



Spring 2026- 5/10

# The Piscataway Soccer Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

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  
July 16 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @  
Kerwin's  
August 20 - Board of Director's Meeting @ 7:30 @  
Kerwin's  
Sept. 12-13 – Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament

## Presidents message

Hi Parents,

I am writing to provide an update regarding our board leadership and recent appointments.

At our March Board of Directors Meeting, Tom Roberts tendered his resignation as Executive VP due to his current work travel and other commitments. However, he has asked to remain on the board to focus on specific responsibilities. Moving forward, Tom will continue with travel scheduling, porta johns, and grilling at the tournament :-)

Tom Roberts has been an integral part of the board for over 20 years, and I personally look forward to continuing to volunteer with him for years to come. In accordance with the club bylaws, I have asked the board for approval of Tom Roberts to serve as Member at Large - Scheduler.

Additionally, Jeff Sundelof has agreed to take on the position of Executive VP for the remainder of the term until the next board elections in June of 2027. Jeff has also been with the board for many years, and I want to thank him for stepping up to serve in this new capacity. Jeff originally got his start with PSC as a player on the fields of New Market Park, and we are grateful for his continued dedication.

The board of directors at the meeting unanimously approved the following:

Jeff Sundelof - Executive VP

Tom Roberts - Member at Large - Scheduling

Thank you both for your ongoing service to the club.

I also have a few important updates to share.

First, I am happy to announce that we expect the following Travel Teams to advance to play in the EDP League this coming Fall Season. Congratulations to all the players on these teams for their hard work and achievements:

- 2012 Santos
- 2014 Juventus
- 2015 Newcastle
- 2016 Real Madrid
- 2017 Liverpool

**Fall Registration for our Recreational (K through 8th grade), PreK 3 and 4 Little Kickers, and TOPSoccer programs opens this June.** Please be sure to register early, as some program times sell out faster than others. This Spring Season, we have over 450 children in these programs, in addition to 300+ in our Travel Program.

As a reminder, **Travel Tryouts take place this week, rain or shine. Pre-registration is required to attend, and it is not too late to sign up. Please note that you must attend tryouts to be considered for a Travel Team.** [Click Here for a Video on Travel Tryouts](#)

Lastly, Travel Parents, **please save the date for our annual Fall Classic Soccer Tournament on September 12-13.** The Fall Classic is our largest fundraiser; last September, we raised over \$60K for the club. We use these funds for field improvements, equipment, and to offset registration costs. Travel teams in both MNJYSA and EDP will play in the tournament, and all travel team parents are required to work at the event, including SYLS teams.

I hope your Spring Season is going great and I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Thank you!

Mike Majorczak, President  
Piscataway Soccer Club

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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.

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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.

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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)

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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.

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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 got off to a great start, with most kids making their first practice and games. First weekends were 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.

- GAMES - are played on Saturdays:
- 9:00 AM - Kindergarten: 4v4 games
- 10:00 AM - 1st Grade: 5v5 games
- 11:00 AM - 2nd Grade: 7v7 games
- 12:30 PM - 3rd Grade: 7v7 games
- 1:30 PM - 4-5th Grade: 7v7 games
- 2:30 PM - 6-7-8th Grade: game formation will be based on number of registered players

You will receive email notification. If you haven't, email the club registrar Yasmeeen Rasheed-Ash @

[registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com](mailto:registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com).

## Travel News

The travel season got off to a tough start due to field conditions with the cold winter and wet weather of February and March. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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. Please see

## **Community Clean-Up Day**

Student-Athletes from Piscataway Schools. Piscataway Soccer Club participated Township's Community

Clean-Up Day on April 18. Players for Juventas, Newcastle, PSG/Chelsea and Liverpool; along with their coaches and families enjoyed the morning team bonding and doing something positive for the environment. They picked up garbage and cleaned up debris around various parks in town. This is the third year in a row that members from the soccer club participated in this event and they plan to continue it in the future. Kudo to the players for giving their time to do something good for the community!





## Girls Festival of Soccer

The girls festival of soccer on May 8 went off fabulously. The Red Bulls trainers and players from the high school team help lead the activities. Over 70 girls attended the event and was a rousing success!



## Registration Increases for Fall 2027

Hi Parents,

We hope your players are enjoying their soccer experience—seeing them learn, grow, and have fun is what it's all about.

As part of our commitment to providing a high-quality youth soccer program, we want to share an important update regarding registration fees for Fall 2026.

These adjustments are necessary due to:

- Increased club operating costs (field maintenance, light tower fuel, etc.)
- Higher training rates from our professional training partner
- Expanded training time for players:
  - Travel teams: now 1.5-hour sessions
  - Recreation (K–8): now 1-hour sessions
- Increased league registration fees for travel teams
- Ongoing equipment replacement cycles (goals, nets, balls, and other gear)

Additionally, it's important to note that registration fees have remained unchanged for the past two years, and this update helps ensure we can continue to deliver a strong experience for all players.

### Updated Fall 2026 Registration Fees:

- **Little Kickers:** \$145/season
- **TOPSoccer:** \$50/season
- **Recreation (K–8):** \$220/season
- **Travel:** \$850/year

We remain committed to delivering strong value for our families by investing in player development, quality training and coaching, and an overall positive experience for every child.

Thank you for your continued support of our club and community.

## Referee Abuse Prevention (RAP) – Respect the Call!

The following has been sent around from NJ Youth Soccer, but recent events witnessed by our coach of abuse of a 17-year-old ref by the team they were playing makes this ever so important. That ref could be your child!

Unfortunately, NJ Youth Soccer along with the wider soccer community continues to see increasing instances of referee abuse from players, coaches and spectators. NJ Youth Soccer and its member leagues have a zero-tolerance for referee abuse and follow the US Soccer Federation Policy 531-9 which includes minimum penalties for referee abuse and doubles those penalties for abuse toward referees under the age of 18.

To identify youth referees and provide individuals with a visual cue to pause and think before reacting, US Soccer has introduced the **Green Badge** initiative. This new referee badge will be worn by all certified referees under the age of 18 to help protect our most vulnerable referees. This clear visual cue shows that an official is a minor and reminds players, coaches, and spectators to show patience, encouragement, and respect instead of criticism and abuse.

Please help NJ Youth Soccer and our referee community by reiterating to coaches, players and parents the importance of sportsmanship, and the need to **Respect the Call** by responding to referees with support and encouragement rather than criticism and abuse.

- [United States Soccer Federation – Green Badge Initiative](#)
- [NJ Youth Soccer – Referee Abuse Prevention](#)



## Respect the Refs!



## **Responding to Derogatory Language and Discriminatory Acts**

NJ Youth Soccer maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy prohibiting discrimination or harassment of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct based on an individual's race, color, religion, veteran status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or national origin.

NJ Youth Soccer, in consultation with the NJ State Referee Committee, has updated guidance for coaches, players, spectators, and referees on how to respond to instances of derogatory language and discriminatory actions. This updated guidance provides transparency to all parties on the actions to take when such incidents occur.

Please ensure that your coaches, players, and parents are aware that derogatory language and discriminatory acts will not be tolerated and share the attached guidance on how they should respond to such incidents if they should occur.

[Guidance on Responding to Derogatory Language and Discriminatory Acts](#)

### **Spring Parent Meeting**

If you missed the Spring Parent Meeting or would just like a refresher [Click here](#) for the recording.

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **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.

### **Refing 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](mailto: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](mailto:groussey@erols.com)

#### **U10 Pride**

PSC U10 Pride, coming off an undefeated season in MidNJ Flight 3, is playing in Flight 2 this spring. At the halfway point of the season, the team has a record of 3 wins and 2 losses, with both losses in close games. Coach Brian Lopez has instilled foundational skills in the team which they improve upon and continue to

master each week, while Coaches Mickey, Alan, and Aylin put forth the best lineups and strategies to allow the girls to succeed in-game. The team has bonded well together, creating celebrations such as the "Cabbage Patch" dance and the Offensive and Defensive Player of each game being awarded a gaudy, larger-than-life gold medal chain. The girls have proven they belong at a higher level and are looking forward to continuing the progress and improvement as the season moves forward.

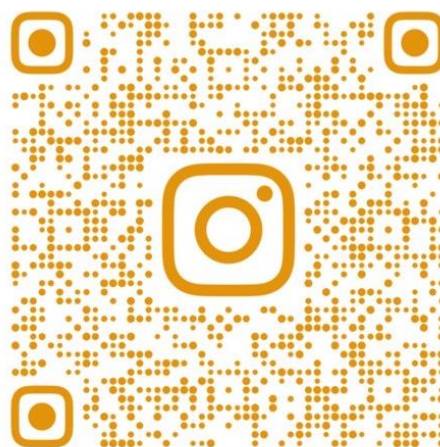
Deje el mundo cambiarle y usted puede cambiar el mundo.

- Ernesto "Che" Guevara



## 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!

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