



Winter 2023- 12/23

# The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

January 18 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

February 15 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

## President's Message

Dear Members, I hope you are enjoying the month off in December and enjoying the time with family and friends before Travel Teams and Winter Rec Training starts in January.

We just had a great end-of-year coaches and managers meeting, attended by 35 coaches, managers, board members and Red Bull Trainers. We discussed Winter Training and Plans for the Spring Seasons.

**Registration for the Spring Rec, Little Kickers and TOPSoccer Season opens on January 8th. Register early as some program times sell out faster than others.**

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Mike Majorczak, President PSC

## Travel News

We had a successful season this fall. Many of our newly formed teams did very well, with lots of kids participating, developing and learning more soccer skills during practices with our training partner, Red Bulls, and also with the coach led practices. There was a lot of improvement all around from the beginning of the season to the end.

The PSC is working hard in developing and making the travel program bigger and better for all its players. The Travel VP's just want to give a big thank you to all the coaches, assistants, managers, Red Bulls trainers and everyone else that is involved. This would not be possible without any of you.

Here are some team stats for the season:

U8 Boys Real Madrid finished 3rd (new team)  
U9 Boys Newcastle finished 2nd  
U9 Boys Hotspurs finished 5th (new team)  
U10 Boys Bayern finished 4th (new team)  
U10 Boys Juventus finished 3rd

U11 Boys Atletico finished 6th (new team)  
U11 Boys Arsenal finished 4th  
U12 Boys Everton finished 2nd  
U12 Boys Santos finished 1st  
U13 Boys Cosmos finished 2nd  
U14 Boys Wolfsburg finished 5th  
U10 Girls Courage finished 7th (new team)  
U10 Girls Fire finished 10th  
U12 Girls Gotham finished 1st.

## PSC Coach Appreciation Night

On December 14, the PSC Board of Directors held a coaches thank you at Kerwin's.

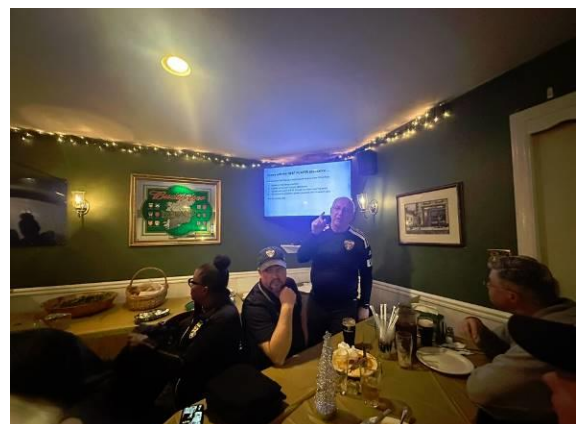
This event is a thank you get-together with some good food and a sharing of ideas from coach to coach and from the Board of Director members.

Thank you to all the coaches, as our club wouldn't exist without you.

Congratulations to PSC 15 Newcastle, PSC 15 Hotspurs, and PSC 14 Juventus, for winning this season's Player attendance challenge. Each team can receive a reimbursement of up to \$250 for any team event (example: pizza party, winter tournament, fun get together, ...).

We will run this challenge again in the spring, so tell your parents that attendance/TeamSnap is always important but possibly rewarding as well.

Thanks to Chuck Myers, Jeff Salles, Jeff Sundelof, Dennis Espinoza and Lou Raymondi for running the event.





## Questions?

Check out the content on our website at [www.PiscatawaySoccer.org](http://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 too small.

## PSC hosts 4v4 Festivals

The PSC has a new program for U7 and U8 players (born in 2016 and 2017) called the Futures program. It is essentially "Travel-Light" as it is designed to help transition young players from Recreation into our Travel program. These players participate in 4v4 Festivals that are held at different locations on Saturdays. The PSC was proud to host two of the 4v4 Festivals on 10/28 and 11/18. There were 23 Piscataway players participating in this Fall program. The Festivals attracted 33 teams from 13 different clubs.



## PSC FALL CLASSIC

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners

Congratulations to the girls in PSC 12 Gotham, taking home Champion medals from the 2023 Fall Classic Tournament



### Giving Back

At the Fall Classic Tournament this past September, we advertised that we were collecting used soccer gear to give to the S.E.N.D., a non-profit organization that distributes soccer gear. We collect a van full of used items, like cleats, balls, jerseys, etc. (The photos show a small sampling). Our club was able to deliver all of these items to S.E.N.D, who in turn distributed them to under privileged kids in both Brooklyn and **Mamissa Village in Mali, West Africa**







## Piscataway Soccer Club & Elks Soccer Shoot Out!!!

The Piscataway Elks Soccer Shoot Out was held on October 20th. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners advanced on to the Elks District level. This year, the following Piscataway Soccer Club Members moved on from the local shoot out and participated in the district shoot held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Their finish in the districts is also indicated.

**U8Girls** - Morgan Villanueva, Harper Walker, Fayrouz Elfeky & Princess Nwodim (Morgan took 2<sup>nd</sup>, Harper took 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fayrouz took 6<sup>th</sup> & Princess took 7<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U8Boys** - Joey Salles, Philo Abdallah, Shinji Ito & Mohamed Maksoud (Joey took 1<sup>st</sup>, Philo took 2<sup>nd</sup> & Shinji took 4<sup>th</sup> & Mohamed tied for 6<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U10Girls** - Zoriana Chernenko & Maya Maksoud (Zoriana took 5<sup>th</sup> & Maya took 8<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U10Boys** - Kaiden Pineda, Riyaan Parti & Grant Hildebrandt (Kaiden took 1<sup>st</sup>, Riyaan took 4<sup>th</sup> & Grant took 8<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U12Girls** - Mia DeSantis, Genasse Gerena & Giana Martinez (Mia took 1<sup>st</sup>, Genasse took 2<sup>nd</sup> & Giana took 5<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U12Boys** - Ethan Villanueva, Kenan Damra & Shubhankar Ameet Sandugade (Ethan took 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kenan took 3<sup>rd</sup> & Shubhankar took 5<sup>th</sup> in the district).

**U14Boys** - Nathaniel Odeyemi, Dmytro Chernenko, Patrick Batulis (Nathaniel took 1<sup>st</sup>, Dymtro took 2<sup>nd</sup> & Patrick took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district).

**U16Girls** - Jasmine Cosme & Hayley Opitz (Jasmine 1<sup>st</sup> & Hayley took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district).

**U16Boys** - Pablo Lodena took 1<sup>st</sup> in the district.

The NJ Elks State Soccer Shoot is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Manasquan Elementary School.

Thank you again for the support of the Piscataway Elks & Piscataway Soccer Club and thank you. **John and Maureen Chapman for running such a great event.**





## Field Usage News

Witherspoon is closed for the winter and spring season, as it took quite a beating in the fall. If practicing at Green Acres, please stay off the field areas.

## Breast Cancer Awareness

The PSC 15 Hotspurs supported Breast Cancer Awareness during October by wearing pink socks. Well done team! After seeing this picture, Chuck and Ilia Myers donated 95 pink socks to the other eight (8) U8-U9-U10 teams (2016-2015-2014 players) to wear during October. Chuck and Ilia both said, "...As adults, we all know someone directly or indirectly who has battled breast cancer. So it's important that we address this subject with the PSC players and make them aware in a way that they can relate to."



## PSC 15 Hotspurs



## PSC 15 Newcastle



## Red Bulls Fan Appreciation Match on Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Because the PSC is now a Red Bulls Youth Partner, we were given the opportunity to go see their home game on Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. And a lot of you took advantage of it! We picked up 213 tickets, the most by any other club for that game. You also took advantage of the opportunity for a group picture of the PSC players with a Red Bulls player Lewis Morgan on the field. PSC Players received FREE tickets and parents bought discounted tickets. This offer to get a FREE ticket for your player will happen twice a year (Spring and Fall) as a Red Bulls Youth Partner.





## PSC 15 Hotspurs at Stevens Institute of Technology

The PSC U9B Hotspurs got the chance to walk out and line up with the Stevens Men's team on a wet Saturday, 10/14. Stevens was hosting DeSales University. But PSC 15 Hotspurs coach Dale Jordan didn't sit with the players in the stands watching the game, because HE IS the Stevens coach and steered his team to a 4-0 win. It was a great experience. Thank you coach Dale!



## PSC 15 Newcastle at Rutgers Men's Soccer



## PSC 14 Wolves at Rutgers Women's Soccer

The team was the pregame escort for the Rutgers Women's team!





## Help Your Player Juggle a Soccer Ball



## 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

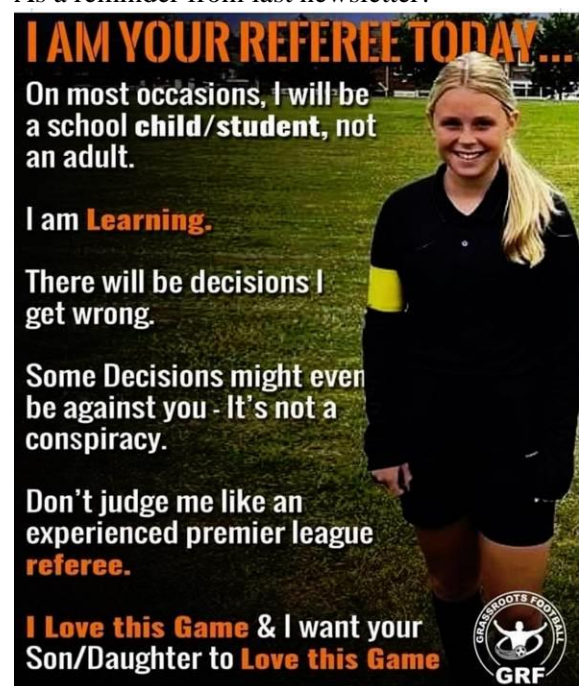


specific educational certifications to coach different aged players. This supports the idea that youth players deserve to have experienced, licensed, quality coaches, educated with a player-centered philosophy.

The PSC supports this guideline and will work with our coaches to obtain the proper certifications. For more information, [click here](#).

## Respect the Ref

As a reminder from last newsletter!



## Reffing Info

Interested in reffing or having your child ref traveling games? Go to [www.mnjysa.org](http://www.mnjysa.org) or [www.njrefs.com](http://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.](#)

However, if you have done traveling soccer and know the rules, you can ref instructional games.

Please contact Brian Hinds at [behindcpa@aol.com](mailto:behindcpa@aol.com) 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](mailto:groussey@erols.com)

### PSC 12-13 Gotham City

Gotham City started their season by winning their bracket at the PSC Fall Classic! That strong performance stayed right through the season, where they finished 7-2-1 and finished first in Flight 5. Congratulations Ladies!.



### PSC 14 Wolves

Th Wolves had a great team building year. PSC Board member Keith Koenig is in his second year of coaching the team, which are in the Suburban League and have many age groups in one team. Besides the visit to Rutgers Women's game, they had a great end of the year party.



## 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](http://www.PiscatawaySoccer.org)