



December 2025- 12/22

# The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

January 16 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

February 20 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's

## President's Message

Dear members,

I want to wish you and your families all the best this holiday season and wishing you a Happy New Year. Please check out our end of year report put together by our Director of Coaching **Chuck Myers**. Click [Here](#) to view the end-of-year report.

Winter rec program is at over 80% full. Register soon. Spring rec registration will open in early January. Register early as some program times sell out faster than others.

## PSC Web Site – Lots of Cool Stuff!

Do you want to see some really cool items in real time and stuff you can't see in the newsletter, such as **Goal of the Week**. 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)

## Recreational News

The rec season was very successful, with good weather most days. Thanks to all the parents and players, as well as the Red Bull trainers.

### REDD visits Recreation

On Saturday, November 1st, the Red Bulls mascot REDD stopped by Green Acres to see our Recreation program. See the [video of REDD's visit](#) that our club webmaster Jim put together



## Recreational Winter Training Program (Ages 3–11) Overview

If you haven't already registered your Recreation player for winter training, time is running out. Many of our sessions are already full, but we still have some limited space available. All sessions are *indoors* at the Piscataway HS (Patton and Annex gyms) and include a PSC T-shirt. Sessions will be held on Sundays: 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 (no session 1/25). Log into your [PiscatawaySoccer.org](http://PiscatawaySoccer.org) account and register today. A late fee goes into effect on 12/30, and registration will close on 1/3/2026.

## Travel News

The travel season was very successful, with most games played.

Jeff Salles once again organized a toy drive. During Coach Appreciation Night, coaches brought gifts. Here is the collection of goods that Jeff and family have collected so far, much of it from instructional and travel. Luckily, Jeff has a pick-up truck to deliver all the goodies.



## PSC Toy Drive

The Salles family and PSC organized a toy drive for the Children at St. Peters Children's Hospital. The collection went from 10/31 through 12/14.

We want to thank all those Piscataway families from Little Kickers, Recreation, Travel

Soccer and Board Members for all of the amazing support and donations. It was a successful event. All of you are making a difference in our community and we are teaching our children a very valuable and important lesson.

The toys were dropped off at Magyar Bank to Debbie Mazella - Assistant Manager, Marketing/Community Relations.

Thank you all



## TOPSoccer Program

The PSC ninth season of the TOPSoccer program is in the books. A great time was had by all.

Registration is on the Piscataway website ([www.piscatawaysoccer.org](http://www.piscatawaysoccer.org)) under the TOPSoccer tab.

Please direct all general questions or comments to  
Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash at  
[registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com](mailto:registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com).

## PSC Coach Appreciation Night

On December 10, the PSC Board of Directors held a coaches thank you at Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church. Thirty-two (32) coaches, managers and board members, all volunteers, attended the appreciation meeting. It was a fun night of fellowship and information on the club. Thank you to all the volunteers of our club and thank you to Chuck and Ilia Myers for setting up the program and MCing the evening.



## Board of Ed Property Trash Policy

The Board of Ed owns the Witherspoon Fields and Conackamack Fields and we use them with their permission. They have advised they will not pick up any trash from our training nights or games.

Therefore, the PSC has adopted the National Park Policy of **"Trash In Trash Out!"**, and as such there will be no trash cans at the Witherspoon and Conackamack Fields.

**Coaches**, please make sure you and your players remove any trash or water bottles with you when you leave and dispose of them at home.

**Players**, please don't make your coaches clean up after your team. Your coaches do enough and you should not make them responsible for the trash pickup.

Please respect the fields and your coaches and take all trash and water bottles home with you for disposal.



## Rutgers PSC Game Invites

**R** Team Newcastle has been busy and taking advantage of the Rutgers soccer team invites. On October 10, Team Newcastle U11 Boys went to Yurcak Field, home of Rutgers men's soccer team. The Newcastle players got to walk alongside the Rutgers players for the national anthem. It was an exciting moment and what a great game also. Thank you to all the parents that came and supported our players.





## Red Bulls Arena Scrimmage

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, PSC U11 Newcastle and players and coaches from PSC Dortmund scrimmaged U11 Clark Knights at Sports Illustrated (Red Bulls) Arena. It was a great night and an exciting atmosphere. All the players had an amazing time playing on that field; they will always remember that awesome experience! Coach Salles thanks Clark for bringing the team and scrimmaging with Newcastle and hope to do this again. A big thanks also to the Red Bulls for making these events possible.





## 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.

## Reffing Info

The Piscataway Soccer Club is looking for youth players who are 12 years old or older, to become Referees and work PSC Recreation games on Saturday mornings.

- Get a greater understanding of the laws of the game. This will help make you to be a better/smarter player.
- Get paid \$30 per game as Center Ref (\$15 for Assistant Refs)
- Free Referee Uniform and Whistle,
- Youth Referees will be mentored by Brian Hinds, a current referee with lots of experience.

If you are interested, please contact Brian Hinds at [BeHindCPA@aol.com](mailto:BeHindCPA@aol.com)

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 age 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.

## NJYS Recreation Referee Program

The PSC applied for and is receiving assistance from NJ Youth Soccer to help our Recreation referees. We are receiving Rec Ref t-shirts, whistles, flags, stop watches, vouchers for on-line ref classes, and *Respect the Ref* field signs.

### Respect the Coach

New Jersey Youth Soccer has joined US Youth Soccer and 24 additional state associations to launch a **Don't Coach from the Sidelines Campaign**, targeted at improving sideline etiquette from spectators and coaches. Help improve sideline behavior and prioritize fun.

[Click here for the Video](#)

### Respect our Referees



As part of its **Respect the Ref Campaign**, NJ Youth Soccer, on its website, spotlighted the Recreation Referee Soccer Program at the Piscataway Soccer Club. The program helps guide youth players into becoming referees. The developing refs learned the basic mechanics related to officiating and applicable laws of the game.

### PSC Fanwear

We have teamed up with an online vendor to provide a Fanwear Store.

Please click below and check out the cool PSC Fanwear items available for purchase.

<http://www.5kount.com/psc>

### 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)

### Real Betis U8 Boys

This season, Real Betis made a strong debut as Piscataway's newest U8 team. Even though it was their first time playing together, the boys quickly bonded and earned an impressive second-place finish in their division at the Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament. Despite the challenges that come with being a brand-new team, they gave their best every time they stepped on the field.

The players worked hard to learn the fundamentals, understand the rules, and grow as teammates. We're incredibly proud of their progress and are excited to see what they'll achieve in the spring season.



### Liverpool U9 Boys

What a fall season for our Liverpool team, Winners of the Boys U9 Flight 2!!

After dropping their first game 2-1 to a very tough Edison team, the boys responded with heart and determination—rattling off 7 straight wins! After a loss ended their winning streak, they pulled together and battled through a cold and extremely windy day to win their flight in

the final game of the season 3-0, avenging their earlier loss to Edison.

Their performance was outstanding all season, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. The team conceded the fewest goals in their flight, allowing just 9 goals in 10 games, and finished with the highest goal differential.

But the real victory was the growth we saw along the way. The boys took a huge step forward in their development—unlocking technical skills, learning how to play as a team, demonstrating proficiency at multiple positions, and truly playing for each other every time they stepped on the field.

We are so proud of the dedication the boys showed this season. Seeing them out there doing what they love has been truly special, and we're excited for what comes next!



### Newcastle U11 Boys

Newcastle- would like to thank Red Bulls Coach Gabriel. The team really enjoyed all your practices and drills, also we saw a lot of improvement from every player thanks to you. Again, thank you and we can't wait to see you in the spring!



### Chelsea

Some pictures from Chelsea's season



## Pride U10 Girls

From fears of not having a team in the summer to finishing the season undefeated, the PSC U10 Pride has undergone quite a journey in the Fall 2025 season. Last season, Spring 2025, the team finished with 10 defeats, an arduous experience for the players, families, and coaches. Additionally, in the summer, there was a fear the team may not exist as several players left Pride. However, the team remained steadfast to the course and organized joint scrimmage games with the U14 Fire, gaining valuable experience in playing against older girls. Additionally, with the support of PSC Administration, specifically Chuck Myers, the team was able to recruit 3 new players onto the team, each of whom played a vital role in Pride's success: Olivia Blath (defense), Hailey Perello Soria (forward), and Cameron Shilling (center midfielder), whose father, Alan Shilling also impactfully joined Pride's coaching staff. With a roster of 11 girls, Pride was ready to compete in Mid NJ Youth Soccer Association U10 Girls Flight 3. As the season went forward, the coaching staff was able to determine positions for each girl that would maximize their impact while also best serving the team. The rotation evolved into Goalies Julia Rivera, Rahi Shah, and Flora Sy; Defenders Olivia Blath, Harshika Killaru, Diya Ravipati, and Rahi Shah; Midfielders/Forwards Ellie Fisher, Ira Kasu, Niharika Sankar, Hailey Perello Soria, and Cameron Shilling. Ellie Fisher, Harshika Killaru, Julia Rivera, and Flora Sy showed their versatility in playing all over the field as needed.

Pride also adopted a team identity, as a team playing a high line with a lethal press, relying on the striker to create chaos, midfielders to keep the other's team defenders and midfield honest, and defenders who could protect the goal. As the season went forth, Pride was able to score 44 goals while only conceding 10 goals, while maintaining control of possession in every game. The season showed the Pride's adaptability and resilience as well when despite going a goal down, the team was able to come back and win. Each week, in addition to the impactful training sessions led by Red Bulls trainer Brian Lopes (whose patience with and guidance of the girls created an environment in which every girl could grow and develop), the Pride coaches also held an additional 30 minute practices on Wednesday to work on skills ranging from effective throw-ins with 3 options to pressing to building out masterfully from the back.

The Pride would also like to thank the families of the players who provided support which provided important in the team's success. From post-game snacks and drinks to cheering and instruction from the sidelines to a

post-game victory tunnel and so much more, the Pride families created a foundation for success.

Coaches Mickey Shah, Alan Shilling, and Jay Sy could not be more proud of the girls' progress this year and we are looking forward to playing in MidNJSJA U10 Flight 2 next year. As Drake infamously said, "Started from the bottom, now we here." PSC Pride under the leadership of Head Coach Mickey, assistant coaches Jay and Alan, and Red Bulls Trainer Brian wrapped up their Fall Season with a final 4-1 win against Princeton making the girls undefeated this season. These girls showed commitment, grit, determination, and played with such passion all season long.

Congratulations PSC Pride on an amazing season!



## Boco Juniors

This season marked the first time these kids and coaches stepped onto the field as a team, and they quickly proved just how much they could accomplish together. They battled through wins, pushed through losses, and held strong in ties, showing resilience and determination in every match. What truly defined their season, though, was their incredible teamwork—passing with purpose, supporting each other on and off the field, and

celebrating every small victory along the way. As the weeks went by, their confidence grew, their skills sharpened, and their bond strengthened. By the final whistle of the season, they had become more than just teammates—they had become a tight-knit group proud of everything they achieved together. Boco Juniors will be putting in the work this winter, focusing on skill development, conditioning, and growing stronger as a team. Their commitment to improving during the off-season shows just how determined they are to elevate their game when they return to the field in the Spring.

## TELL US YOUR STORY

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We are proud of each and every PSC player, coach and volunteer; past, present and future! If you have a special story to share, please contact us today at [info@PiscatawaySoccer.com](mailto:info@PiscatawaySoccer.com)

## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?**

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