



The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

Important Dates

- March 13-16 – 20% coupon at Dick Sporting Goods
March 13 – End of late registration for recreational
March 18 - Virtual Parent meeting (both Travel and Rec), 7:30pm
March 19 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
March 22 – Start of Travel Season
April 1 - Travel Tryout & Girls Festival Regs opens
April 13 – Start of Recreational Training
April 18 – Start of Recreational Season – K-8
April 16 – Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
April 22 – Red Robin Fundraiser
April 25 - Start of Little Kickers Program
April 25 – Start of TOPSoccer Program
May 8 - Girls Soccer Festival at HS stadium
May 11-14 Travel Tryouts
May 16 – Picture Day at Green Acres – 9am-1pm
May 21 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
June 17 – Coach Appreciation night @ St. Nicholas Church/Dunellen at 6:00
June 18 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @ Kerwin's
Sept. 12-13 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

Register Now for Spring 2026

Registration for our Recreation Program has been tremendous this Spring. Late fees are now in effect till March 13, but there are only a couple spots left.

Presidents message

Hi Parents,

We will be holding a pre-season parent meeting on **Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 PM**. This will be a virtual meeting, and you must RSVP by registering through this [Meeting RSVP](#).

Our training partner, the New York Red Bulls, will provide valuable seasonal information and player development insight. A Piscataway Soccer Club volunteer will also share important club-specific updates and expectations for the spring season.

We encourage all families to attend so you can help your player be fully prepared for a fun and successful spring. **All Grass Fields Remain Closed due to Wet Conditions until further notice.**

Thank you!

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Important PSC Travel

Program Update

Soccer Age Group Changes Starting 2026–2027

US Youth Soccer, our national governing body, has [announced a major change](#) in how a Travel player's soccer age will be determined.

Beginning with the 2026–2027 seasonal year (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027), youth soccer age groups will shift from a calendar year system to a school-year aligned system.

What Is Changing?

Current Age System (Fall 2025–Spring 2026 season)

- Age groups are based on calendar year birthdates (January 1 – December 31).

New Age System (starting Fall 2026–Spring 2027 season)

- Age groups will be based on a seasonal year (August 1 – July 31), aligning more closely with school grades.

This change affects ALL youth soccer clubs in the US, like ours, that are under US Youth Soccer.

Why This Change Is Being Made

- Aligns soccer teams with school classmates, helping players stay with their social and academic peers.
- Reduces “trapped players”—players who were *older* in soccer but *younger* in school.
- Supports player development, both socially and physically, by grouping kids more naturally with peers.

What This Means for Players

Under the new system, players born between August through December, will be grouped with players born in January through July of the following year.

Example - current U10 Age Group Shift:

- 2025–26 Season: U10 players are born Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2016
- 2026–27 Season: Those same 2016-born players will technically become:
 - U11 - players born Jan 1, 2016 – Jul 31, 2016
 - U10 - players born Aug 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2016 (along with players born Jan 1, 2017 - Jul 31, 2017)

Piscataway SC Travel Program Transition

The Piscataway School System uses a 10/1 cutoff date instead of the 8/1 cutoff date being used by US Youth Soccer. Because of this, the PSC Travel Board members are reviewing the Pros and Cons of each cutoff date. They are working diligently this winter to prepare for this transition that will affect:

- Spring 2026 Travel Tryouts
- Fall 2026 & Spring 2027 Travel Seasons

Detailed information and Tryout Announcements will be released in early Spring.

Recreation Program Note

This change does NOT affect our Recreation Program, which will continue to be organized by school grade level, as it is today.

PSC to March in Memorial Day Parade

PSC Teams will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade again this year. Please wear your uniforms and show your PSC pride. Travel players, please contact your coach for more information as the date approaches. Rec players, look for an email on where to meet as the date approaches.

Recreational News

The Spring season is right around the corner. We had such great interest in our recreational winter training, which has been very successful, and want to continue into the outdoor spring season.

The recreation program will begin the week of April 13, the first night of training and handing out of uniforms. Our first games will be on Saturday April 18th. **Both our TOPSoccer and Little Kickers program will kick-off on Saturday April 25th.**

Training and games for Recreation and Little Kickers will occur at Green Acres!!

Little Kickers families will get an email in late-March with all necessary information on the upcoming season! All registered Little Kickers will receive a ball and a uniform kit.

The typical weekly Instructional schedule for Kindergarten to 5th grade is as follows: 1 practice during the week (Monday-Thursday) between 5:15-8:30 pm and a game on Saturday morning between 9 AM and 3 PM. All players will receive a uniform kit for the Spring season.

ALL practices and games are run by Red Bull Trainers.

You will receive email notification. If you haven't, email the club registrar Ilia Myers @ info@piscatawaysoccer.org

Travel News

Winter training has been going great, with coaches organizing scrimmages with other clubs. The travel season is scheduled to start the weekend of March 22. Red Bulls will once again be providing training, which starts March 9. Red Bull's training will occur on the HS turf fields and Green Acres. Coach led practices will be as directed by the travel VPs based on lights location and grass condition.

Please stay off the grass 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, do not practice on game fields.

TOPSoccer Program

The PSC will be starting its Eighth season of the TOPSoccer program this spring. TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with special needs. It begins April 25th, same as Little Kickers. All games are at New Market. We already have a lot of sign-ups which is exciting, but we could really use buddies with all the players we have. Thanks to all the buddies through the years. 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

Training with the Red Bull trainers will be at the HS Turf Field and Green Acres. Please stay off the running track while your children are practicing unless you are walking or running the track. Let's all keep the BOE happy with the PSC.

All Grass Fields at Green Acres, Randolphville, Conackamack, and T Schor remain closed until further notice due to being too wet and soft. Witherspoon is CLOSED for the Spring Season to allow the fields to rest and be ready for the Fall Season.

Travel Tryouts

Tryouts will be held the week of May 11 at the HS Stadium. This is for the Fall 2026-Spring 2027 season. Look for the club's informational flyer.



In addition, Morgan Villanueva the daughter of our very own Rey Villanueva who also is also a board member came in first place for the U10 Girls category. Additionally, she achieved the highest score among all competitors in the U10-U16 Girls age groups and was awarded the trophy for that achievement as well.



Elk's Soccer Shoot Out

While the PSC hosted the local event for the Elk's in the Fall, our very own Meagan Martineau, daughter of Board members Kathleen and Bob, made it to the Mid-Atlantic Elks Soccer Shoot in York PA, which was held on March 7, 2026. She competed against 5 other states (West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, & MD/DE/DC) at the U16 level and came in Second. Congratulations Meagan!!



Both Girls are Pictured with Maureen Chapman of the Piscataway Elks (Piscataway Elks Soccer Shoot Coordinator)

The Piscataway Elks Soccer Shoot will be held this September or October, keep an eye out for an announcement via email, social media and our website. The event is open to all children under 16, regardless if they belong to club or not. It is open to all children from surrounding towns also.

Girls Who Play Sports Lead!

When you watch a young girl sprint down a soccer field or sink a basketball, you're witnessing more than athletic skill. You're watching a future leader in training. Research reveals a striking pattern: the vast majority of women who reach the highest levels of corporate leadership share one common thread – they were girls who play sports during their formative years!

The numbers tell a story that's impossible to ignore. [Research conducted by Ernst & Young "Why a female athlete should be your next leader"](#) found that **94% of women who hold C-suite executive positions were former athletes**. Think about that for a moment. **Nearly every woman leading a major corporation played sports at some point in her life**. Even more remarkable, 52% of these women competed at the collegiate level, compared to just 39% of women in other managerial roles.

This correlation doesn't stop at the C-suite. According to a [separate survey highlighted by Inc. Magazine](#), 80% of Fortune 500 female executives played sports during their younger years. The pattern shows up again and again across industries, companies, and generations.

What we're looking at is not a coincidence. It's evidence of something profound happening on courts, fields, and tracks that fundamentally shapes the trajectory of women's careers for decades to come. The athletic field serves as a training ground for capabilities that become essential in boardrooms, executive offices, and leadership positions across every sector of the economy.

But what makes this connection so powerful? After all, millions of boys play sports too, yet we don't see the same dramatic correlation with executive success. **The answer lies in what sports provide specifically for girls – a socially acceptable space to develop qualities like competitiveness, assertiveness, and resilience that are often discouraged in other contexts but essential for leadership**. For girls who play sports, the athletic field becomes a place where they can be strong, strategic, and competitive without apology.

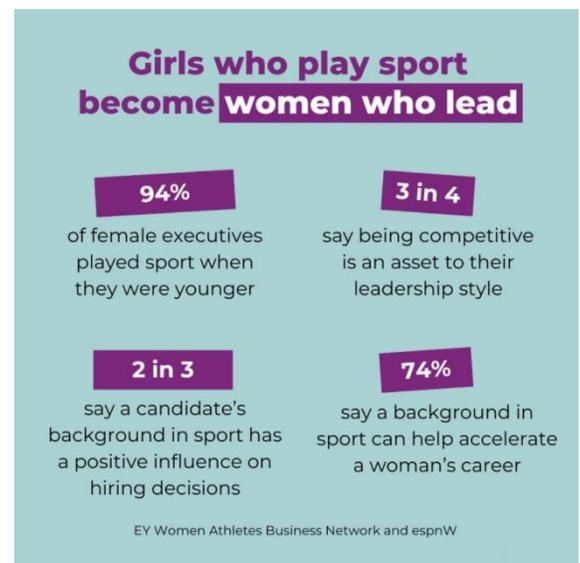
The research from EY also revealed something else significant: C-suite women are more likely than their more junior female colleagues to mention competition as an important factor in their careers. This comfort with competition, this ability to channel competitive energy productively and perform under pressure, gets developed and reinforced through years of athletic participation. Girls who play sports learn to thrive in competitive environments rather than shy away from them.

What we're talking about is systematic leadership development at scale. Sports participation creates opportunities for girls to build executive capabilities long before they enter any workplace. They learn teamwork by necessity, not through corporate training programs. They develop resilience through real wins and losses, not through case studies. They practice strategic thinking by reading plays in real-time, not through business simulations.

The implications are profound. If 94% of women in the C-suite played sports, and if the duration of participation correlates directly with leadership success, then every barrier that pushes girls out of athletics isn't just a sports problem. It's a leadership pipeline problem. It's an economic development problem. It's about the future of who leads our organizations, our communities, and our society.

This is why understanding the connection between girls who play sports and executive success matters so much. We're not talking about a nice advantage or a helpful extra. We're talking about one of the most effective leadership development systems ever created – one that works because it's engaging, because it's accessible (or should be), and because it develops real capabilities through real challenges and real achievements.

The path to the corner office often runs directly through the gym, the field, the court, or the pool. And right now, we need to pay attention to this path – because too many girls who play sports are leaving it before they fully develop the capabilities that will serve them throughout their lives.



Red Bull Contract Renewal

The Piscataway Soccer Club is pleased to announce that we have signed an agreement with the Red Bulls Youth Training Organization to continue our partnership for another five years.

Believe it or not, we will be completing our first three-year contract with the Red Bulls at the conclusion of this spring season. Our membership has expressed great approval of the Red Bulls trainers, and we are very happy to continue partnering with them to provide soccer programs to the children of Piscataway and the surrounding areas.

The Red Bulls have not offered a five-year contract before, as their standard agreements typically range from one to three years. This new five-year contract highlights our shared commitment to providing excellent soccer programs for children ages 3 through 18.

Whether it be Recreation Soccer, Little Kickers, TOPSoccer, or our three levels of Travel soccer (Suburban Soccer League, Mid NJ Soccer, and EDP - Elite Development Program), we strive as a 100% volunteer organization to provide opportunities to children of all ages and abilities.

We look forward to continuing our work together to support our young athletes.

Interested in who the trainers for the club are?

Look no further than here; just click on the link to the trainers bios.

<https://www.piscatawaysoccer.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1041433>

Red Bull Soccer Camps

We're excited to bring **RDS Residential Camps to Georgian Court University** in Lakewood, from **July 19–23, 2026**, open to players **ages 9–16**. This is a safe, structured and fun summer experience where players train in a professional environment, build confidence, make new friends, and grow both on and off the field.

[Georgian Court](#) offers a beautiful, secluded campus with state-of-the-art turf and grass soccer fields, refurbished dorms, comfortable dining and recreation spaces, and on-site security. Players will be coached by **USSF and UEFA-licensed New York Red Bulls coaches**, with daily sessions focused on skill development, games, teamwork, and leadership, while competing with motivated players from across the region.

In-person Tryouts are scheduled for March 15, 2026, and Virtual Tryout options are available and encouraged.

- **Team sign-ups receive group discounts (Minimum of 10 players per team)**

- **Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to register early.**
- **[More Information](#) [Registration Link](#)**

We can't wait to welcome players for an unforgettable and rewarding summer at [Georgian Court](#). Please reach out if you have any questions or need help with registration.

Winter Scrimmage

This winter season has been very successful — A lot of great practices and some amazing games/scrimmages have taken place with travel. Also, we have formed many new friendships with other soccer clubs that have come and scrimmaged with us.

Let's keep up the good work teams and let's go Piscataway!

Summer Camps & Classes

Our training partner Red Bull, in association with the Piscataway Soccer Club, offers a variety of different camps over the spring breaks and summer. For a full list of available, classes [please click here](#).

Ted DeWys Memorial Referee Scholarship Fund

Ted DeWys was a very active member in youth soccer within New Jersey. In particular, Ted was the head referee and referee assignor within the Piscataway Soccer Club (PSC). Ted not only was a referee, but he was a mentor to many of the young referees within our club. He would work with them during the games and helped to improve their confidence and ability to work future games. Ted passed away in 2004, but we continue to honor him for his guidance, dedication, and hard work by providing a partial college scholarship to the young men and women who have also worked hard in our club as referees. Click on the link for information and application procedure: <https://www.piscatawaysoccer.org/Default.aspx?tabid=947009>

By-Law Committee

The By-Laws can only be changed by a majority vote of the members present at the June General

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

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.

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

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

U9 Liverpool

After winning their flight during the Mid-NJ fall season, PSC U9 Liverpool captured 2nd place in the competitive winter league!

What started as a way to keep the team together during the cold winter months turned into a statement season for the PSC U9 Liverpool boys.

Entering a local winter league to maintain fitness and build on their chemistry, the team intentionally stepped into a tougher measure of competition. Squaring off against several EDP-level teams, Liverpool knew the bar would be high—but they didn't just clear it; they raised it.

Throughout the tournament, the boys showed incredible resilience and tactical growth. Their hard work culminated in a spot in the Championship Final, a defensive struggle that ended in a 0-0 deadlock after regulation. Despite a heartbreaking 3-2 loss in the penalty shootout, the boys earned a well-deserved 2nd Place finish.

That "never-give-up" attitude will be vital as they transition into the Mid-NJ Top Flight for the upcoming Spring season.

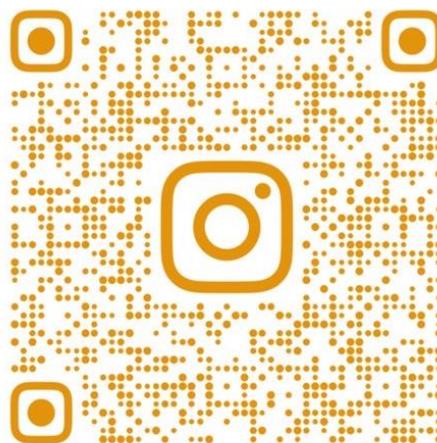
We couldn't be prouder of the heart, discipline, and sportsmanship these boys displayed. The winter may be over, but for U9 Liverpool, the momentum continues!

The PSC 15 Reign girls got lots of practice this winter inside the HS Patton Gym. They are ready for the Spring season!



PSC on Instagram

Our club's social media intern, Jay Ross, likes posting pictures on Instagram of our club activities, so join in the fun and follow us!



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



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SOCCER TRYOUTS

LOCATION: PHS TURF FIELD
100 BEHMER RD. PISCATAWAY

FOR NEW AND CURRENT TRAVEL PLAYERS
NEW : TRYOUTS ARE BASED ON GRADE AS OF FALL 2026
2nd-8th GRADE - TRYING OUT FOR FALL 2026 AND SPRING 2027
HIGH SCHOOL GRADE - TRYING FOR SPRING 2027 (FALL IF ENOUGH INTEREST)

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| <p>2ND-3RD GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2017-9/30/2019</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 12</p> <p>5:30PM CHECK IN</p> <p>6:00-7:30PM SESSION</p> | <p>4TH GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2016-9/30/2017</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 13</p> <p>5:30PM CHECK IN</p> <p>6:00-7:30PM SESSION</p> | <p>5TH GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2015-9/30/2016</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 14</p> <p>5:30PM CHECK IN</p> <p>6:00-7:30PM SESSION</p> |
| <p>6TH GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2014-9/30/2015</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 12</p> <p>7:00PM CHECK IN</p> <p>7:30-9:00PM SESSION</p> | <p>7TH GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2013-9/30/2014</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 13</p> <p>7:00PM CHECK IN</p> <p>7:30-9:00PM SESSION</p> | <p>8TH GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2012-9/30/2013</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 14</p> <p>7:00PM CHECK IN</p> <p>7:30-9:00PM SESSION</p> |

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| <p>ALL GIRLS</p> <p>2ND - HIGH SCHOOL GRADE</p> <p>D08:10/1/2009-9/30/2019</p> <p>MONDAY, MAY 11</p> <p>5:30PM CHECK IN</p> <p>6:00-7:30PM SESSION</p> | <p>HIGH SCHOOL GRADE BOYS</p> <p>D08:10/1/2009-9/30/2012</p> <p>MONDAY, MAY 11</p> <p>7:00PM CHECK IN</p> <p>7:30-9:00PM SESSION</p> |
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
REGISTER AT PISCATAWAYSOCCKER.ORG

REGISTER/LOGIN TO PSC ACCOUNT
SELECT TRAVEL FALL2026-SPRING 2027 PROGRAM
SELECT DIVISION AND SUBMIT REGISTRATION



GIRLS FESTIVAL OF SOCCER

Register early as spots are limited at PiscatawaySoccer.org

Registration opens on April 1st

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| <p>Friday May 8, 2026 6:00 - 8:00 PM Rain Date: May 9th</p> | <p>Piscataway High School Stadium 100 Behmer Rd</p> | <p>Ages 5 through 13</p> |
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- Free T-Shirt for all participants
- Food and DJ
- For ALL skill levels

