

# WELCOME

To The  
Hicksville American  
Soccer Club  
and the  
Long Island  
Junior Soccer League

Benefits of Membership

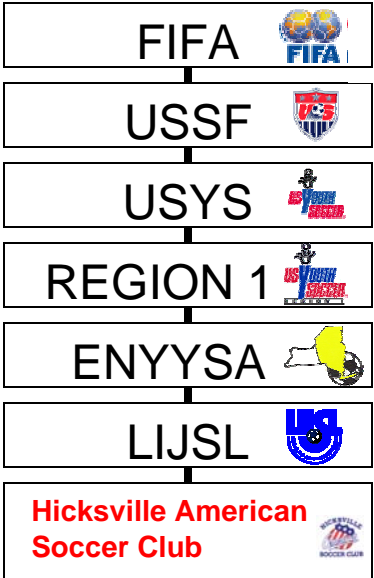


# Who are we?

*It is the mission of LIJSL to foster the growth and development of youth through the sport of soccer to individuals under the age of nineteen at all levels of competition. The League shall administer the orderly management of governmental affairs of the game of soccer in the Long Island area.*

Welcome to the **Hicksville American Soccer Club**. The Hicksville American Soccer Club was founded in 1973 and currently has over 600 children participating in the Intramural and Travel Soccer Programs. The purpose of the Club is to build character by teaching and developing skills and sportsmanship through the sport of soccer among the youth under nineteen (19) years of age.

The **Hicksville American Soccer Club** Soccer Club is a member of the Long Island Junior Soccer League Inc. LIJSL as it is commonly known is the largest youth soccer league in the country and began in 1966 with eight teams. There are currently 99 member clubs with over 75,000 registered intramural and travel players involved in the league. LIJSL registers and schedules games for 1,500 plus travel teams from their member clubs each season from under ten years-old to under nineteen years-old. LIJSL also has a program to meet the needs of every player and coach: A special children's program, college bound player's, college showcases, LIJSL ODP teams for the premier player, Long Island United and many more.



LIJSL is a member of Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) which has over 125,000 registered players and is one of 55 state associations in US Youth Soccer (USYS). The US Youth Soccer membership is divided into four regions, each with a Director elected to the board. The regions are essentially East (Region I), Midwest (Region II), South (Region III) and West (Region IV). From its humble beginnings in 1974 with just more than 100,000 registered players to its current registration of more than 3 million, US Youth Soccer has always been recognized as a leader in youth sports organizations.

US Youth Soccer is a member of a much larger soccer community, and therefore its players are members of this world community. Here's how its work. Boys and girls register to play with one of the 6,000 + clubs or leagues formed by their State Association. Each of the 55 State Associations across America are members of US Youth Soccer and US Soccer (there are two other divisions, US AMATEUR SOCCER for adults, and the professional division). US Soccer, along with over 197 other national soccer organizations, are members of FIFA, the Federation Internationale de Football Association. FIFA serves as the international governing body for soccer and US Soccer has been a member since 1913. Together, local, national and international organizations form a family of support for the young soccer players of America.



## *Our Strength Comes From Our Membership*

By joining the **Hicksville American Soccer Club** Soccer Club you are joining a family – A club, league, state, region and national group that supports all members and provides a wide variety of services and benefits.



# Long Island Junior Soccer League Administration

## Risk Management

### ❖ Criminal Background Checks

All registered LIJSL coaches and volunteers who work directly with children have their criminal histories reviewed every two years against registered sex offender records as well as court records.

### ❖ Child Safety and Club Support

Goal Post safety and anchoring procedures to reduce the potential for a goal post failure or tipping.

Procedures for sexual misconduct complaints.

Procedures for managing media access during an investigation or claim, including press conferences and/or releases and coordination with police and other official news releases.

Safeguarding club financials using security measures and insurance.

## Insurance (through ENYYS)

❖ Medical Medical insurance is secondary with a \$500 deductible and a limit of \$2,000,000.

❖ Directors and Officers \$5,000,000 aggregate, covers all club board members, coaches and volunteers.

❖ General Liability \$5,000,000 (acts that cause injury) Also field and facility liability coverage for sanctioned events.

## LIJSL Programs

❖ **Camps:** League summer camps are run at participating club sites from June through August. LIJSL also offers two weeks of all day camps at the Peter C. Collins Soccer Park in Plainview.

❖ **Coaching Academy:** Since the six licensing levels (NSCAA Youth National, LIJSL C, B, A, NSCAA National, and Advanced National) are structured to be progressive in nature.

❖ **College Bound Players:** A program offered to assist high school seniors in choosing a college.

❖ **Convention:** The LIJSL annual convention is held over a weekend in early March. There are exhibitors, clinics and coaches meetings ...something for everyone. Admission free.

❖ **Exceptional Seniors:** The Exceptional High School Senior games are held the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. You can see some of the best LIJSL HS seniors on the field ...games run all day. Admission fee charged.

❖ **Games:** League games run March - June and September - November.

❖ **Hall Of Fame:** Please visit our website for additional information concerning the LIJSL Hall of Fame nominating procedures.

❖ **LI United:** The LIJSL clubs united together to design a club for the premier soccer player. Tryouts are held every year.

❖ **LIJSL ODP:** LIJSL ODP try-outs are held yearly for boys and girls ages U11 to U17. Competitions are during the summer. No underage player may tryout.

❖ **Scholarship Committee:** LIJSL awards scholarships each July to outstanding student athletes. Please visit our website for additional information concerning scholarship applications.

❖ **Sportsmanship:** Each team is rated by the referee for each league game. The team receiving the highest points for the season is the sportsmanship winner. There are also chevrons for those teams that earn a certain amount of points.

❖ **TOP Soccer Special Children's Program:** Free program for young athletes with physical and mental disabilities.

❖ **Waldbaum's Long Island Soccer Challenge:** A single elimination tournament open to all LIJSL travel teams, crowning champions at the finals held at the end of each spring season.

## What is travel soccer?

Travel soccer which is organized and scheduled through LIJSL places teams by gender age group and competitive level into divisions. There is a place for everyone. Travel teams may also compete in ENYYS State Cups with some moving on to Regional competitions and USYS National Championships.



For further information on LIJSL visit our website at [www.lijsoccer.com](http://www.lijsoccer.com)

*Youth soccer is fun, it brings families and communities together*

*Hicksville American  
Soccer Club*

*Administration*



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