersey Youth Soccer that determines the money the club will pay for insurance for all players, whether travel, ICYL, or instructional.

2020 Fall Classic Cancelled

The PSC decided in July to cancel the Fall Classic tournament, and as we found out so did all the local tournaments. It is one of the clubs biggest fundraisers, but logistically for a club run event was deemed impractical to enforce social distancing, running a food tent, and obtaining enough volunteers to make it succeed. And as you can imagine, out tent vendor would not have been able to supply us tents for the headquarters area as they are all rented out to restaurants. We plan on being back in September 2021 and look forward to everyone's help.

Message from the President

Dear Members,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying your summer. By now you should have received our Return to Play Protocols for Travel, Instructional and Little Kickers. Based upon the guidance of the New Jersey Youth Soccer (our governing body) and the Governor of NJ, we are proceeding with our plans for the Fall Soccer Season. I coached a Youth Sports team this past summer and the kids and parents were very thankful we were able to play and I know many of you are looking forward to the Fall Season.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Chief Operating Officer, Colleen McGuire, wrote that “More than 100,000 children in New Jersey played organized sports this summer – yet, there have been no known clusters or spreading of the virus as a result of that activity,”.

Please make sure you adhere to our protocols and adhere to social distancing and wear your masks on the side lines while you watch your children play soccer. Unfortunately, due to the limit of 300 people at outdoor gatherings we were forced to cancel our Fall Classic Tournament this September. Over the course of both days, between 7000 and 10000 people attend the tournament, which is approximately 2000 to 3000 per hour. A tournament with this amount of people in one place is not in the best interest of the player, parents, club and community. All other club-run tournaments on Labor Day weekend and the weekend after have been cancelled for the same reason. We are looking into running a Spring Tournament, so stay tuned. The 40th annual Fall Classic will return in September 2021. Looking forward to seeing you on the pitch, from a distance of 6 feet ☺!

Mike Majorczak
President PSC

Instructional News

The instructional and little kickers season will start on Saturday, September 19.

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

Travel News

The Travel Season will start the weekend of September 12/13. USA led training is to be held at Conackamack. Refer to the Field Usage column for more details.

ICYSL News

The ICYSL season for PSC teams is scheduled to start September 12/13. USA will once again be providing training, which will be held at Conackamack.

Fee Increases and New Credit Card “Service Fee”

Registration fees for the fall season have increased 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.

Field Usage News

The turf field is currently closed. Here is the overall club training:

- USA Training sessions for Travel and ICYSL will be conducted at Conackamack. (Coaches, Please see training Schedule for Field Map)
 - Training Begins the Week of August 31.
- Coach lead session can be held at Conackamack, Witherspoon, or Green Acres
- Absolutely **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. Also, no training at New Market.
- Instructional training and games will be at Green Acres.
- **All games fields are off limits to coach led sessions.**

Background Checks

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches are required to have a background check as part of the coaching approval process. This will be done through the carding process and all coaches should have received instructions.

Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

A Soccer Shoot Out event will be held on **Friday, September 25**, at Green Acres at 7:00. **Check in time starts at 6:15.** The event is open to all children up to U14 (ages 13 and under) as of January 1, 2020, whether or not currently in the Soccer Club. Come on out and check it out. Invite your friends who may not be in the club too. **Remember to bring your mask!**

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee of the Elks intends to bring every Elks State Association on board and increase participation in soccer on every level. The Elks Program

includes a Local, District and State Shoot Out. The Elks work with local Soccer Associations and Recreation Departments to increase Elk participation. **Thanks again to John and Maureen Chapman for running such a great event.** The Soccer Shoot Out program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages:

The "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age groups that use these goals are divided into two categories; a U-8 group that contains all ages seven years old and younger and a U-10 group that contains ages eight and nine. The contest is open to boys and girls, who will shoot separately. The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal, while the U-10 contestants kick from 18 feet from the goal. The Grid Goal Contest consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections. The age groups that use this goal are U-12, which contain the ages ten and eleven, and U-14, which contain ages twelve and thirteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls, who will shoot separately.

Winners at this Local Shoot Out will advance onto the Elks District Level, which is October 16.

Ted Dewys Scholarship Winner

Ted DeWys was a very active member in youth soccer within New Jersey in 1990's and early 00's. In fact, Ted was the head referee and referee assignor for the Piscataway Soccer Club (PSC). Ted not only was a referee but he was a mentor to many of the young referees within our club during his period with the club. He would work with them during the games and helped to improve their confidence and ability to work future games. Ted passed away in 2004, but we continue to honor him for his guidance, dedication, and hard work by providing a partial college scholarship to the young men and women who have also worked hard in our club as referees.



This year the Ted DeWys Scholarship award was presented to **Hunter Samuel**. Here is a picture of Hunter with Yasmee Ash, the club registrar, receiving her award. Hunter will be attending Bowie State University- HBCU. Congratulations Hunter!



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

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