

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. A club curriculum has been implemented 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 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 (U11-U14)

- Dates subject to league and Tournament date selections by host clubs, and league changes

Fall (August – December)

- League Play August – November/December
 - Blue = ECNL RL
 - 3 Trainings per week
 - White = NCSL
 - 2 Training per week
 - Grey = NCSL
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- 2 tournaments played in the Fall, and will be selected for each team from the time frames below:
 - Preseason Tournament, in August or Labor Day
 - Columbus Day Tournament
 - Post Season, in November
- League games played on Saturdays and Sundays

Winter (January – February)

- 5v5 small-sided games Sundays
- Winter weekly outdoor training sessions

Spring (March – June)

- League Play March-June
 - Trainings same as Fall
- 3 tournaments played in the Spring, and will be selected for each team from the time frames below:
 - Preseason Tournament, in February or March
 - Stafford St. Paddy's tournament in March (**all teams**)
 - Memorial Day weekend
- League games played on Saturdays and Sundays

+ St. Paddy's Tournament – all travel families expected to volunteer a few hours that weekend 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. Coach Travel Expenses for away 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
 - a. Travel Soccer Pre-Season Camp

*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 full, or 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.