



Winter 2023- 3/15

The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

March 16 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
 March 18/19 – Start of Travel Season,
 March 20 – Start of Recreational Training
 March 25 – Start of Recreational Season – K-5
 & Start of Little Kickers Program
 April 20 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
 April 22 – Start of TOPSoccer Program
 April 28 – Girls Night out @ 6:00
 May 6 – Travel Tryouts
 May 18 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
 May 20 – PSC Picnic (Make-up 5/21)
 June 2/3 – Coach State License Class hosted by PSC
 June 8 – Coach Appreciation night @ Kerwin's at 6:30
 June 15 - General Membership Meeting/Elections @ 6:00 @ YMCA Meeting Room
 June 15 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
 Sept. 9-10 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

Register Now for Spring 2023

While travel registration is complete, it is not too late to register for little kickers, recreational and TOPSoccer. Registration for recreational/little kickers closes March 5, 2023, @ 11:30 pm, at which times late fees kick in. The Recreational/little kickers season games starts March 25, with training starting March 20, so please register ASAP, which will give our Recreational Vice Presidents time to create the teams. TOPSoccer registration is open to April 21, but please register early so we can ensure we have our buddies ready.

June Elections

The Piscataway Soccer Club needs you!! As per the bylaws, anyone wishing to run for an office on the Board of Directors must register their intent with the Club Parliamentarian, which can also be done through the Election Committee, **by May 15**. As per the by-laws, you cannot be nominated from the floor at the June meeting unless there is no one running for that particular office. Every member is encouraged to consider running, as you may have new and fresh ideas to offer to the club. Each officer has assigned responsibilities and there is a Board of Directors' meeting once a month. The following offices are filled by the elected membership:

President; Executive Vice-president; Vice-presidents, traveling (two); Vice presidents, instructional (two);

Vice-president (Recreational Travel), Treasurer; Secretary; Registrar; and Public Information Officer.

The club is always looking for dedicated people willing to work well with people of differing opinions and looking at the long range as well as immediate goals of the club. If you are interested but don't have a specific position in mind, contact the president who will let you know what positions may suit your talents and where the need is.

Please send your intent to run to our Nominating Chair, Jeffrey Salles, at Jeffrey.Salles@gmail.com, or contact the president, Mike Majorczak, who will send you to the appropriate election committee member.

Elections will be held via a General Membership meeting to be held on June 15.

For any positions with more than one person running, we will ask candidates to write up a little bio to put in the newsletter prior to the vote. As of now, the following people are running for the following positions:

Elected Officers - Candidates Running

President	Mike Majorczak
Executive VP	Tom Roberts
Travel Vice President	Jeff Sundelof
Travel Vice President	Chuck Myers
Instructional Vice President	Need Candidate(s)
Instructional Vice President	Tad Powel
Registrar	Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash
Treasurer	Brian Hinds
Secretary	Need Candidate(s)
Public Information Officer	George Roussey

The following are Appointed Positions by the President. The following have expressed interest in remaining in their positions:

Recreational Travel VP	Keith Koenig
Director of Coaching	Mark Lowdon
Travel Head Coach	Dennis Espinoza
Instructional Head Coach	Vacant
Club Web Master	Jim Opitz
Club Historian/Statistician	Zarah Opitz
Parliamentarian (non-voting)	Rey Villanueva

Non-Voting Positions Appointed by the President

Grievance/M.C. of C. Chair	Need Candidate(s)
BOE Liaison – Bldg. Usage	Mike Majorczak
By-Laws Chair	Mike Majorczak
PEC Chair	Jeffrey Salles
Picnic Chair	Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash
Tournament Director	Mike Majorczak
Nominating Committee Chair	Jeffrey Salles

Message from the President

Dear Members,

I hope your Winter was enjoyable and I am sure you are looking forward to Spring Season! Rec, Little Kickers and TOPSoccer (Special Needs Children)

Registration is open until 3/5/23 without a late fee.

Register Soon!

Save the Date for Travel Tryouts, which are on 5/6/23. Preregistration is required, which opens on 4/1/23. And the schedule based on age will be sent when decided. Each Spring we form Travel Teams for the Fall/Spring Seasonal Year based on these tryouts.

I was recently asked by a recreational parent, "What is the difference between Travel and Recreational?" I replied with the following, which I hope is helpful to everyone.

The main differences are as follows:

1. Travel games are on Sundays, 5 games in Piscataway and 5 Away Games, usually within a 30-45 minute average drive. U-8 games are on Saturdays, however.
2. Travel training sessions are more structured and team oriented.
3. A travel player will train with his team once a week with a USA trainer and we encourage all Volunteer Head Coaches to also run a weekly coach led practice session.
4. Travel teams, except the oldest age groups, will participate in our Annual Fall Classic Soccer Tournament, attended by 200+ teams last year. The tournament raised approximately \$52k for our club. Parents are required to work a shift at the tournament to support this effort. Some teams may also attend other tournaments throughout the year.
5. Our Rec program ends in the 6th grade (and earlier if there are not enough players), therefore it is recommended to transition to travel as soon as possible in order to have a good chance of making one of the HS Teams and also being able to play through the year.
6. Some of our teams play through HS to age U18. HS age teams only play in the Spring with the Club and in the Fall with the HS.

I coached my daughters from U8 through U16 and it was a great experience for them and our family.

Best of luck to everyone and hoping you all have a great Spring Season.

See you on the Pitch,

Mike Majorczak, PSC President

PSC Family Picnic

After a very successful picnic in 2022, the PSC picnic is returning on **May 20, 2023**, starting at 1:00 pm. Save that date. The event will be held at **Riverside Park**, not Green Acres. This way we have the pavilion in case of bad weather. There will be fun things to do for kids of all ages and we will be cooking the hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. You just need to supply your sides and your family! Come as a team.

Recreational News

The spring season is right around the corner. The recreation program will begin the week of March 20th. March 20th will be the 1st night of training. Our 1st games will be on Saturday March 25th. Our Little Kickers program will kick-off on Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th.

Training and games will occur at Green Acres!!

Little Kickers families will get an email in Mid-March with all necessary information on the upcoming season! All registered Little kickers will receive a ball and T-shirt. The typical weekly Instructional schedule for Kindergarten to 5th grade is as follows: 1 practice during the week (Monday-Thursday) between 6-8pm and a game on Saturday morning between 9 AM and 12 PM. All players will receive a pinnie or T-Shirt for the Spring season.

ALL practices and games are run by USA Trainers.

You will receive email notification. If you do not hear before March 15, email Mark Batulis @ mbatulis0515@hotmail.com.

Travel News

The travel season is scheduled to start the weekend of March 18-19. USA will once again be providing training. USA Training will occur on the HS turf fields, with coach led practices held at Witherspoon where the lights are, but any other BOE property is open except Quibbletown once it is light enough.

TOPSoccer Program

The PSC will be starting its fourth season of the TOPSoccer program this spring. TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with special needs. It was very successful with great players and great volunteer Coaches and Buddies. The program will run Saturday mornings beginning on April 22 at New Market fields. **We are still looking for volunteer and players.** If you are interested in being a coach, buddy, or player, please contact Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash at registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com. If you know any families that may benefit from this program, please let them know to contact Yasmeen. The program is also selling PSC car magnates as a fundraiser for the program, so you can contact Yasmeen if interested.

Field Usage News

All travel training with the USA coaches will be at the HS Turf Field. Please stay off the track while your children are practicing unless you are walking or running the track. Let's all keep the BOE happy with the PSC. Lights are set up at Witherspoon for coach-led training sessions until we have sunlight later into the evening. However, coach led sessions can be held anywhere, **but please stay off game fields.** There are goals located at Schor and at Quibble town park. Full sided travel games will be at the turf field, with 7v7 and 9v9 at Green Acre. Instructional and Little kickers games and practices will be at Green Acres. TOPSoccer will be at New Market. **Please stay off the grass though until you receive word from the vice presidents of each league, as we need them to be dry enough so we won't damage them.** As always, please do not practice on game fields.

Travel Tryouts

For the seasonal year, Aug 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, Tryouts will be held on Saturday May 6, with Make-up on May 13 due to weather. As the date approaches, please look for further announcements in case of time changes.

- These will be the only OPEN Tryouts we hold for Travel Soccer this Year.
- **Advance online tryout registration is required. Registration for tryouts starts on April 1, 2023.** Visit www.piscatawaysoccer.org to register.

Players MUST attend the tryout session based on their birth year/gender. Players MUST wear shin guards; and bring enough water for a 1½ hour tryout. Please arrive on time. If you cannot attend your scheduled tryout, please send email with the

reason to PSCTravelVPjs@gmail.com and PSC.Soccer.Coach@gmail.com

We need volunteer Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers for ALL levels! PLEASE consider joining the PSC team and help volunteer for your child's team. PSC will provide you with ALL the online training, support, and the tools necessary to succeed. If interested, please send email to the above Travel VP's.

2023 Schools Out: Soccer Camp

Dates: 4/10-4/14

Times: 9-12 pm

Location: Green Acres

Ages: 5-14 years

Cost: \$189 (\$219 after March 30th)

Our Soccer camp gives players the opportunity to receive soccer instruction at a level that will both challenge them and ensure they have a fantastic experience at camp. Every camp is coached by our professional staff that is trained to encourage maximum participation, good sportsmanship, and above all - FUN!

For more details or to register, please [click here](#).

Summer Camps & Classes

United Soccer Academy in association with the Piscataway Soccer Club offers a variety of different summer camps and classes over the summer. For a full list of available, classes please [click here](#).

By-Law Committee

The By-Laws can only be changed by a majority vote of the members present at the June General Membership meeting. Notice of proposed changes must be given by **April 15** of each year. Additions to the by-laws can be motioned, second, and voted by a majority vote of the members present at any General Membership meeting. If you are interested in helping the by-law committee or have a proposed revision, please contact Mike Majorczak mw.majorczak@gmail.com. Review of the By-Laws (which can be found on the website) will be required prior to the first meeting.

Travel Parents Zoom Meeting

In order to set expectations for the conduct of our parents at their child's game so that it will be a fun, learning environment for the kids, our Club Head Coach Mark Lowdon, along with Travel Vice Presidents Chuck Myers and Jeff Sundelof, conducted a Zoom Meeting on Sunday, February 26. The meeting was important as we don't want to have happen what we are seeing at other clubs and state orgs, where the games must be silent. This will be no fun for the kids or the parents and coaches. The topics covered were:

- Club expectations
- Trainer responsibility
- Parent Coach responsibility
- Playing time
- Player expectations
- Parent expectations

If you were not able to attend, it is available here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNQoXvYB3AA>.

It is good for all parents, not just travel parents, as we want all games to be a great experience for the players.

NJYS Board Member from PSC

As if he doesn't do enough already for the Club, Chuck Myers was appointed to the Board of Directors of New Jersey Youth Soccer. Chuck is always thinking of the kids and growing the sport, and now will be a part of a state-wide organization.

Ted Dewys Referee Scholarship

Applications Due



Applications for the Ted DeWys Referee Scholarship are now being accepted until **April 15**. Referees must have been affiliated with the PSC when they started refereeing and must have been active as either an instructional or travel referee. Applications can be downloaded from the scholarship page ('About Us') at <https://www.piscatawaysoccer.org/Default.aspx?tabid=947009>. The page gives a little bio on Ted, the scholarship requirements, and who to email to.

Girl's Soccer Night

PSC will be holding a Girls Night of Soccer on Friday, April 28, at the High School Turf Field @ 6:00. **There will be games and fun and pizza!** Please invite any girls you know, whether currently on the club or not, as we want to get the word out that soccer is fun.

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. This will be done through the carding process and all coaches should have received instructions.

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

Former PSC Celtic player **Skyler Maldonado** has been selected for the U19 Westchester United Via Reggio select team. The team will be playing in Italy this Spring at the Viareggio Cup against top clubs in the Italian Premier League Serie A such as Juventus and AC Milan. Exiting stuff!



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

Reffing Info

Any new prospective ref need 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 if you are interested. If you get your reffing license and ref instructional, there is a bonus pay.