

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
- U9 to U10 – we are focused on technical skill development, and decision making
- 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) 8th Graders in U15 age group will 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

Blue Teams

- ★ Play in the ECNL Regional League (**club to club format**)
 - League Play August – December / January
 - 3 Training Sessions per week.
 - Tournaments will be selected for each team from the time frames below:
 - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day
 - Columbus Day Tournament
 - Showcase tournament focus 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 applicable teams participate, and families volunteer+**
 - Will be communicated in team's tournament schedule.
 - 2X Winter weekly training sessions

White & Grey Teams

- ★ Play in NCSL
 - Fall League Play September – November
 - 2 Field Training Session per week
 - Tournaments will be selected for each team from the time frames below (offseason tournaments will include training):
 - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day 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 applicable teams participate, and families volunteer+**
 - Will be communicated in team's tournament schedule.
 - 2X Winter weekly training sessions
 - Spring League Play March – June
 - 1 Training Session per week

+ St. Paddy's Tournament –travel families are expected to volunteer a few hours during the event as the host club (Field Marshal, Merchandise Sales). This Tournament funds our College Scholarship and Financial Aid programs.

Items included in the Club fee:

1. League Fee (ECNL RL, NCSL)
2. Coach Salary
3. Coaches Travel Expenses for tournaments
4. Coaching Education
5. College Guidance Program
6. Goalkeeper Academy (GKA)
7. Tournament Entry Fees
8. Technical Support Staff
9. Referee Fees
10. County Field Fees
11. Insurance Fees
12. Game Film (scheduled by Tech Staff)

Items not included in the Club Fee:

1. **Uniforms**
 - a. **New Kit effective Fall 2023 2-year cycle Good through Spring 2025**
2. **Seasonal camps & skills training**

*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:

- \$200 deposit due upon registration, then 6 Installments*, July through December, meeting the yearlong 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.