

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

June 10 – U-8 Traveling Tryouts
June 16 – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00
June 16 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00
June 16 – Traveling Registrations Due
July 17 - Board of Directors Meeting-Kerwins @ 7:30
Aug 1,2,3 – Referee Class (tentative)
Aug 21 - Board of Directors Meeting-Kerwins @7:30
Aug 28 – Instructional and travel coaches meeting at the municipal building @ 7:00
August 28 – Instructional Registrations Due
Sept 6-7 – Piscataway Fall Classic
Sept 15 – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00
Sept 15 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:00

Spring Membership Meeting

The Summer General Membership Meeting is being held on Monday, **June 16, at 7:00** at the Piscataway Municipal Building on Hoes Lane (it just reopened), **so mark it on your calendar now!**

Please come and provide input to your Board Members. **Each team is responsible** for supplying at least one person. Immediately following the meeting at 8:00 will be the Board of Directors meeting. All interested members are welcome.

Instructional News

Instructional Registration for the Fall 2008 season is underway. You can sign up on-line or by paper. See the new registration form included in this newsletter or it can be printed from the website. You can also sign up through the clubs website at www.piscatawaysoccer.org and pay by credit card.

Traveling News

Tryouts for traveling have been proceeding over the last month. However, if you did not tryout and are interested in playing on a traveling team, look on the website or contact the coach of the team for the appropriate age group, or contact traveling VP Tom Roberts or Traveling Head Coach Mike DeSordi and they can provide you with the appropriate contact information. Some teams are still looking for players, especially as teams age up and need to expand their roster to place 11 players on the field or loose players to other activities.

Tryouts for U-8 players (typically those children entering the second grade in the fall), both **boys and girls**, will be held at the Witherspoon Fields (next to Conackmak at the snack shack) on Tuesday, June 10. The birth date must be between August 1, 2000 and July 31, 2001. Arrive at 6:30 pm to sign-in and tryouts start at 7:00. Club coaches will be on hand to evaluate

the players to field a team, as long as a coach can be found. Don't be shy to have your child try out. Many of those who have been practicing at soccer center have acquired the skills they need to participate on a traveling team and will only increase their skill with more training. If they don't make the team, they can still play instructional in the fall and try again in the future as they hone their skills. Games for U-8 are played on Saturday, with 5 games played at home and 5 away.

Girls Project 30

Both the U-14 and U-13 girls had a very good spring. The club is moving all the girl teams at these age groups and below under the program in the attempt to keep the girls interested and in love with the game, as well as provide the extra support to the coaches to ensure the vitality of the girls program. Joe Portelli is managing the program. Mike DeLello is managing the current high school girls.

Needed: Travel Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair

The primary responsibility of the position is to lead a committee to propose a tryout process for the next fall season and to organize and oversee the conduct of team tryouts. The club by-laws explain the full roles and responsibilities. Contact Mike DeSordi at 732-921-2093 or any Board member if you are interested in this position.

Snack Shack

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to sell at the shack on Saturday mornings and even Sunday. Please help to make this a success by giving it your support, both as a consumer and as a worker

Coaches Licenses

The Piscataway Soccer Club requires all coaches to obtain at least an "F" License to coach a team. This United States Soccer Federation sanctioned classes are recommended for coaching youth soccer from ages 6 - 11. It is a nine-hour class (three hours lecture on Friday night and six hours of field play on Saturday). The F-license is the minimum license that you must have to coach a travel team in New Jersey and the minimum license that you need to coach an instructional team in the Piscataway Soccer Club. It is important that

all people coaching for the soccer club take the class. The cost of the course typically is around \$30 and will be reimbursed to members of the Piscataway Soccer Club upon completion of the class.

If you have obtained the F-license and are looking for more training or are coaching older children, it is recommended you to take the E-license course. Since February 2007, the PSC also requires all those coaching traveling teams U-11 and up to obtain the E-license.

The E-license is an 18-hour course held over 2 weekends in a similar format to the F-license. The E-license is \$75, but upon completion you will be reimbursed by the club. If you would like to take either the F or E-license course, you may find a class location by visiting either

www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/fsched.htm or

www.njyouthsoccer.com/coaching/esched.htm

Kid Safe

As a requirement for coaching with the club, all coaches, whether instructional or traveling, are required to fill out the Kid Safe form. The form is used to complete and cross check with back ground checks. All information requested on Kid Safe forms must be filled in. If it is not completed, you will not be able to coach.

Field News

Please use only New Market and Green Acres for practices. The Conackmack and Witherspoon sites (now collectively called the Witherspoon Complex) are to be used only for games. At Green acres, avoid using those areas that are fields, especially in poor weather.

This way the fields stay in good condition for playing games. Coaches should be aware that most practices only require cones, as the emphasis needs to be on touches, passing, and trapping, and New Market and Green Acres fits into this beautifully. New Market also has goals

Please look for signs to stay off certain fields that may be reseeded or are being rested. The more the fields are rotated, the better they will be for games.

Model Code of Conduct

Please be reminded that the Board of Directors has voted to be listed as a party to the Township's proposed ordinance for a Model Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is in keeping with NJYSA S.A.G.E. program and our by-laws, but we will have the weight of the town behind us in trying to rid the club of the poor sportsmanship. The ordinance lays out disciplinary actions that may be imposed on those who violate the Code of Conduct. Remember, the intent is to create a fun atmosphere for the kids.

Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to www.mnjysa.org and look for referee course information for entry level grade 8 referee class. You must be at least 14 years to take the reffing class. Currently there is only 1 class listed on the website. Due to changes in the format for approval of classes, classes originally planned by Brian Hinds to occur in February have been tentatively projected for August 1-3, 2008. Please keep checking the website to see if any classes are added to the current list and **look for information on the club website.**

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.

In addition, **current referees** please remember to recertify for 2008 by going to the website www.njrefs.com. If you do not recertify for 2008 you cannot referee traveling games.

Web Site

www.PiscatawaySoccer.org

Please visit our website on a regular basis. Chuck Myers keeps it updated regularly. There is a lot of great information and coaches can create their own team page.

2008 Ice Breaker Cup Tournament

The ice breaker cup was a huge success in its first year. The first day was postponed due to the weather, but the second day was a beautiful winter day in early March. The original first day was played the following weekend in a down pour, but the teams persevered.

2008 Piscataway Fall Classic

The annual fall classic soccer tournament will be held the weekend of September 6-7.

Make sure you put that weekend on the Calendar. We will need a lot of help with creating fields beforehand and running it, so be prepared to volunteer. Joe Portelli is again chairing the committee and will be feeding off the success of the previous year's tournament as well as the recent Ice Breaker cup.