



Winter 2021- 3/15

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

- March 18 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's
- March 20/21 – Start of Travel Season,
- April 5 – Start of Instructional Training
- April 10 – Start of Instructional Season – K-5
- April 10 – Start of Little Kickers Program
- April 15 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
- May 15 – Travel Tryouts
- May 22 – Travel Tryouts make-up
- May 20 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
- June 6 – Little Kickers season ends
- June 19 – Instructional season ends
- June TBA - General Membership Meeting/Elections @ 7:00 @ TBD
- June TBA - Board of Director's Meeting @ 8:30 @ Kerwin's
- Sept. 11/12 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

Message from the President

Dear Members, I am sure you are as happy as I am to see the snow almost gone and being able to see grass once again.

Preparations for the season are moving along, so please follow all Covid -19 Guidelines as you all did this past Fall Season. Our Grass Fields remain closed at this time until they dry out.

We have our fingers crossed that we can hold our PSC Fall Classic Tournament this Fall (2021) and our Winter League in 2022. We have heavily relied on these two Fundraisers/ Events to subsidize the cost of registration / uniforms/equipment. We are currently operating at a loss until we can hold these events once again and have held off minor registration increases until the Fall. The board understands the difficulties many parents are dealing with during this Pandemic and we are using our savings to make up for the lost revenue from the Tournament and Winter League (which combined bring into the club between \$50K and \$60K a year).

I am so looking forward to seeing all the players and parents on the pitch once again.

See you on the Pitch,

Mike Majorczak President PSC

Register Now for Spring 2021

While travel registration is complete, it is not too late to register for little kickers and instructional. Registration closes March 28, 2021, @ 11:30 pm, at which times late fees kick in. The season for K through 5 opens April

10, but training starts April 5, so please register ASAP, which will give our Instructional Vice Presidents create the teams. Little Kickers starts April 10 with its program.

Registration Increase for Fall 2021

As a result of the Covid pandemic, and after careful consideration, the Board of Directors has decided on a small increase in the registration fee for Travel and Instructional players starting this Fall 2021. There are a number of reasons for this. For the past several years the club has:

- Offset the cost for Travel uniform kits
- Paid for a USA coach when a Travel/Instructional team does not have a volunteer coach,
- in order to keep the team together
- Offset the cost for Instructional programs managed by USA trainers
- Paid the annual fee for TeamSnap, which is used by all Travel/ICYSL teams and parents
- Paid for additional USA Travel training sessions open to all Travel members (example:
- Footworks Skills)
- Paid for Travel tryout T-shirts
- Paid for Travel tryout management by USA
- ...and training fees continue to increase

The club's recent revenue has been abnormally decreased by the cancellation of both the Fall Classic Tournament and the Winter 5v5 League due to Covid-19. Both are major club fundraising events used in the past to help offset the above costs.

Also be aware that the modest increases below do not cover the required increases so the club is using some of the general funds it has saved. Instructional registration will increase to \$120 for Little Kickers and \$180 for K-5th grade for the Fall 2021 season. Travel registration will increase to \$450/yr. Premier Travel registration will increase \$590/yr. These increases will only partially help meet the club's ongoing expenses, so the Board of Directors will continue to monitor this.

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 is always looking for 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 KaGeeSprtz@aol.com and Chris Fox 24frets@gmail.com, or contact the president, Mike Majorczak, who will send you to the appropriate election committee member.

Elections will be held via a General Membership meeting to be held in June. Exact Date and Method of the meeting will be transmitted later. For any positions with more than one person running, we will ask candidates to write up a little bio to put in the newsletter prior to the vote. As of now, the following people are running for the following positions:

Elected Officers - **Candidates Running**

President	Mike Majorczak
Executive VP	Tom Roberts
Travel Vice President	Jeff Sundelof
Travel Vice President	Chuck Myers
Instructional Vice President	Mark Batulis
Instructional Vice President	
Registrar	Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash
Treasurer	Brian Hinds
Secretary	Mark Caputo
Public Information Officer	George Roussey

The following are appointed positions:

The following are Appointed Positions by the President. The following have expressed interest in remaining in their positions:

ICYL Vice President	?
Director of Coaching	Mark Lowden

Travel Head Coach	?
Instructional Head Coach	Tad Powel
Club Web Master	?
Club Historian/Statistician	Ginny Caputo
Parliamentarian (non-voting)	Kyle Schwartz

Non-Voting Positions Appointed by the President

Grievance/M.C.of C. Chair	
BOE Liaison – Bldg Usage	
By-Laws Chair	
PEC Chair	
Picnic Chair	
Tournament Director	Mike Majorczak
Nominating Committee Chair	

NJ Youth Soccer COVID Guidelines

The below link has the most recent NJ Youth sport activity guidelines, dated February 8, 2021. Soccer is defined as a medium risk sport. It permits indoor and outdoor practice, but no interstate competition. It also permits the parents/guardians of the players to attend games **with masks and maintaining social distancing**. Please review the rules and help us follow the guidelines. Our experience last year was not all teams follow them which makes things difficult for the coaches and refs and may end with games being stopped, but let's be a club that sets a good example and be there for the kids, with positive reinforcement.

https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_GuidanceForSportsActivities.pdf

We received the following from NJ Youth Soccer:

On Wednesday, March 10th, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order 230, which expands the general outdoor gathering limit from 25 to 50 people. Youth sports activities are included in the category of general outdoor gatherings. This order went into effect on Friday, March 19th at 6:00 a.m.

This 50-person limit can be exceeded to include all necessary participants such as coaches, players, officials and two parents/guardians per player. To further clarify, this order doesn't allow for 50 people in addition to those participants to attend a game. It just means the total number can exceed 50 to include the above-mentioned participants.

We remind everyone to continue to conduct pre-game health checks, wear masks when appropriate and maintain social distancing

among all participants while at our soccer fields. As you know, the COVID-19 response will continue to evolve and information is expected to change quickly. NJ Youth Soccer will continue to follow the guidance from state and health officials and communicate these changes in a timely manner. We understand the challenge this may pose for parents and, nonetheless, urge us all to adhere to these parameters that currently provide an opportunity for players to train and compete during this difficult time.

A copy of the Executive Order 230 can be found here. <https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20210311/9c/1a/65/27/2bd2f3e8af5ebdfd1252c36d/EO-230.pdf>

Travel Tryouts

For the seasonal year, Aug 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022, Tryouts will be held on Saturday May 15, with Make-up on May 22 due to weather. As the date approaches, please look for further announcements in case time changes.

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

- **Advance online tryout registration is required.**

Visit www.piscatawaysoccer.org to register.

Players MUST attend the tryout session based on their birth year/gender. Players MUST wear shin guards; and bring enough water for a 1½ hour tryout. Please arrive on time. If you cannot attend your scheduled tryout, please send email with the reason to PSCTravelVPjs@gmail.com and PSC.Soccer.Coach@gmail.com

We need volunteer Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers for ALL levels! PLEASE consider joining the PSC team and help volunteer for your child's team. PSC will provide you with ALL the online training, support, and the tools necessary to succeed. If interested, please send email to the above Travel VP's.

2021 Schools Out: Soccer Camp

(Mon., March 29th–Thur., April 1st) Ages 5-14
Our Schools Out: Soccer Camp gives players the opportunity to receive soccer instruction at a level that will both challenge them and ensure they have a fantastic experience at camp over Spring Break. Every camp is coached by our professional staff that is trained to encourage maximum participation, good sportsmanship, and above all - FUN!

Travel Tryout Schedule

Gender	Birth Year	Soccer Age	Arrival & Sign-in	Tryout Times
Boys	2015	U7	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Boys	2014	U8	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Boys	2013	U9	3:00 pm	3:15pm-4:45pm
Boys	2012	U10	3:00 pm	3:15pm-4:45pm
Boys	2011	U11	4:45 pm	5:00pm-6:30pm
Boys	2010	U12	4:45 pm	5:00pm-6:30pm
Boys	2009	U13	6:30 pm	6:45pm-8:15pm
Boys	2008	U14	6:30 pm	6:45pm-8:15pm
Girls	2015	U7	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Girls	2014	U8	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Girls	2013	U9	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Girls	2012	U10	1:15 pm	1:30pm-3:00pm
Girls	2011	U11	3:00 pm	3:15pm-4:45pm
Girls	2010	U12	3:00 pm	3:15pm-4:45pm
Girls	2009	U13	3:00 pm	3:15pm-4:45pm

Instructional News

The spring season is right around the corner. The instructional season (K-5) is scheduled to start April 10. Practice/training schedules will be provided on the website and via email prior to April 5. Training will begin the week of April 5th. Training will occur at Green Acres!!

Little Kickers families will get an email in Mid-March with all necessary information on the upcoming season! All registered Little kickers will receive a ball and T-shirt. Little Kickers will start the weekend of April 10/11 at Green Acres.

The typical weekly Instructional schedule for Kindergarten to 5th grade is as follows: 1 practice during the week (Monday-Thursday) between 6-8pm and a game on Saturday morning between 9 AM and 12 PM. All players will receive a pinnie or T-Shirt for the Spring season.

ALL practices and games are run by USA Trainers.

You will receive email notification. If you do not hear before April 2, email Mark Batulis @ mbatulis0515@hotmail.com.

Travel News

Training has started for Travel. The travel season is scheduled to start the weekend of March 20-21. USA will once again be providing training. Training will occur on the HS turf fields.

Summer - Little Kickers Soccer

(Sat., June 26th – Sat., Aug. 21st) (Sun., June 27th – Sun., Aug. 22nd) Ages 3-4

This Soccer class introduces beginners and those with some experience to the fundamentals of soccer. Our professional soccer coaches will ensure that children are engaged in fun, inclusive activities, in a positive learning environment.

Summer – Instructional Soccer

In this soccer class, players will learn soccer fundamental techniques in passing, dribbling, ball control, and shooting as well as tactics and game rules. This all takes place through a series of fun soccer challenges, structured activities, and scrimmages.

Age groupings for this camp are organized by the child's grade. Kindergarten (5-6), 1st Grade (6-7), 2nd & 3rd Grade (7-9), and 4th & 5th Grade (9-11).

Sat., June 26th – Sat., Aug. 21st: All groups
Sun., June 27th – Sun., Aug 22nd: Kindergarten and 1st Grade only.

Summer Soccer Camps

(Mon., July 26th – Fri., July 30th) (Mon., Aug. 16th- Fri., Aug. 20th) Ages 5-14

Our Soccer camp gives players the opportunity to receive soccer instruction at a level that will both challenge them and ensure they have a fantastic experience at camp. Recreational level players will learn the fundamentals needed to become efficient soccer players, concentrating on their technical development including passing, first touch, and shooting. Travel and academy players will learn more advanced technical skills while also working on the tactical side of the game. Players will develop both their decision making and strategic play in competitive match play situations.

To sign up for any of these programs, please visit:
<https://usasportgroup.com/orgs/?oid=736>

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.

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.

Refing Info

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.

The Grassroots Referee Course is now available online for those who are interested in taking the first step to become a soccer referee. [Learn more.](#)

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 refing 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