



The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

January 19 – Board of Director’s Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin’s

February 16 - Board of Director’s Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin’s

President’s Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year, hope you all had a great Holiday Season and some time away from Soccer.

1. Our Travel Winter Training is in Full Swing
2. USA Soccer is Offering Winter Sessions
3. Rec Soccer Registration is Open for Spring
4. Little Kickers Regs is Open for Spring

Visit our website to register for items 2 through 4 above. www.piscatawaysoccer.org

Travel Tryouts will be held this May once again. Each Spring we hold Tryouts for our Travel Teams. Players are scored by the USA Trainers at Tryouts. Teams are then formed through June for the Soccer Seasonal Year of Fall and Spring. **Keep an eye out for emails on when tryouts will be held.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at mw.majorczak@gmail.com.

See you on the pitch,

Mike Majorczak, President and Tournament Director

Recreational News

Spring Rec Soccer and Little Kickers Registration is now open at our website www.piscatawaysoccer.org and closes on March 5th. **Register ASAP as some tile slots fill up faster than others.**

Travel News

The travel season was tremendous, with all games getting in. Thanks to all the coaches for a great job.

PSC Coach Appreciation Night

On December 15, the PSC Board of Directors held a coaches “Thank You” at Kerwin’s. This is our second such thank you get-together for some good food and a sharing of ideas from coach to coach and from the Board of Director members. Thanks to Chuck Myers, Jeff Sundelof, or running the event.



Questions?

Check out the content on our website at www.PiscatawaySoccer.org Can’t find what you are looking for? If you are in our Travel program, talk to your coach or team manager. If you are in our Recreation program, reach out to the Vice Presidents or any other Board member. Don’t be bashful. No question is too small.

USA Winter Training

Our training provider, United Soccer Academy, is providing Winter Classes once again. [Click Here for a copy of the Flyer](#) and [Click Here to Register](#)

Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

A Soccer Shoot Out event was held on in September. The event was open to all children up to U16 (ages 15 and under) as of January 1, 2022, whether or not currently in the Soccer Club. It was a great success, as usual.

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**.

Morgan Villanueva, finished in first place and Zoriana Chernenko, finished in second place in the Local - Piscataway Elks Shootout in the U-8 group. Both girls play on the Piscataway Fire



Congratulations to Paul Odeyemi (PSC Santos) and his brother Nathaniel Odeyemi (PSC Dortmund) who both won the Elk's NJ State Shoot Out for their age groups. Paul also scored the most goals in the competition with 71 goals. They will go onto represent NJ in the Elk's Regionals.



Coach Angel Abreu's daughter made it to the next round of the elks soccer shoot out. Adriana Abreu recently won the State Level for 10 year Old Girls. She also moves on to the Regionals. She plays for Travel Team Gotham



Congratulations and Best of Luck at the Next Level to all 3 players.

From the Piscataway Elks

The Piscataway Elks Soccer Shoot Out was held on September 23rd. It was a well-attended event. The event was open to all children up to U16 (ages 15 & under), whether the child is currently in the Soccer Club or not. The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee of the Elks intends to bring every Elk State Association on board & increase participation in soccer on every level. The Elks program includes a Local, District, State & Regional Shoot Out. The Elks work with local Soccer Associations & recreation Departments to increase Elk participation. The Soccer Shoot Out program consists of two different contests that test different level of skills at different ages. Winners at our local Shoot Out & some of our 2nd & 3rd place winners advanced on to the Elks District level. This year we had the following Piscataway Soccer Club Members participate in the district shoot held on November 4th:

U8Girls Morgan Villanueva & Zoriana Chernenko (Zoriana took 4th & Morgan took 5th in the District).

U8Boys Philo Abdallah & Saharsh Junuthula (Saharsh took 2nd & Philo took 5th in the District).

U10Girl sAdriana Abreu & Giana Martinez (Adriana took 1st & Giana took 3rd in the District).

U10Boys Arkan Damra, Kenan Damra & Paul Odeyemi (Paul took 2nd, Arkan Damra 4th & Kenan took 5th in the District).

U12Girls Meagan Martineau & Shruthi Anand (Meagan took 1st & Shruthi took 8th in the District).

U12Boys Dymtro Chernenko, Michael Franchi & Tyler Hamilton (Dmytro took 1st, Tyler took 6th & Michael took 7th in the District).

U14Girls Jasmine Cosme (Jasmine 1st in the District).

U14Boys Michael Cedillos, Patrick Novak Nathaniel Odeyemi (Michael took 1st, Patrick took 2nd & Nathaniel took 3rd in the District).

U16Girls Lorraine Cintron, Hayley Opitz & Denise Cosme (Lorraine took 1st, Denise took 2nd & Hayley took 3rd in the District).

U16Boys Vincent Novak, Ivan Benavides (Ivan took 1st & Vincent took 2nd in the District).

We held the NJ Elks State Soccer Shoot January 24th & I very happy to say again we were able to bring some of the 2nd, 3rd & even 4th place form the District shoot to the State shoot. We have several kids advancing to the Elks Mid Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot in York, PA on March 11, 2023.

In the U8 Boys, Saharsh Junuthula took 2nd place in the State Soccer Shoot.

In the U10 Boys Paul Odeyemi finished in 1st place with a score of 71 out of 75 & Arkan Damra finished in 5th place. Paul also had the highest score for the boys in the U10-U16 age category and was presented with an award for that as well.

In the U10 Girls Adriana Abreu finished in 1st place with a score of 51 out of 75. She also had the highest score for the girls in the U10-U16 age category and was presented with an award for that as well. Giana Martinez finished in 10th place.

In the U12 Boys Dmytro Chernenko tied for 5th place.

In the U12 Girls Meagan Martineau came in 6th place.

In the U14 Boys Nathaniel Odeyemi finished in 1st place, Patrick Novak finished in 5th place & Michael Cedillos finished in 7th place.

In the U14 Girls Jasmine Cosme finished in 11th place.

In the U16 Boys Ivan Benavides finished in 1st place & Vincent Novak finished in 4th place.

In the U16 Girls Hayley Opitz finished 2nd, Denise Cosme finished 8th & Lorraine Cintron finished 9th.

Out of the 10 kids we send to the Mid Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot, 4 of them will be from Piscataway representing the NJ State Elks. I will be there to cheer them on.

Thanks again for the support of the Piscataway Elks & Piscataway Soccer Club.

ECAC Championship for Rutgers Newark

PSC's Juwan Ash has been at Rutgers Scarlet Raider's team for 4 years is a member of the men's soccer team. The team beat Penn State Brehend 3-1 to win their first Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship since 2015. The team finished their season with a record of 11-6-6. Juwan is a finance major and will be able to play one more season, as one season was lost to covid. Congratulations Juwan



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 through NJYS. This will be done through the carding process and all coaches will receive or should have received instructions. Team managers are also required to have a background check.

Coach Education



NJ Youth Soccer has recently posted minimum coaching certification guidelines. US Youth Soccer provides specific educational certifications to coach different aged players. This supports the idea that youth players deserve to have experienced, licensed, quality coaches, educated with a player-centered philosophy. The PSC supports this guideline and will work with our coaches to obtain the proper certifications. For more information, [click here](#).

Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to www.mnjysa.org or www.njrefs.com and look for referee course information. Any new prospective ref needs 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 – Click Here.](#)

However, if you have done traveling soccer and know the rules, you can ref instructional games. Please contact Brian Hinds at behindcpa@aol.com 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 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

From the Piscataway BOE

Please click below to read this month's edition of our Superintendent's Report newsletter. Thanks!

[Click Here for BOE Newsletter](#)

New Jersey Youth Soccer (our governing organization) Newsletter.



New Jersey Youth Soccer is pleased to share with you our monthly membership newsletter to keep you informed of the latest news and happenings around our soccer community.

NJ Youth Soccer Vision Statement: Provide fun and safe soccer experiences at all ages and abilities for the youth soccer community.

NJ REFEREE DANIELLE CORNETTA CONTINUES TO SHINE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

New Jersey native Danielle Cornetta decided to become a referee in 2018 as a high school junior to stay in touch with the game of soccer while simultaneously pursuing her aspirations to play college basketball. Four years later, she could not have imagined officiating on the grandest stage of youth soccer. After back-to-back invitations to the US Youth Soccer National Championships, Cornetta was appointed as the center referee for the prestigious US Youth Soccer 19UG National Championship this past July. [Read more.](#)



NJ YOUTH SOCCER SUPPORTS ALL KIDS ONE FIELD COMMUNITY SOCCER CLINIC

All Kids One Field recently hosted a Community Soccer Clinic to celebrate the game and help local

youth players develop their own skills. This event was run in collaboration with New Jersey Youth Soccer as part of the US Youth Soccer United Cup. The United Cup is supported by a grant from US Youth Soccer that aims to provide recreational youth soccer players with an opportunity to experience the game in a fun, family-like atmosphere. [Read more.](#)



NJYS FALL STATE CUPS - VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

We saw some incredible action throughout our Fall 2022 State Cups Presented by Players Health, and that fantastic gameplay culminated in a highly-entertaining championship weekend. Check out highlights from those final matches in this NJYS State Cups recap video. [Watch now.](#)



NEW JERSEY ODP HOSTS ODP FRIENDLIES TOURNAMENT

New Jersey ODP recently hosted its 2022 ODP Friendlies Tournament. The Friendlies presented New Jersey ODP players with the opportunity to compete against other State ODP Teams in the Northeast Region. [Read more.](#)